6.1 Quake Hits Southern California

**Los Angeles Times**

A magnitude 6.1 earthquake struck a broad area of Southern California Wednesday night, rocking high-rise office buildings in downtown Los Angeles for several seconds and sending out strong shock waves that were felt from Las Vegas, Nev., to San Diego.

The American Geographical Society said the tremor was centered nine miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles in a foothill area of the San Gabriel Mountains.

The quake was the second one in the region this week to cause a sustained rolling motion, temporarily knocking out telephone service from Riverside east to the Arizona border. Initial reports indicated that the quake caused little damage and no injuries.

A USGS seismologist said there would be a 10 percent chance with the second quake of a repeat of the Jan. 9, 1940, magnitude 7.1 Northridge, Calif., earthquake.

The Northridge earthquake, which killed 54 people and caused $38 billion in damage, was centered seven miles north of the San Andreas Fault.

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**U.N. Weights Plan to Tap Iraqi Assets**

The United States plans to push for a resolution under which frozen Iraqi assets would be used to pay for eliminating Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction, compensating victims of its invasion of Kuwait and providing humanitarian aid, Western diplomats say.

Among key U.S. allies, France and Britain have appeared cool to the plan, expressing concern that it might lead to legal and technical problems. Western experts prepared to press ahead, and a Western diplomat said a draft resolution may be presented to the Security Council this week.

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**Serbian President Milosevic Approves Truce Agreement**

By Brian Harden

WASHINGTON

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who is the chief actor behind the bloody civil war in neighboring Bosnia-Hercegovina, gave his personal approval Wednesday to a military agreement to halt the fighting in that former Yugoslav province. The truce was brokered earlier Thursday by European Community officials and Thursday they traveled to Belgrade, Serbia, to negotiate a halt to the fighting. The Belgrade government has agreed to stop shooting and return to talks aimed at dividing Bosnia into ethnic zones.

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The Associated Press noted several buildings and houses were hit and a large fire erupted in a church between Sarajevo and Tuzla, which is on the outskirts of Sarajevo, near the city's airport, news services in the capital reported. "The cease-fire is not respected," Bosnia's radio channel reported.

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Although he rejected well documented charges that his government's support of the Serbse, who have been using from Sarajevo to promote the war in Northern Iraq, the European Community's military presence will do its best to now on to stop "illegal" groups from entering the city.

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Those gains coincide roughly with the professed territorial ambitions of the most militant of Bosnia's Serbs, who make up about 70 percent of the population. Much of Bosnia's Muslims, who comprise 44 percent of the population, are in most countries with advancing Serbian forces, Muslims have slowly run away, and in the space of a few weeks have been displaced more than 100,000 refugees—many of whom are women and children.

But Thursday, after 10 days of wistful American criticism and concerted Western threats to isolate Serbia as a pariah state, Milosevic gave a clear signal that he recognizes the prospect of economic isolation and that he now wants the fighting in Bosnia to end. "We believe that the entire agreement from Belgrade to Sarajevo and the rest of the territory of Sarajevo, the Bosnian territory," Milosevic said.

The European Union's Enlargement Commission said it was "encouraged" by the agreement. "We welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia. As well as" the European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia." The European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia." The European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia." The European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia." The European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia." The European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia." The European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia." The European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia." The European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia." The European Union's Enlargement Commission added that "we welcome the agreement to a halt the fighting in Bosnia."

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**Mexico Reels from Explosions**

By Peter Eisner

GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

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**Weather**

### Retrograde

By Marek Zelinski

A low pressure system moving out of the Ohio Valley on Friday will douse the Midwest and Northeast on Saturday and Sunday, bringing cool weather to the area. This system is forecast to be quite intense as it moves southward and slow down, as it pans to the south of New England during Saturday and Sunday. By midday Sunday, it will reach Nova Scotia, underlining its slow move south. The cold front will be strong enough to enough to keep our weekend a typical spring pattern of onshore winds, patchy snowstorms and generally gloomy skies. On Monday and Tuesday, the weather will turn colder and rain a high pressure will be noted.

**Friday afternoon:** Cloudy with rain developing. High around 59°F (15°C) with light winds steady from the east. Rain will continue late into the night and results in some areas.

**Friday night:** Periods of rain, some fog in coastal areas. Low around 45°F (7°C), with light winds.

**Saturday:** Occasional rain and showers. Cool with highs in mid to upper 60°F (16°C), persistent onshore wind.

**Sunday morning:** Highs in lower 50s (10°C) with mostly cloudy skies, in the low 40s (5°C).

**Monday:** Chancy showers. Lows in the 50s (10-12°C) lows in the 40s (6-8°C).