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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Questionable Policies: ■ The Wood Methodist Church was informed in March by the town council in Dudley, England, that it owed an "advertising fee" of the equivalent of about \$130 to put up a cross. (Town regulations specify that a "cross" is an ad for Christianity.) ■ In March, Apache County, N.M., contracted to pay up to \$100,000 to a former Arizona attorney general to investigate Apache's sheriff, Brian Hounshell, who, after an exhaustive previous investigation (whose cost was not revealed), was accused of mispending \$8,000 of taxpayer money.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 95th day of 2006.
There are 270 days left in the year

One hundred and fifty years ago, on April 5, 1856, black American educator Booker T. Washington was born in Franklin County, Va. In 1614, American Indian princess Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A man is only as good as what he loves."

SAUL BELLOW
CANADIAN-BORN AMERICAN AUTHOR

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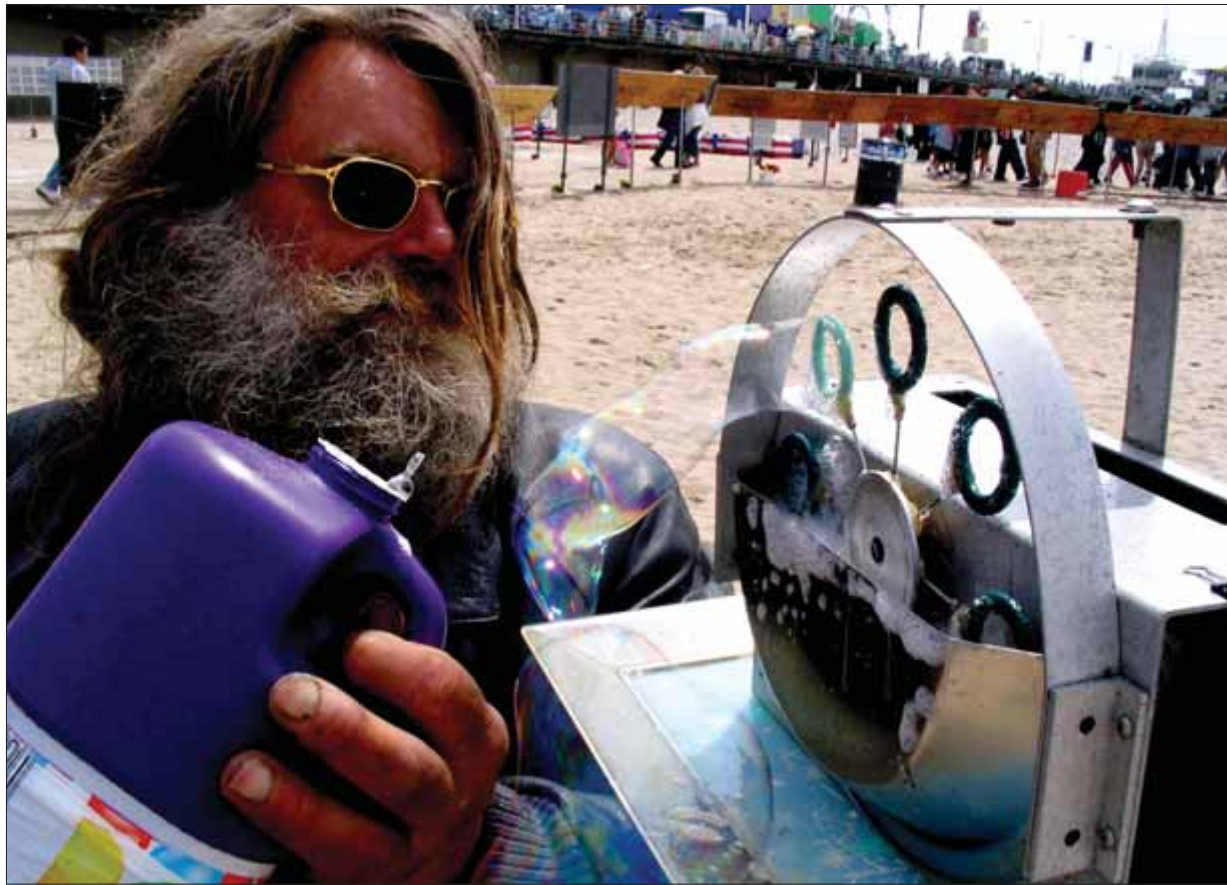
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Tim Dillenbeck, a.k.a. 'The Bubbleman,' refills his self-designed bubble machine. He uses about 10 gallons of bubble mix per day to entertain the beach crowds. Dillenbeck, who has been blowing bubbles on the Santa Monica Pier for the past 10 years, has now been ordered to stay away.

The mixed impact of the illegals

BY JEANNINE AVERSA

AP Economics Writer

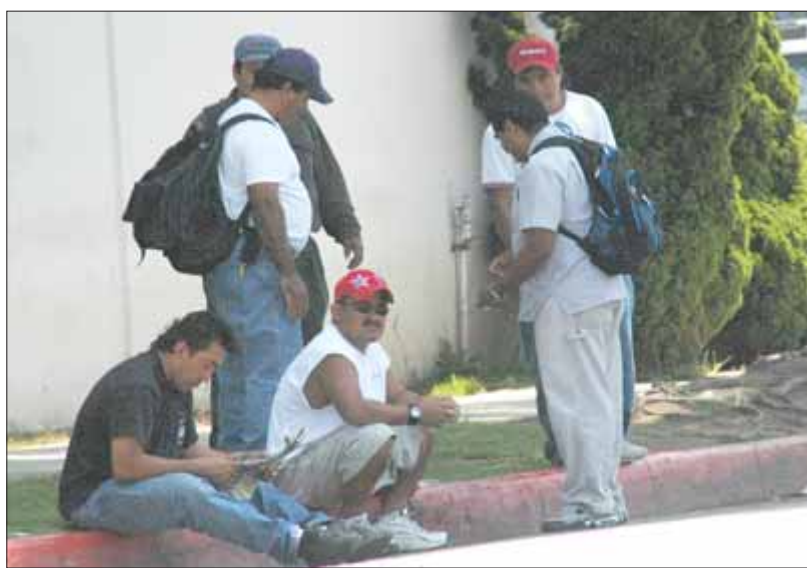
WASHINGTON — They pick fruit and vegetables and clip hedges. They hang drywall and clean houses, hotels and office buildings.

The millions of illegal workers in the United States have come under a fresh spotlight as Congress and President Bush grapple with revamping the nation's immigration policies.

Illegal workers' relationship to the economy is intricate.

They are willing to work for lower wages than legal workers, helping to keep down prices. But illegals also can depress wages for unskilled, legal workers and strain local hospitals and schools.

"There is not a simple economic case here. It is complex. It is interwoven, and it is very hard to extract," said Terry Connelly,



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Clusters of day laborers, hoping to earn cash from do-it-yourselfers, stake out territory along 11th Street.

dean of the Ageno School of Business at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. "It is like pulling some sort of piece of thread out of a fabric. If you pull that thread out, you don't

know to what degree you have weakened the fabric."

There are an estimated 11 million to 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States. Some 7.2 million of them are employed — about 5 percent of the U.S.

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Pier's bubble bursts

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER — The bubble has burst for Tim Dillenbeck. A fixture here, Dillenbeck, better known as "The Bubbleman" for his bubble-blowing displays, has been banned from performing here, Ocean Front Walk and potentially every other public space in Santa Monica for at least two years.

The ban is part of a stay-away order filed last month against Dillenbeck because he has "numerous pending cases" for leaving property unattended and camping in public, said Betty Haviland, chief deputy city attorney.

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State's history a lesson for GOP

BY ERICA WERNER AND PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writers

LOS ANGELES — As Congress debates whether to rewrite immigration law, some Republicans recall a hard lesson learned here a dozen years ago — get-tough policies targeting illegal immigrants can cause lasting political damage.

In California, the GOP's struggles often are traced to a 1994 initiative to deny public services to illegal immigrants. A fierce backlash against Proposition 187 and its GOP

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★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might want to think before
you leap. Changes could occur in a key relation-
ship. Don't assume that a child or new friend will
not open up. You could be on the verge of sub-
stantial changes. Give others space. Tonight: You
will need all the rest you can get.


TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Don't allow anyone to put you on
the back burner. That behavior simply isn't
acceptable. Know when to move on, do different
things and pace yourself. In the next few weeks,
the status quo could change. Tonight: Easy does it.


GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Use care with your finances, and
you will be much happier. How you view someone
could change as a result of information that heads
in your direction. You have a way of making a
great first impression. Use that gift to the max.
Tonight: Your treat.


CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your experience of what some-
one else does or says could be very important. In
the long run, this might be the best he or she can
do. Detach and be understanding. Caring
emanates where you least expect it. Tonight: Try a
mind treat.


LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Taking your time is important. You
might want to clear the air, but you might not be
as together as you would like. Wait until tomor-
row. A discussion late today could help you under-
stand the nature of another's caring. Tonight: Get
some extra sleep.


VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Zoom in on what you want. You
suddenly feel more clear and direct than you have
in a while. Someone will respond to your overture
with a big smile. If you want, the timing is right to
approach someone you care about. Tonight:
Celebrate the moment.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a situ-
ation involving your work and well-being.
Sometimes others don't see things the same way
you do. Understand what an effort a cohort or
friend might be making. Tonight: In the limelight.


SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might not be as sure of your-
self as you would like to be. If you follow your
instincts rather than react to a difficult or
demanding figure in your life, you will be a lot
happier -- promise. Tonight: Listen to your sixth
sense.


SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A partner wants to assume con-
trol. Why not let him or her do just that? You can-
not always be the king- or queenpin. Good feel-
ings develop through a more trusting relationship.
Work with this person. Tonight: Just say yes.


CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Sometimes you need to let oth-
ers run with the ball. The end results will be pos-
itive for both of you. Imagine what it would be like
to have a better sense of security and trust with
that special person. Tonight: Defer to another's
plans or wishes.


AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Easy does it with someone who is
very important to you. Your imagination will take
you in a new direction if you go with the flow. A
purchase that makes you smile is worth it. Don't
deny yourself the good parts of living. Tonight:
Beam in what you want.


PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You can conjure up the right
answer or solution no matter which way you turn.
Caring evolves from letting someone have more
say. Value not only this person's heart but his or
her mind. If you are tired, say so. Tonight: Know
that you are lovable.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Photo courtesy of First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
(Left to right) The team traveling to New Orleans will include Leonard De Leon, Anson Nordby, Leslie Nordby, Jim Krause, Rev. Farris, Rev. Brad Beeman, Rev. Larry Young, Carol Reich, Karen Hopkins, Charley Worley, Jennifer Worley, Kendra Gorlitsky and Carl Douglas Rogers.

Santa Monica church sends work team to New Orleans

By Daily Press staff

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, Bethany United Methodist Church in New Orleans sat for three weeks in more than 10 feet of polluted water.

And a local congregation is determined to help rebuild the 50-year-old house of worship.

The Rev. Larry Young, associate pastor at First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica (FUMCSM), will be leading a 15-person volunteer team to the Gulf Coast this week to assist in a “a hands-on recovery effort.”

Jim Krause — one of the volunteers who specializes in planning for nonprofit organizations — said the first goal of the volunteer team will be to “assess the full scope of what Bethany Church needs, and to perform some stopgap work on the perimeter metal fencing around the church, crushed by falling trees.”

In addition, the volunteer team will begin devising a landscape plan, which the pastor there seeks.

Two other volunteers, both partners in a Santa Monica architectural firm, did some advance work for the church while in New Orleans in early March. Sherry and Todd Erlandson both attended school at Tulane University and returned to Santa Monica, having been visiting professors there, just days before Katrina struck.

In January, Sherry Erlandson proposed the fund-raising idea of holding red beans and rice dinners on Monday nights, a Louisiana tradition.

While most volunteers are paying their own way to New Orleans, the Santa Monica church has held three Monday night fund-raising dinners, raising nearly \$20,000 to date.

“It’s what I call the three Rs of Gulf Coast partnerships: recovery, rebuilding and renewal,” Krause said. “After six frustrating months, the recovery period for Bethany United Methodist Church is over, and the rebuilding period has begun.”

Senior pastor at Santa Monica FUMCSM, Patricia Farris knows the church located on 11th Street, between California and Washington avenues, has the means to aid those whose lives in the Gulf Coast have been decimated. FUMCSM had a record response to emergency relief appeals last fall, aided in large part by a standing-room-only “Songs of Strength” concert for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in their sanctuary, featuring k.d. lang, Jackson Browne and a host of other artists.

“It is only right that our churches help other churches in need,” she said. “Willingly and joyously, in order that these strong Southern churches can declare their triumphant return, as Bethany UMC proclaimed its certain rebirth last week, ‘blessed, bigger, better.’”

The rebuilding period has begun.

“This is a neighborhood in New Orleans that definitely will be rebuilt,” Krause said. “So the faster we can help this vital community get back on its feet, the faster will be the pace of their ability to help other sections of the Ninth Ward recover, rebuild and renew their own neighborhoods.

“The psychological impact we leave with our sister church is more important to their recovery from post-storm traumatic stress than the money we raise and spend restoring the lawn and shrubs around their beloved house of worship.”

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 27	LIFTS OPEN 11/12
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Variable, Wet				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 25"	BASE DEPTH 144" - 168"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 40"	BASE DEPTH 180" - 204"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 100	LIFTS OPEN 20/28
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 23	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
CONDITIONS: Spring, Wet				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 22	LIFTS OPEN 4/4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Hard Packed				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 14/14
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Variable, Wet				

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 30" - 66"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 22	LIFTS OPEN 5/11
CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Loose Granular				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

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SWELL FORECAST (4-12 FT)

Wednesday the 5th storm driven wind swell is expected to slam the coast from around 270 degrees shooting size around west and SW facing breaks into surf running 3-4 feet overhead, possibly DOH or better in the early morning hours. This is not looking pretty though, and foul conditions should remain.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Storm driven wind swell increases Today in SoCal...

Smaller SW and NW for end of week and weekend...

South swell due 11th into 12th, could also see WNW...

Weather and wind issues this week...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	8:39AM	0.8FT	6:21PM	2.8FT
HIGH TIDE	12:41AM	5.2FT	4:32PM	2.8FT

TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	10:14AM	0.3FT	8:21PM	3.2FT
HIGH TIDE	1:37AM	4.7FT	7:23PM	3.2FT

WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	11:40AM	0.2FT	11:29PM	3.1FT
HIGH TIDE	3:08AM	4.3FT	7:31PM	3.5FT

THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	12:40PM	0.1FT
HIGH TIDE	4:55AM	4.2FT	7:50PM	3.8FT

FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	12:41AM	2.6FT	1:21PM	0.0FT
HIGH TIDE	6:11AM	4.3FT	8:09PM	4.0FT

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The streets of Santa Monica and across the Southland rang out with the cries of protesters last week, decrying efforts by the U.S. government to enact stricter legislation against illegal immigrants. Many of last week’s protests were spearheaded by high school students, who staged a series of “walkouts” — leaving school to march and make their voices heard.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: **Should students be excused from school to exercise their freedoms of speech, or does this open the floodgates for all students to skip out on classes for any causes?**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praise a fool's humor**Editor:**

This year your staff outdid themselves with their annual April 1 issue. Humor is a great sanity saver, and your staff provided a needed community service by serving it up throughout the entire issue.

Thanks so much.

Christine Swanson
Santa Monica

Humanizing the homeless**Editor:**

"They're just bums" or "The homeless are the problem."

We hear more of these statements as the crisis of homelessness takes on greater proportions in our communities. But can we relegate a segment of our population to this simplistic description? Who makes up the group we call the "homeless," anyway?

Studies by the National Coalition for the Homeless indicate homelessness affects a diverse cross-section of our population. The majority are single men, but the number of homeless families with children has increased significantly over the past decade and comprises 40 percent of the total. Nearly the same percentage are children under the age of 18. Half of the homeless population are African-American and approximately 23 percent suffers from some form of severe and persistent mental illness.

Why are people homeless? Poverty is the driving force, coupled with the following: a lack of affordable housing, eroding work opportunities, lack of affordable healthcare, mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence and HIV/AIDS. Many people are forced to choose between food, shelter and other basic needs. Interestingly, as high as 25 percent of people who are homeless are employed. The notion that these "bums" are lazy and refusing to work is archaic, disputed by the facts and complexity of the issue.

It's easy to react to the demonstrative byproducts of homelessness, i.e. sleeping in public places, aggressive panhandling for money, urinating and defecating in alleys. No one wants to be exposed to this. But it's a false assumption to attribute these problems to all people who are homeless, given the diversity of the population. Many are working to improve their situation, and most do not violate the law.

People who become homeless do not fit one general description. It's no more appropriate to ascribe common traits and descriptors to "the homeless" than it would be to race, religion or gender. While people experiencing homelessness do have certain shared basic needs, they are too diverse to be reduced to a single descriptive term.

We must find ways to reduce the contributing factors to homelessness. We must endeavor to make more housing available to those in need and create more job opportunities so that people can become self-sufficient in our society. We can take a step in this direction by recognizing the diversity of the population of people who are homeless. Let's take a cue from our growth in the area of race relations and establish "the homeless" as a negative epithet inappropriate for society, a pejorative term that diminishes and no longer applies. Let's just call them people and find ways to help.

Lisa Fisher
Director, Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition/SPN
Santa Monica

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Here's one way to spawn fetus farms



**THE
WITNESS
STAND**
BY CLIFF NICHOLS

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) last week introduced legislation to crack down on deceit. I realize it sounds a bit odd for a politician to be interested in doing such a thing, but I think she just may have the germ of a good idea that is worth considering. Her bill, "Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women's Services Act," seeks to compel the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to "enforce truth-in-advertising standards for reproductive centers."

In the words of Maloney, "When women are making a health decision, they should never be subject to deceit and trickery." With that I could not agree more. Her problem, however, is only with the Crisis Pregnancy Centers, which she thinks "should be called 'Counterfeit Pregnancy Centers.'" They have the right to exist, but they shouldn't have the right to deceive in order to advance their particular beliefs.

Of course, she is talking about those pregnancy centers that do not provide abortions, but rather are set up with the intent of counseling women about alternatives to that procedure they may not have considered before. Apparently, she believes that because of the similarity in names some of these groups have with organizations that actually do abort babies, the public is being deceived. But I think Maloney should consider whether there may be an easier way to solve the problem than having to call in the FTC.

