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NORTH COUNTY

Atascadero Walmart to be scaled back

By ANN MARIE CORNEJO
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Store would still include groceries, but not a tire center or a drive-through pharmacy

The developers of the planned Walmart in Atascadero are expected to once again revise the project — but this time make it smaller.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. representatives met with city leaders this week to discuss revised plans that would

scale down the size of the project off Del Rio Road by nearly 40,000 square feet.

The new plans eliminate a tire-and-lube center, a drive-through pharmacy and some space for merchan-

dise. The project will still include groceries, company spokesman Aaron Rios said.

In January, the Atascadero City Council agreed to seek proposals for an analysis of economic and en-

vironmental effects of the proposed Walmart and an adjacent shopping center.

However, that process cannot begin until the developer submits final plans for the project — which the city expects to receive in the next two weeks.

The revised application will be for a store and two

adjacent restaurant pads totaling about 120,000 square feet — smaller than the current proposal for a 157,000-square foot building.

When Atascadero voters rejected Measure D in 2008 — which would have imposed a size limit on local

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DECEMBER PROCEEDINGS

Man charged in shooting of his wife

San Miguel man faces allegations of involuntary manslaughter

By NICK WILSON
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The San Miguel man accused of involuntary manslaughter in the accidental shooting death of his wife was held to answer to charges after a San Luis Obispo Superior Court ruling on Friday.

John Aaron Norris, 25, was ordered to face trial in the shooting of his wife, 24-year-old Tasha Dawn Norris, on July 9 at the couple's 11th Street home.



John Norris

Judge Michael Duffy ruled that Deputy District Attorney Matt Kerrigan presented enough evidence to put Norris on trial.

Norris is scheduled to appear on Dec. 8 for an arraignment on charges of involuntary

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SALE POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY

Weyrich auction delayed



Sheryle Machado, of All American Foreclosure Service, announces from the courthouse in San Luis Obispo that the sale of David Weyrich's properties has been postponed. A crowd of about 50 people who had gathered for the auction dwindled by the time the Weyrich properties were announced, below. Machado said a usual crowd at auctions is three people.

Experts guess the delay may be because the businessman is getting private bids

By MELANIE CLEVELAND
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The public auction, slated for Friday, of key properties owned by David Weyrich — one of the most prominent businessmen in the county — has been postponed until Tuesday. The delay was announced Friday about 12:30 p.m. on the steps of San Luis Obispo's old courthouse on Osos Street.

The holdings being fore-



closed include the Martin and Weyrich Winery with more than 250 acres of vineyards; Villa Toscana, the luxury bed-and-breakfast inn nestled in the Martin and Weyrich vineyards on Paso Robles' eastside; two tasting rooms; the York Mountain Winery and vineyards in Templeton; and the 280-acre

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LEGISLATION

Senate closes in on health debate

Motion to proceed is likely to pass today, setting debate for after Thanksgiving

By NOAM N. LEVEY
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — After negotiating critical last-minute commitments, Senate Democratic leaders on Friday stood on the verge of achieving the necessary 60 votes to begin consideration of the most expansive health care legislation to go before the Senate in nearly half a century.

Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson, who was among three Democratic holdouts, announced that he would back an all-important procedural vote set for today that will allow the chamber to take up the wide-ranging bill unveiled this week by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Democratic leaders expect Sen. Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana to support a cloture vote on the "motion to proceed," although the two lawmakers have not formally announced their plans.

With the backing of those three senators, Democratic leaders are all but assured of clearing the procedural hurdle, a key step if Congress is to send President Barack Obama a health care bill by the end of January, as party leaders hope.

The Senate would start formal debate on Democrats' top domestic priority when lawmakers come back from their Thanksgiving re-

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TELEVISION

Just two years to go: Now's the time to start missing Oprah!

What will America do without its daily dose of lifestyle leadership?

By FRAZIER MOORE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is it too soon to begin missing Oprah?

Why put it off? In less than two years, she will vanish from sight as a five-hour weekly broadcast TV fixture. How could we not feel early pangs of withdrawal? Let's go ahead and start our seven stages of grief.

For nearly a quarter-century Oprah Winfrey has been our moral arbiter, lifestyle coach and window on the world. Her show

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THE TWO-MINUTE TRIB: WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN?

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TOP STORIES, A3 STORMS SHUT DOWN RENO

A northern Nevada storm with winds gusting up to 80 mph knocked out power to thousands Friday, started dust storms and grounded flights.



MARINE STRESS CENTERS FAR FROM CALMING

Marines in treatment at Camp Lejeune stress centers could hear gunfire and war cries outside. Page A3

MAYOR'S DEAL CALLED A RUSH JOB

Two Republicans claim crucial documents were withheld from the Sacramento mayor's settlement. Page A4

CAL POLY TO CLOSE OUT ITS SEASON TODAY

Mustangs (4-6) travel to Weber State (6-4) to face the team that beat them in last year's playoffs. Page S1

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IN THE 'SIDETRACKED' BLOG: "I've been seeing Andre Agassi on TV a lot lately. And the more I see him, the more I think he's actually the same guy who sings for the band Live."

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