For starters, why don't the "pregnancy centers" that really do abortions simply change their names to remove any doubt about the matter? After all, isn't a name like Planned Parenthood every bit as misleading as Maloney seems to think the use of the name Crisis Pregnancy Center is? Perhaps more so, if one considers that their use of the term "parenthood" may suggest in the minds of some potential customers that it's an organization dedicated to helping people actually achieve that status. Yet, that could be easily remedied if Planned Parenthood changed its name to something like the "Unplanned Parenthood Fix-It Center" or, even better, "Abortions-R-Us." Maloney's problem would be solved and truth in advertising will be achieved without any need for FTC involvement.

But, if she's serious about getting the FTC involved, why stop there? Let's go for the gusto. After all, in the words of Joan Malin, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of New York City, "Deception and lies don't help women make informed choices. Too often, women are given incomplete or even inaccurate information that leaves them misinformed — I applaud these lawmakers — that would guarantee critical health care information is given to women so they can make informed decisions."

I couldn't agree more. So, with this admonition in mind, I would like to propose that we do just what Malin and Maloney have suggested.

For instance, while we're at it, don't you think women who visit non-counterfeit pregnancy centers should also be told whether or not the clinic intends to sell their child's body parts out the back door? Don't

you think such information would be necessary in order for a woman to properly evaluate the sincerity of the clinician who, while motivated by a personal financial interest, is encouraging her to have an abortion?

Kelly Patricia O'Meara investigated the marketing of baby body parts and reported her findings in a fascinating article available on the Internet entitled "Harvesting Fetal Body Parts." She informs us that, although the federal law technically prohibits the practice of "selling" body parts, apparently a fictional arrangement among abortion clinics, harvesters and the ultimate purchasers of those parts has been worked out that has enabled the practice to flourish legally. To avoid a "sale" of the parts, the clinics instead "donate" the babies' parts to the harvesters and in return the latter pays the clinic a "site fee" for the use of the clinic's lab space where the harvesters do their necessary dissections. In turn, the harvesters then turn around and "donate" these parts to whoever is in the market to acquire them, and in return, are compensated by being paid a "retrieval fee" for "delivering the product." According to O'Meara, this fiction has enabled the selling of baby body parts to become a multibillion-dollar industry.

In the interests of full disclosure, informed consent and truth in advertising, don't you think it would be courteous to inform a woman who may be contemplating an abortion not only whether harvesters are lurking in the clinic's back rooms, but, if they are, also what the market value is of the baby she is about to give them? And she should also be told that, while these "harvesters" are waiting for her to make an "informed decision," they are busy advertising their "product" — her baby's body parts — to their "customers" by saying things like, "Our goal is to offer you and your staff the highest quality, most affordable and freshest tissue prepared to your specifications and delivered in the quantities you need when you need it," while others inform their customers, "Our specimens vary widely in range including but not limited to those listed below: liver, spleen, pancreas, intestines, kidney, brain, lungs and heart block, spinal column and many more with appropriate discounts that apply if specimen is significantly fragmented."

Were the FTC to require the disclosure of such information, we would certainly have achieved truth in advertising unlike anything that exists today. Moreover, I can foresee how such disclosure could lead to a restructuring of the entire abortion/baby parts industry. Rather than having to pay a fee to the clinic to get an abortion, in the near future women could well become empowered by this knowledge to demand that the clinic pay them a "delivery fee" in order for them to agree to "donate" their babies. Then at least the fictional arrangement that exists in part already would be made complete. And, so long as the FTC doesn't make us advertise this feminist achievement to God, is there any other reason you can think of why this cultural development wouldn't be just dandy? Well, maybe, but Maloney can work on regulating the fetus farm cottage industry it will spawn later.

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Public beach club at historic site threatened

What would you say if someone offered to give our community \$30 million in cash and \$45 million worth of beachfront property in Santa Monica to build a beach club and small event facility for public use?

It would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, right?

Well, now is that moment. The Annenberg Foundation has given Santa Monica almost \$30 million to build the crown jewel of public recreational facilities at 415 Pacific Coast Highway, property contributed to the project by the State of California. The now derelict site was the historic Marion Davies Estate and later the Sand and Sea Club.

But this one-of-a-kind proposal for a public beach club and historic renovation is in jeopardy, threatened by a handful of nearby beachfront property owners.

The current design sprang from a series of well-attended public workshops to create a community-driven plan for a public facility without rival in California and perhaps the nation.

Beach club amenities include a restored swimming pool, a kids' pool, a beach playground with a water feature, volleyball courts, paddle tennis courts, an events room, community meeting rooms, a snack bar, on-site and shuttle parking, and the list goes on and on. This is the kind of facility usually only available to those able to pay tens of thousands of dollars in membership dues — but it will be open to the public.

As part of the public process, some aspects have been modified in order to minimize any potential negative impacts on residents living nearby, including a halving of the events room's capacity to 100 people; full-time security staffing; 10 p.m. weekday and 11 p.m. weekend curfews on even indoor events; and many others, including a commitment to lobby Caltrans for a much-needed traffic signal for the facility.

But while this liberal package of restrictions on the proposed beach club has addressed the concerns of most PCH neighbors, a handful want to still further limit public use, and have hired a phalanx of high-priced LA lawyers to do so.

This small group of neighbors is threatening to sue Santa Monica to block this public beach club along Santa Monica's coast unless they are granted still further concessions that are either impossible, impractical or unreasonable for the city and community.

It is worth noting that within a proverbial stone's throw of 415 PCH there are two private beach clubs that have operated for decades without significant impacts on the neighbors and with few, if any, of the restrictions now being demanded by the remaining hold-out property owners. In fact, the 415 PCH site was once home to the Sand

and Sea Beach Club itself and again, operated as a good neighbor without anywhere near the kind of restrictions being demanded today.

But perhaps most critically, the threatened lawsuit, if pursued, could delay the project long enough to miss both Annenberg Foundation and State of California deadlines and create cost overruns and other complications that together could kill this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Santa Monica. Such a blow would end nearly 20 years of efforts to renovate the historic property and open it to public use.

If that happens, the property, which is owned by the State of California, will almost certainly revert to state control. The state is reported to have considered selling the land as surplus property, likely ending up as parcels for condominiums.

By contrast, the proposed beach club is an almost unprecedented development partnership between a community and a private foundation. Success at 415 PCH would send a strong message to the foundation community that Santa Monica is fertile ground for such visionary partnerships.

Despite widespread community support to transform the neglected site, residents have not been aware of the danger posed to the project, and hence have not been vocal about their support as the project heads into the city's approval process.

For example, at the last Planning Commission hearing three weeks ago, the public testimony was a flood of complaints, concerns and lawyering from a handful of neighbors — hardly the kind of welcome a \$75 million beach club for the public would actually garner if residents were polled.

It is time for Santa Monica's residents to speak up and let the Planning Commission, the City Council and the Annenberg Foundation know just what we think of opening a beach club for the public along our coast.

The fate of the beach club, at least for the moment, will be decided at tonight's 7 p.m. Planning Commission hearing, and it is the first item on the agenda. Please attend that meeting and let our voices be heard.

For those who can't attend, e-mail letters of support to info@friendsof415.org. Residents also can sign our online petition at www.friendsof415.org.

(Joel Brand is chair of Friends of 415 and a board member of the Santa Monica Conservancy. Ken Breisch is president of the Santa Monica Conservancy and director of programs in historic preservation in the School of Architecture at USC.)

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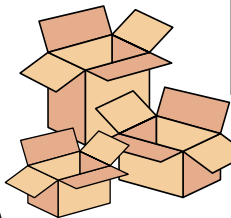
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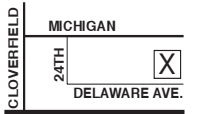
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LOCAL

‘Bubbleman’ ordered to stay away from pier

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ney for the criminal division.

The court has ordered Dillenbeck, 54, to stay away from the pier and has prevented him from storing his belongings on public property.

“This ban is totally unnecessary, extreme, and I feel it is intended to hurt and punish me. What the city is doing is wrong,” said Dillenbeck on Tuesday from his cell phone. He was huddled underneath a tarp near the pier as he tried to stay dry in the rain. “What they are doing is taking away my livelihood. If this is allowed to continue, even for a short while, I will be ruined economically. I will lose everything, and at that point, there will be no more Bubbleman.”

For the last decade, Dillenbeck has put smiles on thousands of children’s faces by simply blowing a few bubbles. During a performance, Dillenbeck will set up bubble-blowing machines he designed and built, each capable of producing millions of bubbles a day. The displays draw huge crowds.

In the past 10 years, he has received plenty of attention from law enforcement as well. Dillenbeck has been cited and arrested numerous times for violating laws against camping and sleeping in public, as well as performing after hours.

He has had so many run-ins with the law that Dillenbeck has been labeled a nuisance and has been ordered to stay away from the pier and other locations for months at a time.

The bans hurt his ability to make a living, Dillenbeck said, but none have been as devastating financially or as far reaching as the current stay-away order. Dillenbeck said the order essentially bars him from performing because it does not allow him to store some of his belongings and equipment nearby when he’s blowing bubbles.

“The judge said no storing, so I don’t know what (Dillenbeck) needs to have to do his performances,” Haviland said. “He has a large amount of property, so I can’t comment on (whether this bans him from performing) ... the case is still pending.”

Stay-away orders are like restraining orders. They are generally used in cases in which a person has been put on probation or convicted of a crime. As part of the punishment, they are not allowed within a certain distance of a particular location, said Haviland.

“We try to get (a ban of) 100 yards for most places, so if they go back to that location, they are arrested for a violation of their probation. We file them routinely for a lot of things, like theft, trespassing and camping,” she said.

About 98 percent of the orders are for at least two years, Haviland said. Anyone with an order against them can go to court and ask for it to be removed, but there is no guarantee that the request would be granted.

The order couldn’t have come at a more difficult time for Dillenbeck, who said he has been living on the streets for almost a year, unable to afford transportation back to his workshop/apartment in North Hollywood. He owes money for back rent on the workshop, which is where he builds the bubble machines he uses in his performances. He often sells the machines, some going for as much as \$200 a piece.

Dillenbeck has been unable to get to his shop since his van was impounded last year after he failed to pay the vehicle’s registra-

tion. He said he has been trying to save enough money to purchase another car, but that has been difficult because of the stay-away orders, as well as changes in the hours of operation at the pier and a drop in tourism following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

“Without transportation, I can’t get back to my shop, which means I’ve had to find places to stay around here so I can work to save up money,” said Dillenbeck, who says he can make as much as \$300 on a good day blowing bubbles. “If I do get a ride back home, how will I get back down here to work? It’s a catch-22.”

Those who are familiar with the pier said Dillenbeck has not been a nuisance as a performer, but rather a positive presence.

“I think his bubbles bring a lot of really good feelings to people, especially at events,” said Linda Sullivan, a member of the board for the Pier Restoration Corp., or PRC, which oversees operations at the pier. “I think it is unfortunate that he has had problems (with police). The pier will miss him.”

Sullivan said Dillenbeck joined the street performers’ working group, in which “he helped everyone get along.”

Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the PRC, said Dillenbeck has been banned from the pier not because of his performances, but because of what happens afterwards.

“As far as his performances, (Dillenbeck) has followed all of our guidelines like anyone else ... but his business with the police department comes afterwards, regarding where and how he stores his equipment,” Franz-Knight said.

Many people said Dillenbeck’s problems are rooted in his anti-establishment beliefs, cultivated during time spent in an artists’ commune near USC after he dropped out of film school there. Not wanting to back down, Dillenbeck has often clashed with police, which has given officers more incentive to enforce the law, some said.

During the late 1960s, Dillenbeck, like many others during that era, began to explore his interest in electrical engineering and acoustics, which eventually led him to design a sound system that was used during rock ’n roll tours for such famous acts as Fleetwood Mac and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

At that time, blowing bubbles was just a hobby, but grew into an obsession, Dillenbeck said. It eventually consumed his entire life to the point that he is now so far removed from the music industry that he has no idea how to get back to it.

“After 25 years of being away from it for so long, it would take a long time to get back into it, plus the music industry is such a highly competitive field now; I just don’t think I would stand a chance,” he said. “Besides, (blowing bubbles) is what I love to do. I get to put a smile on someone’s face, maybe bring laughter into their lives, and that is so hard to give up. I’ve always been more interested in making a contribution than in making money.”

Sullivan said Dillenbeck is “very bright, articulate and could have probably made a lot of money doing something else,” but that isn’t what he’s about.

“He just loves seeing the kids’ faces light up,” Sullivan said. “That seems to be enough for him.”

STATE



History could stand to repeat itself for GOP

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backers drove Hispanics to register as and support Democrats, and Democrats now dominate government.

That history isn't lost on the streets, where protesters have denounced immigration legislation passed by the Republican-controlled House.

"The reality is that this community will eventually get citizenship, and we already know who we won't be voting for," said Dagoberto Zavala, 52, an El Salvadoran immigrant protesting at a weekend rally in Orange County, where signs read: "Today We March. Tomorrow We Vote."

Voting was one result of Proposition 187, which also prompted widespread protests.

Even so, it initially seemed a Republican boon.

Gov. Pete Wilson used immigration to boost his 1994 re-election bid, which included an ad showing illegal immigrants sprinting across the border while an announcer intoned, "They keep coming." In a banner year for Republicans, support for 187 — which voters passed handily but federal courts later tossed — helped ensure Wilson's victory and usher in tenuous GOP control over the Assembly.

But the initiative's long-term implications soon became apparent.

"Republican became a bad word among Hispanics of all stripes here in California," said Allan Hoffenblum, a GOP analyst in Los Angeles. "The only ones who dispute that are in total and complete denial."

Wilson's share of the Hispanic vote plummeted from 47 percent in 1990 to 25 percent in 1994, according to research by the non-partisan Field Institute in San Francisco.

Meanwhile, the fast-growing Hispanic vote has become increasingly important — by 2005, Hispanics were one-fifth of the electorate. They haven't been inclined to register Republican.

The trends have produced disturbing results for the GOP: No Republican candidate for governor or president has won more than 40 percent of California's Hispanic vote since 1990, according to the Field Poll. Democrats firmly control the state Legislature and congressional delegation and all statewide offices except governor and secretary of state. Hispanic allegiance

to Democrats helped the party retake the 80-member Assembly in 1996; the GOP has gone from 41 seats in 1994 to 32 today.

California is on the mind of prominent Republicans such as Ed Gillespie, the former chairman of the party's national committee who has urged his party to embrace Senate legislation that would create a guest worker program and the prospect of citizenship for illegal immigrants already here. The Senate measure doesn't contain provisions in the House-passed bill which would classify illegal immigrants as felons and stretch a wall across the border with Mexico.

Gillespie, who now works at a public affairs firm with clients that support a guest worker approach, noted that the Hispanic vote is increasingly decisive in swing states such as New Mexico, Florida and Colorado.

"Mishandling the immigration debate today could result in the Republican Party struggling in these states and others in the same way it now does in California," Gillespie wrote in a weekend Wall Street Journal op-ed piece.

Many House Republicans have a different political calculus.

All but three of California's 19 GOP members voted for the House bill, rejecting comparisons to Proposition 187 and saying their constituents are galled by illegal immigration and protests featuring Mexican flags.

"Most Americans sit back and say, 'This is ridiculous. They come here illegally and then they take advantage of our laws,'" said Rep. Gary Miller, R-Diamond Bar. "Overwhelmingly people want something done."

Although the White House praised the House immigration bill, President Bush supports a guest worker plan and during his 2000 campaign said he opposed Proposition 187.

Bush also has made inroads among Hispanic voters, and one school of thought holds that a law like the Senate legislation could consolidate those gains.

Democrats are signaling they see their own political advantages in the national immigration debate.

"It just amazes me," said California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres, "that the Republicans don't pay attention to history."

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STATE

Sales of California wine hit yet another record high

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — California wine sales in the United States hit another record in 2005, a rise experts attribute to a jelling of factors from the Supreme Court weighing in on wine shipments to the vino-centric movie, “Sideways.”

“Wine is enjoying this wonderful moment of very favorable attitudes,” said industry consultant Jon Fredrikson, who compiled the figures released Monday by the San Francisco-based Wine Institute.

California wine shipments to U.S. markets amounted to 441 million gallons at a retail value of \$16.5 billion, said Fredrikson, publisher of the Gomberg-Fredrikson Report. That was up 3 percent from the 2004 record-setting 428 million gallons, which had a retail value of about \$15 billion.

Total California shipments to domestic and international markets was 532 million gallons, up from 523 million gallons in 2004.

About two out of every three bottles of wine sold in the United States comes from California. Looking at sales of all wine, including other states and foreign producers, domestic sales grew by about 5 percent to 703 million gallons valued at \$26 billion.

Wine sales have been growing ever since 1991 when CBS’ “60 Minutes,” did its “French Paradox” story on perceived health benefits of wine, refocusing interest in that subject.

But about four years ago, the rate of growth picked up, Fredrikson said, because of a number of things including the introduction of “supervalues,” such as Two Buck Chuck, the nickname of Charles Shaw wines which sell for \$1.99 in California.

The success of the wine road trip movie “Sideways,” which opened in fall 2004, and this summer’s Supreme Court shipping ruling — forcing states to treat local and out-of-state wineries equally — added to the momentum,

Fredrikson said.

“I characterize it as wine finally really getting traction with the American public,” he said.

Looking at wine by price, sales of wines \$7 and above grew 13 percent, while wines under \$7 declined 2 percent. As in 2004, red wine edged out whites with 41.7 percent of the market versus 41 percent. Blush wine accounted for the remaining 17 percent.

At Joseph Phelps Vineyards in St. Helena, president Tom Shelton was glad to see sales on the upswing, but noted that U.S. consumption of wine still lags totals elsewhere.

“Clearly, there’s a lot of room for wine to continue its consumption growth,” he said.

A decade's worth of wine sales

By The Associated Press

WINE SHIPMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES		
Year	Gallons	Retail Value
2005	703 million	\$26.0 billion
2004	667 million	\$23.9 billion
2003	640 million	\$22.2 billion
2002	612 million	\$21.6 billion
2001	572 million	\$20.2 billion
2000	570 million	\$19.3 billion
1999	543 million	\$18.1 billion
1998	526 million	\$17.0 billion
1997	519 million	\$16.1 billion
1996	500 million	\$14.3 billion

Source: Wine Institute, Department of Commerce, Gomberg, Fredrikson & Associates. Figures include shipments of wine from U.S. and foreign producers.

It's certified: UC Berkeley students' salad days are now going organic

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — Veggies at the University of California, Berkeley, got a little greener with Monday’s debut of what campus officials say is the first certified organic salad bar at a college or institution.

Berkeley, which started serving organic carrots, dressings, kidney beans and other salad fixings at its Crossroads dining commons, joins a number of colleges nationwide offering organic food.

What makes UC Berkeley different is that it has certification, which means it follows a detailed set of rules governing everything from how dishes are washed and pests chased out to how food is prepared.

Organic produce is kept separate from the moment it arrives on the loading dock under a meticulous system that includes color-coded cutting boards and a food processor earmarked for organic produce only.

“It shows just that much more effort toward being dedicated to serving organic and making sure the product is as organic when it’s in the counter here as it was when it left the farm,” said Jake Lewin, director of marketing and

international programs at Santa Cruz-based CCOF, which issued the certification.

A key challenge for campus officials was adding organic products, which can be more expensive, without pushing up fees, said Shawn LaPean, director of Cal Dining. They were able to do that by negotiating with vendors.

Berkeley officials hope to expand the salad bar to all four dining halls and are looking into offering more organic options.

At the Organic Trade Association, based in Greenfield, Mass., spokeswoman Barbara Haumann said a growing number of colleges are going at least partially organic, but it appears Berkeley is the first to get certification.

“It definitely gives a guarantee and assurance that procedures are being used so from the OTA perspective, yes, it’s certainly important,” she said.

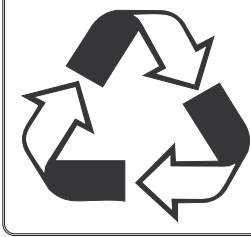
On Monday, Berkeley freshman Ryan Jackson was enjoying his salad days.

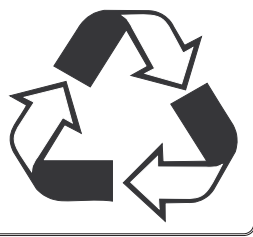
“It’s really healthy, and I think they’re trying to get a lot more local farmers involved, too, which is good,” he said as he scooped organic lettuce into a bowl.

And, he said, “it’s good. Organic tastes better to me.”

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How to save a client who apparently wants to die

BY PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Now that a jury has delivered a verdict that al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui is eligible for the death penalty, his lawyers face an uphill battle as they try to save a client who apparently wants to die.

"I'm glad I'm not writing life insurance on the guy," Vermont Law School professor Stephen Dycus said Monday after a jury opened the door for prosecutors to present wrenching, gruesome detail on the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Dycus and other legal experts say the jury still may decide to spare Moussaoui's life, but suggest he may have sealed his fate by taking the witness stand. He testified that he was to have flown a fifth plane targeting the White House while fellow 9/11 conspirators flew planes into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania.

As a defense lawyer, "you are normally worried about the government hurting you; in this case, it's your client," said Jeffrey O'Toole, a Washington lawyer with an extensive background in death penalty cases.

A worst-case scenario, legal experts say, would be the admitted terrorist conspirator once again testifying, this time in the upcoming second stage of the proceeding where jurors will decide whether to sentence him to death.

When the sentencing trial resumes Thursday, the testimony will include families of Sept. 11 victims who will describe the human impact of the 9/11 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

"I would not be surprised if he doesn't invite them to give him the death penalty," George Washington University law professor Stephen Saltzburg said.

Moussaoui's own performance likely would eclipse any of the defenses that his legal team could erect.

The defense has indicated it will try to call a doctor to testify that Moussaoui was schizophrenic and sociologists who will describe his impoverished upbringing in France and the racism he faced there and in England because of his Moroccan ancestry.

"You want to put on a case that enables the jury to see the humanity of this person," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center.

So far, Moussaoui's performance has offered little in the way of humanity, at least in the eyes of relatives of Sept. 11 victims.

"This man has no soul; he has no conscience," said Rosemary Dillard, whose husband, Eddie, died in the attacks.

Parts of the first phase of Moussaoui's sentencing trial went badly for the government, which had to acknowledge misstep after misstep in handling leads about Moussaoui and other terrorists in the summer of 2001.

Moussaoui was nowhere near the attacks on Sept. 11, but rather in jail in Minnesota where he had been for much of the previous month on an immigration charge.

And until last week, he'd maintained he wasn't to have been part of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The defense suggested Moussaoui would say anything to derail his own defense so he could achieve martyrdom through execution.

Moussaoui was arrested Aug. 16, 2001, after his attempts to obtain flight training aroused suspicion. He lied to agents when he was arrested, denying he was a terrorist and saying the flight training was for personal enjoyment.

Prosecutors argued that if Moussaoui had confessed his al-Qaida membership and his intent to hijack an aircraft, federal agents could have tracked down most of the Sept. 11 hijackers and thwarted or at least minimized the attacks.

On each of the three counts considered by the jury, they found that Moussaoui intentionally lied to federal agents, and did so "contemplating the life of a person would be taken or intending that lethal force would be used." Further, they determined at least one person died Sept. 11 as a direct result of the lies.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema asked the jurors whether their verdicts were all unanimous, and all nodded affirmatively.

A factor that could play in Moussaoui's favor is that it's one thing to declare him eligible for the death penalty; it's another to actually sentence him to death.

"The second decision ... becomes intensely personal," said Northwestern University Law Professor Ronald Allen. "It's moral and complicated and messy."

But Moussaoui's lawyers may be up against insurmountable odds.

"You're going to see some powerful testimony from the families," Saltzburg said. "It's going to be a chance for some of them to get closure as best they can."

Illegal immigrants account for 5 percent of the U.S. work force

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labor force — according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a research organization. The illegal workers are mostly men and are heavily concentrated in construction, agriculture and cleaning jobs, Pew says. Those jobs tend to be low skill or unskilled manual labor, economists said.

"From lawn services to meatpacking. You name it. The primary benefit to consumers from illegal workers is lower prices," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at Global Insight.

For businesses, cheap labor can translate into fatter profits. If owners use those profits to expand their businesses, it would boost economic activity.

While consumers and businesses may benefit from such cheap labor, the U.S. born-worker could be hurt by it, according to some research.

Between 1980 and 2000, legal and illegal immigration reduced the average annual earnings of U.S.-born men by an estimated \$1,700 or roughly 4 percent, according to research done in 2004 by George Borjas, economics professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

The situation was worse if one considers only the 10 million U.S.-born men who lack a high school degree. For them, the increased supply of workers depressed wages by 7.4 percent, he found.

Economists at the Federal Reserve banks in Dallas and Atlanta found no evidence in 2003 that wages of higher-skilled U.S.-born workers were hurt by immigration, although lower-wage workers were impacted.

Illegal immigrants use federal, state and local resources, including schools, medical care and emergency services, straining government coffers and costing taxpayers money. However, many of the costs are tied to their kids — many of them American-born children who are U.S. citizens.

At the federal level, the big cost is through Medicaid and food-assistance programs, according to Steven Camarota, research director at the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors stricter immigration rules.

Camarota acknowledges that some illegals pay federal taxes, but he said their cost to the federal government — \$12 billion, according to his estimate — is greater.

There's another way to look at it. Since some illegals

pay payroll taxes, they're helping to bankroll Social Security and Medicare but won't get to participate in the programs because of their immigration status.

"From our standpoint, this is not a top fiscal issue," said Pete Sepp, spokesman for the National Taxpayers Union.

Experts note that illegals spend part of their paychecks in this country — for food, clothes, furniture, living expenses and other things — all of which contribute to economic growth. But many also send some of their earnings to their families in their native countries.

Still, they expand the nation's overall labor pool and productivity. "We can make more stuff and that can add to overall economic activity," said Andrew Bernard, professor of international economics at Dartmouth College's Tuck School of Business.

In Congress, diverse proposals have been offered to deal with the immigration issue.

House-passed legislation takes a tough approach, including provisions making illegal immigrants' presence in this country a felony. A Senate proposal sets out a path that would make illegal immigrants who came to the United States before 2004 eligible for permanent residency.

If all the illegal workers in this country were booted out tomorrow, economists believe wages would have to rise significantly to get U.S.-born workers to take their jobs.

"It would take time for that to occur and during this period of adjustment — some things might not get done — maybe some crops won't be picked or some hotel rooms won't get cleaned," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. In some cases, companies might opt to invest in machines and other automation rather than hire higher-paid workers, economists said.

Under these scenarios, consumers' prices could rise. Two-thirds of Americans polled think illegal immigrants fill jobs that most Americans do not want, according to a recent AP-Ipsos poll.

But the survey found greater ambiguity on whether illegal immigrants are good or bad for American society. Fifty-one percent said illegal immigrants mostly make a contribution to society, and 42 percent said they were mostly a drain.

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Real Estate

Awakening from a double-digit dream



DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

The word on the street is out — the housing boom has waned. California existing-home sales tumbled 15.5 percent in February compared to a year ago, yet the median price of an existing home increased 13.8 percent, reports the California Association of Realtors. Hold the thought of double-digit real estate appreciation rates, because that is what double-digit appreciation is about to become — a dream.

According to the first quarter 2006

report from UCLA Anderson Forecast — one of the most widely watched economic outlooks for California and the nation — first quarter unit sales of single-family homes across the state have fallen from 140,000 to 100,000. New residential construction permits number 170,000, 10 percent lower than last year. Inventory levels are rising — unsold inventory in February increased to a 6.7 percent month supply, up from a 3.2 percent month supply a year ago. Residential property growth is predicted to be 6 percent in 2006 and flat in 2007. If the forecasters are correct, double-digit appreciation will become simply a dream.

"Things are still hot, but the trend is clear," writes Christopher Thornberg, senior economist on the Anderson Forecast. "The only debate now is how hard a land-

ing there will be and what it will mean for the general economy. The good news is that the non-housing-driven portions of the economy are starting to improve."

Americans spent an estimated \$210 billion on residential remodeling in 2005, reports the National Association of Home Builders. Between fewer new units being built and a drop in remodeling costs, the forecast predicts that more than 200,000 jobs will be lost in the construction section over the next few years as the market slows.

Additional slowing will be noted in the real estate and mortgage markets. Reduced appreciation is expected to slow taxable sales growth.

"As expected, year-over-year sales continued to decline from the robust levels of a year ago," said Vince Malta, president of the California Association of Realtors. "The decrease was intensified by interest rates crossing the key psychological threshold of 6 percent in the last quarter of the year, and by weakness in consumer confidence due to the residual effects of Hurricane Katrina."

Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.15 percent during January 2006, compared with 5.7 percent in January 2005, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.17 percent in January 2006 compared with 4.12 percent in January 2005. The percentage of households in California able to afford a median-priced home stood at 14 percent.

Housing market aside, the overall picture in California is pretty bright. It is forecast that we will create 300,000 new payroll jobs, making the Golden State the 19th fastest growing state, with an impressively low unemployment rate of 5 percent.

"We have only seen prices decline during and after a major recession," observes Ryan Ratcliff of the UCLA Anderson Forecast. "One is not predicted in the next 12 to 18 months."

There have been legitimate reasons for the impressive increases in prices Southern Californians have enjoyed in recent years. The late '90s saw a steep rise in rental rates, caused by a growing gap between production and demand. We saw a shift in tax liabilities on the sale of certain properties. Mortgage prices hit a 40-year low between 2001 and 2003. Sales in LA County hit a peak in 2004 and have been gradually falling since.

"Complaints about high home prices were voiced by more consumers in February than any other time during the past quarter century," noted Richard Curtin, the director of the University of

Michigan's Surveys of Consumers. "Favorable home-buying attitudes fell to their lowest level in 15 years."

"The California real estate market is beginning to experience the soft landing that we expect to be the underlying dynamic driving the housing market this year," said California Association of Realtors Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "We expect the pace of price appreciation to slow from the 13 to 17 percent range of 2005 to 10 percent this year as rising inventory levels mitigate some of the upward pressure on home prices. The higher-priced coastal areas will see price gains in the mid-single digits while the inland areas will see increases in excess of 10 percent."

Meanwhile, the February 2006 median price of an existing home in the state decreased 2.9 percent to \$535,470, compared with January's \$551,300 median price.

The Anderson Forecast projects that sales of existing units will drop from 530,000 units today to 390,000 in 2007 and perhaps lower in 2008. New construction is expected to be down 25 percent by 2008. Additional brokerage and commission fees will fall. The change in the real estate business will slow employment growth to 1 percent and taxable sales growth to 4 percent.

Keeping the real estate dream alive in Southern California metro areas is office space and industrial property sales. Office-related businesses have experienced stronger-than-average growth on their need for office space — 2 percent last year in LA County, bringing vacancy rates to about 15 percent — still above the 7 percent lows they experienced around the turn of the millennium.

Manufacturing jobs may be moving out of the county, but industrial properties remain highly desirable. LA's proximity to the country's largest port and a major cargo airport keeps manufacturing properties with a vacancy rate expected to drop below 12 percent.

If you're still dreaming about double-digit growth in real estate prices, you need to look in the commercial sector. If your focus is on residential ... dream on.

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Concerning covenants, conditions and restrictions



THE HOA ADVISOR

BY MICHAEL CHULAK

Question: Our homeowner association has a master insurance policy that covers the common areas. Is the insurance company under a legal duty to review our covenants, conditions and restrictions to determine the extent of our common areas before processing a claim for damages?

Answer: No. They are only required to review the insurance policy issued to determine what is covered.

Question: One of the homeowners in our association recently suffered a loss due to water damage. The loss is covered under the association's master policy as well as the owner's individual homeowner policy. Our board wants the owner to make a claim against her policy so the association will not be required to do so. The owner wants the board to make a claim against the mas-

ter policy. What is your advice?

Answer: If the loss is covered under the master policy, the association must make a claim on behalf of the owner. Generally, where there is overlapping coverage, the association's policy is primary and the homeowner's secondary. This means that the association's policy will pay any loss up to the policy limit. Any uncompensated loss would then be covered by the homeowner's policy if coverage exists.

Question: Does the department of real estate assist with the enforcement of homeowner association bylaws and covenants, conditions and restrictions?

Answer: Homeowner associations are subject to the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act, which is designed to provide homeowners with a system of self government and dispute resolution. The department of real estate reviews the legal framework of all new homeowner associations to ensure compliance with the subdivided lands law through the public report application process prior to the homes being offered for sale to the public. Once sales have commenced, the department's jurisdiction is limited to the subdivider's obligations under the public report, which does not include interven-

tion in association disputes. Presently, there is no state or local agency that regulates associations or their members.

Question: As a result of a dispute, a contractor recorded a mechanic's lien against our condominium association's property nearly six months ago and refuses to release it. What do you suggest?

Answer: A mechanic's lien is invalid and unenforceable under Civil Code Section 3144 if the lien claimant fails to file a lawsuit to enforce the lien within 90 days of recordation. You should refer to this code section when making a demand that it be removed.

If necessary, your association may bring an action to have the lien released. Your association will be entitled to recover its costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

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The path to hands-free investing



IN YOUR SPACE

BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

There comes a time in many investors' lives when they decide they would like to spend less time managing their real estate holdings and more time enjoying the rewards of their labors.

The traditional investment vehicle to achieve this "no hands" investment approach is the net lease property. In its purest form — called a triple net lease — the tenant manages the property, doing everything from paying the taxes and insurance, sweeping out the driveway to repairing the roof if needed. The only obligation of the owner is to pay any debt service from the rent check.

A further advantage of most net leased properties are long-term leases, typically 15 to 25 years with five-year options after that, with defined rental rate increases along the way, called bumps. That can provide steady income no matter what the condition of the economic or local real estate market. The keys to successful net lease investments are good demographics, long-term appreciation, long-term leases and a strong credit tenant.

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Type	State	Minimum Investment	Year1/Year 5 Cash On Cash
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As with all investments, it is crucial that investors consult with their tax and legal advisors prior to making any commitments.

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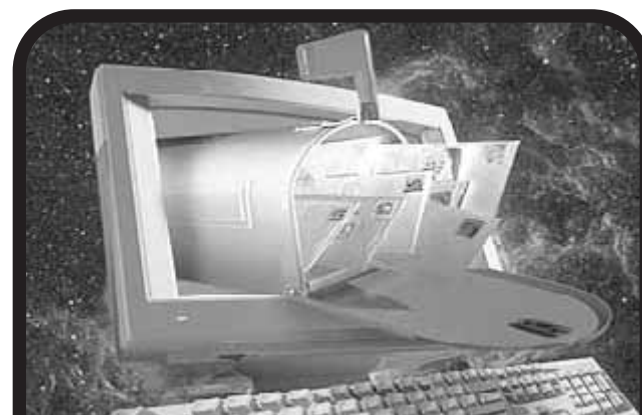
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They rescued illegal immigrants — and were arrested

BY MARTHA MENDOZA

AP National Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Emil Hidalgo-Solis couldn't stop throwing up. His diarrhea was bloody. His feet blistered. He had staggered through the desert, stumbled across the border, gulped contaminated water from a slimy cattle trough.

On this scorching day — in the hottest July in local history — Hidalgo-Solis seemed doomed to be among hundreds who died trying to enter the United States from Mexico last year.

He collapsed in a ditch. He and two others among the 10 immigrants could go no farther.

Then, from nowhere, a truck appeared. On its side, in big letters, was the word "Samaritan." Inside were members of a faith-based group called No More Deaths, offering water, food and a ride to a doctor. They took the three to a makeshift camp, and then set out for a church where a doctor and a nurse would meet them.

Daniel Strauss was at the wheel of the old Subaru GL wagon, with Shanti Sellz beside him. The air conditioner cooled the car as they rode in silence. One of the men offered to hide.

"We told them no, please sit up straight and buckle your seat belt," Sellz recalls.

But then, Strauss looked back and saw that they were being followed by a Border Patrol vehicle. The officers trailed them for maybe 13 miles before pulling them over; they stopped, shutting down their engine and letting the heat outside creep in.

Strauss gazed at his three passengers, cowering in the tattered black clothes they had hoped would help them evade detection.

There was nothing we can do for you, the volunteers said — you are going to be arrested. "We had warned them before they got evacuated what the rules were, and that we couldn't hide them in any way," Strauss says. "We did our best to try to tell them it was going to be all right, but we didn't know if it would."

The officer asked, "Are your three passengers illegal?"

"I don't know," Strauss said.

Then, Sellz recalls, the officer poked his head into the car and asked the passengers: "Do you guys speak English?"

No one answered.

"The officer turned to us and said, 'Those guys are illegal and you know it.'"

Two more Border Patrol vehicles arrived. They arrested Hidalgo-Solis and his companions.

But they also arrested Strauss and Sellz.

"Are you really arresting me?" Sellz recalls asking, in amazement.

"I know you guys are good people but what you're doing is illegal," she was told.

In Washington, senators are engaged in a bitter debate over immigration reform; the House of Representatives has already passed a bill that would set penalties for anyone who knowingly assists or encourages illegal immigrants to remain here.

What these lawmakers decide, from the cool, marble halls of Capitol Hill, is a matter of life and death to people like Emil Hidalgo-Solis, thousands of miles away.

And it is a matter of high import to so many others. When Hidalgo-Solis stumbled through the Sonora desert last summer, he stumbled into a strange dance:

Rifle-bearing Minutemen staked out the migrants, urgently calling law enforcement when they spotted suspicious groups; volunteers in cars marked with huge red crosses delivered tanks of water to supply posts marked with 30-foot blue poles; Border Patrol agents rounded up migrant after migrant, chasing them out of the bushes and arroyos, scattering them about on what has become the most deadly trail into this country.

Amid the Gila monsters and towering saguaros arise fundamental issues this nation is now struggling to resolve: security and terrorism, labor demand and globalism, the teachings of Jesus to be merciful and the language of federal law, which by its very nature must serve as a gatekeeper for the nation's border.

In November, President Bush went to Tucson to pitch his own proposed immigration reforms, which among other things would beef up laws to prosecute those who help illegal immigrants.

He said the United States "has always been a compassionate nation that values the newcomer and takes great pride in our immigrant heritage," but illegal immigrants were violating U.S. law. "The American people should not have to choose between a welcoming society and a lawful society. We can have both at the same time."

Sellz and Strauss are testing that thesis. They are slated to go to trial on April 25 on felony charges of knowingly and intentionally conspiring to transport an illegal alien, and with transporting an illegal alien, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that he had come to, entered and remained in the U.S. in violation of law.

If convicted, they could face up to 15 years in federal prison.

They have declined two different plea offers, one that came just a week after their arrests, that would have wiped their records clean in exchange for a no-contest plea. They insist that in transporting sick people, they were not in any way breaking the law.

"Humanitarian work needs to be applauded, not prosecuted," says Strauss.

This is not the first time that the border has seen this kind of conflict. In 1982, the Southside Presbyterian Church in Pima County declared itself a sanctuary for Central American refugees. Other churches across the country — Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Jewish, Quaker and Mennonite — joined the effort, providing transportation, housing, food and clothes to Salvadorans and Guatemalans fleeing persecution.

The Justice Department soon stepped in.

Sanctuary members argued that they were legally and morally obliged to help people fleeing persecution and death squads. They said they were following their religious convictions and that the refugees deserved political asylum. Even the prosecutor conceded that the immigrants were simply seeking jobs.

But in May 1986, after a six-month trial, eight sanctuary members were convicted of conspiracy or other charges

involving illegal entry of aliens. All received probation.

The new activists were organized by some of the leaders of the earlier sanctuary movement, and they say there are merely responding to a humanitarian emergency.

"We were seeing increasing numbers of people dying in our desert. We asked ourselves, 'What's our responsibility as people of faith?'" says Presbyterian minister John Fife, who was among those convicted in 1986.

In 2005, two records were broken: 1.2 million people were arrested trying to cross the border, up from 1.16 million in 2004; and 415 people perished trying to make that crossing, far higher than the previous year's total of 330 and surpassing the high mark of 383 set in 2000.

Almost half of all of the arrests and deaths were in the Tucson region, south of Arizona, in the Sonora Desert where Sellz and Strauss found Hidalgo-Solis.

The region became the busiest migrant corridor after the federal government launched border crackdowns in 1993 and 1994, erecting a steel wall made of surplus Navy landing mats, adding patrols and installing lights and motion sensors south of San Diego for Operation Gatekeeper, and instituting Operation Hold The Line, a 20-mile blockade of agents along the border between El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez.

The programs didn't reduce the flow of illegal immigrants, but it did force migrants and smugglers inland through more dangerous, sparsely populated highlands and deserts.

"While migrants have always faced danger crossing the border and many died before INS began its strategy, the strategy has resulted in an increase in deaths from exposure to either heat or cold," said the General Accounting Office in 2001, citing Border Patrol data.

In 2000, volunteers from about a dozen congregations including Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Quakers and United Church of Christ, founded Humane Borders to try to reduce these deaths.

They set up water stations, more than 70 large blue tanks topped with tall flags, and persuaded Border Patrol chiefs to not stake them out. A series of other programs soon began, including posters and handout maps of the region, medical centers and search teams.

Even local government has chipped in, providing annual grants of \$25,000 to Humane Borders.

"It is a humanitarian issue where you have to draw on your own religious beliefs to try to prevent death," said Pima County Supervisor Richard El.

There had been indications that the Border Patrol might crack down on No More Deaths. In August 2004, Michael Nicely, a 25-year veteran agent, took over as chief of the Border Patrol's Tucson sector.

Nicely warned organizers that his agents might keep watch over their aid camps, and that if they transported people they risked arrest, Fife said.

If the volunteers' "true intention is humanitarian, an agent will be in shouting distance" — which would be the most effective way to get emergency medical care for

an ill immigrant, Nicely said. "I have no interest in keeping them from providing humanitarian aid. Quite the contrary."

But he said he's made it clear to Fife and others that "there are no free zones in the Tucson sector. There is not an avenue of ingress where Border Patrol agents do not patrol."

"It doesn't matter who you are, humanitarian, Minuteman or just a citizen, if you're transporting an illegal alien then you're breaking the law. You're smuggling an illegal alien," says Johnny Bernal, a supervisory Border Patrol agent in Tucson.

This is fine with Chris Simcox, founder of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, which has gained attention with its civilian patrols along the border.

"I think once and for all, hopefully, this will be a deterrent to break up this underground railroad," he said. "These people have a network with churches as sanctuaries to help people enter our country illegally. How do they know they're not assisting a rapist or criminal?"

But Fife, the activist minister, says instead of arresting volunteers, the Border Patrol should negotiate with them.

Regardless of the outcome of the case against Sellz and Strauss, he said, "we're not going to stop helping these people. We can't stop."

"As people of faith and conscience, with all of those poor hard-working, God-fearing desperate migrants dying in the Sonora desert for no reason at all except for a failed border strategy, we've got to be out there providing whatever humanitarian aid we can."

Before they left for the church with the three Mexicans, Sellz and Strauss followed procedure and got the go-ahead from a lawyer. During the past two summers, Sellz says she transported eight or 10 other people for medical care without incident.

And so they were shocked to find themselves locked in cells for two days last July.

Sellz — a 23-year-old former Americorps volunteer who has interned with an ecological preserve in Ecuador and worked in food co-ops — grows very worried when she considers the prospect of 15 years in federal prison.

Daniel Strauss, 24 and newly married, is more sanguine. When he was in college, he visited the U.S.-Mexico border as part of a sociology course on immigration. "I saw how hard of a life it was for them, to make a living, to be with their families. When I found out what they had to go through just to get into this country, to make an honest living, it amazed me," he said.

This has been an exciting time, he says. He's famous in the world of migrants, his smiling face appearing on Spanish-language television news broadcasts so frequently that he's often recognized at the immigrant center where he works in Jackson, Wyo.

Both say regardless of the consequences, they intend to return to the Arizona next summer, and resume their work with No More Deaths.

"I do not, in no way, think what we're doing is wrong," says Sellz.



INTERNATIONAL

Program against smugglers expanded

BY IOAN GRILLO

Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY — Mexico and the United States announced Tuesday they will expand a joint program to crack down on people smugglers, an action that coincides with the start of the peak season of undocumented migrants sneaking north over the border.

The OASISS Program, an intelligence sharing initiative aimed at arresting and prosecuting smugglers, will now operate from San Diego, Calif., to El Paso, Texas, Mexico's Foreign Relations Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced in news releases. The program was first introduced in August and applied to the areas between San Diego and Yuma, Ariz.

Under the initiative, Mexican and U.S. agents share real-time information on the movements of traffickers and exchange evidence to prosecute them in court.

The program already has helped put 120 migrant traffickers in prison, President Vicente Fox said last week.

"Securing the border is a shared responsibility. And we must continue to build and foster our strong partnership with the Government of Mexico," Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said in a news released issued from Washington.

The number of undocumented migrants trying to sneak over the U.S. Mexico border traditionally hits the highest levels between April and September, despite the sweltering summer heat.

U.S. attempts to tighten border security since 1994

have led to a massive growth of people-trafficking gangs, which normally charge about \$1,200 to get migrants into the United States.

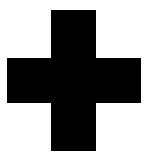
Smugglers often take migrants into dangerous tracts of desert where they leave them with little water. Last year, 415 people perished trying to make the crossing, surpassing the previous record of 383 set in 2000.

Furthermore, a record 1.2 million people were arrested trying to sneak over the border in 2005, up from 1.16 million in 2004.

Congress is currently debating several changes to immigration and border security laws. Under consideration are bills that would tighten security and punish undocumented migrants and proposals that would increase work and citizenship opportunities for them.

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Newly released documents reflect anger and anguish of detainees

BY ANDREW SELSKY

Associated Press Writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Anguish. Anger. Resignation. More than 2,700 pages of documents released by the Pentagon in response to an Associated Press lawsuit are saturated with emotion from detainees held in this U.S. military base.

About 715 prisoners have passed through the cells of Guantanamo Bay on Cuba's southeastern coast since the U.S. base began receiving men captured in Washington's war on terror more than four years ago.

Some have divulged information that has helped Washington battle al-Qaida, which launched the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said in Washington. But, in transcripts of hearings held at Guantanamo Bay, many detainees steadfastly proclaim their innocence, saying they were wrongly swept up in Afghanistan and other locales.

"I'm a poor guy," one Afghan detainee tells his U.S. military tribunal, according to the newly declassified documents. "I don't know why you brought me here and make me sit here."

"You are here because Americans thought you shot at them when they were looking for very dangerous things," the unidentified presiding U.S. officer responded. "That is why you are here."

"Nobody believes me so my words are nothing," the unidentified detainee shot back, adding: "Why have I been sitting here for three years?"

At the yellow cinderblock tribunal building overlooking the deep blue waters of the Caribbean, other detainees have pleaded for freedom as U.S. military officers painstakingly tried to find holes in their stories.

"My conscience is clear," said Algerian detainee Mohamed Nechla, who was accused of plotting to attack the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia. "If I left this place my only concern would be bread on the table for my wife and children."

The hearings — called Administrative Review Boards — were held to determine whether detainees still posed threats to the United States.

Adventurers are detained in Russia after crossing the ice-covered Bering Strait

BY MARIA DANILOVA

Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — Russian authorities have detained an American and a British citizen in the far east after the pair made a rare crossing by foot of a frozen 56-mile stretch of the Bering Strait, officials said Tuesday.

The two were arrested in Chukotka province for failing to register with the authorities, Andrei Orlov, spokesman for the Federal Security Service's (FSB) northeastern border guard division, said on NTV television. All visitors are required to register with police within three days of their arrival in Russia, even if they have visas.

Russian authorities did not identify the two or say

when they were arrested.

But one of the adventurers, Briton Karl Bushby, said on his Web site that he and Dmitry Kieffer of Anchorage, Alaska, reached Chukotka province Friday. It took them 15 days to walk the 56 miles from Alaska to Russian territory.

The Web site said Bushby, a 36-year-old former paratrooper, made the crossing as part of a round-the-world walk that began in 1998 at the southern tip of South America.

Bushby's father, Keith, of Hereford, England, confirmed the two had arrived in Russia on Friday and had been detained sometime after that, though he did not know exactly when.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Williams surrenders in assault case

By The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Hank Williams Jr. surrendered to police Tuesday on a warrant issued in an alleged assault on a hotel waitress last month, a charge his publicist claimed is driven by “greed.”

Holly Hornbeak, 19, has told police she was waiting tables at the Peabody Hotel’s lobby bar March 18 when the country superstar asked to kiss her and lifted her off the ground in a chokehold. No charges were issued in the case until an arrest warrant was taken out Monday.

In a release headlined, “Hank Jr. victim of greed,” publicist Kirt Webster said Tuesday that Williams received a March 21 letter from Hornbeak’s lawyer seeking “an outlandish amount of money.” Webster contended Hornbeak decided to press charges because Williams refused to meet the demands.

The country singer cut short a hunting trip to return to Memphis and surrender to the sheriff’s department, Webster said.

Williams, 56, has been in Memphis since his daughters Holly Williams, 25, and Hilary Williams, 27, were seriously injured in a March 15 car crash near Dundee, Miss.

Webster told The Associated Press on Monday that Williams hasn’t been interviewed by police.

“There’s nothing to say,” Webster said. “He doesn’t know what all the allegations are and what the charges are.”

Hilary Williams underwent another minor surgery Monday, and doctors were discussing moving her to a Nashville hospital in coming weeks, Webster said.

Holly Williams has been released from the hospital.

Hank Williams Jr. has had a string of No. 1 hits including “Family Tradition” and “All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight.” He has sung the theme for ABC’s “Monday Night Football” since 1989.

His father, a star in the late 1940s to early 1950s, had hits such as “Your Cheatin’ Heart” and “I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry.” He died Jan. 1, 1953, when Hank Jr. was 3.

UNITED NATIONS — Shakira and Czech super-model Karolina Kurkova received awards for their humanitarian work and then watched a fashion show featuring clothes partly made by women

trying to escape poverty in developing countries.

More than 400 fans and fashionistas joined VIP guests Monday for the two events and a panel on Poverty, Women and Human Rights. It focused on the success of microcredit loans, which hundreds of millions of women have used to start businesses, and the need to help the 1 billion people who still live on \$1 a day or less.

“Let’s not forget at the end of this day when we all go home, 960 children will have died in Latin America,” the 29-year-old singer said after accepting her award for starting a charitable foundation, Barefoot, to help children in her native Colombia escape violence.

“As part of a generation that has so many ideas and technologies and things that my parents’ generation didn’t have access to ... let’s take advantage of this historical opportunity we have within reach to make this world a better place,” she said.

Kurkova was honored for working for the welfare of children through organizations such as The Beautiful Life Fund and Free Arts.

The nonprofit organization Women Together, which is concentrating on providing small loans so low-income women can produce textiles, sponsored the awards and the fashion show. The high-fashion clothes were made in part by women from Colombia, Panama, India, Uruguay, Bangladesh, Mexico, Morocco, Peru and Salvador de Bahia in Brazil.

LOS ANGELES — A hearing in federal court on whether Warren Beatty owns the film rights to the Dick Tracy comic book character has ended without a ruling.

Beatty produced, directed and starred as the sharp-jawed detective in a 1990 movie released by The Walt Disney Co.

The 69-year-old actor-director wants to make a sequel. He sued Tribune Media Services last year claiming he owns the film rights as the result of a deal he made in 1985.

Tribune Media Services has argued it holds the film rights to the character. The company is a division of Chicago-based Tribune Co., which owns radio and TV stations nationwide and newspapers including the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times.

Last year, U.S. District Judge Dean Pregerson ruled the lawsuit could go forward.

On Monday, Pregerson heard arguments on Tribune’s motion to rule on its behalf. Beatty wasn’t in the courtroom.

Maura Wogan, a Tribune Co. lawyer, argued that a deal Beatty made with Disney to reserve rights to make a Tracy film required permission from Tribune to be valid.

Beatty’s lawyer, Bert Fields, argued his client didn’t need consent to reserve the rights.

NEW YORK — Best-selling mystery author Dick Francis is ending a six-year hiatus and publishing his first book since the death of his wife and collaborator, Mary Francis.

This fall, G.P. Putnam’s Sons will release “Under Orders,” his 39th novel.

“I am delighted that ... my family has talked me back into the literary saddle,” the British author, 85, said Tuesday in a statement.

Francis, author of popular works such as “Come to Grief” and “Wild Horses,” had worked closely with his wife, who served as his editor, researcher and even co-author. For decades, he averaged a book a year, but had released nothing since her death, in 2000.

“Speaking for everyone here at Putnam, I am thrilled that Dick Francis has returned from his hiatus and delivered such an exceptional new work,” Putnam President Ivan Held said in a statement.

NEW YORK — Joseph Wambaugh is back on the LAPD literary beat.

Wambaugh’s “Hollywood Station,” featuring a sergeant named Oracle, will be published by Little, Brown and Company at the end of the year.

It will be his first book set in Los Angeles since “The Delta Star” in 1983. The former LAPD detective is also the author of “The Onion Field,” “The Blue Knight,” “The Choirboys,” “The Bleeding” and “The Golden Orange.”

“Joseph Wambaugh is a hero to today’s crime writers, and ‘Hollywood Station’ will school them all: to this day, no one writes about cops’ lives with his force and immediacy,” Michael Pietsch, publisher of Little, Brown, said Monday in a statement.

Wambaugh also created the TV series “Police Story.”

Traveler walking around world

BERING STRAIT, from page 14

In a posting dated Friday, March 31, Karl Bushby’s Web site said he and Kieffer were in the village of Uelen, near the point where the Bering Sea meets the Chukchi Sea, about 560 miles northwest of the provincial capital Anadyr.

Keith Bushby said the travelers were headed south down the coast en route to the city of Provideniya, about 380 miles northeast of Anadyr, to officially register with Russian authorities. But they were stopped on their way there in the small village of Lavrenty, about 500 miles northwest of Anadyr.

They did not enter the country at a border crossing, so they had no stamps in their passports.

“Because they were walking across the Bering Strait, they could not take the normal route. Consequently, they didn’t have the correct stamps and a landing permit,” Keith Bushby told The Associated Press.

“We don’t blame the Russian bodyguards because they are doing their job. Karl fully expected a problem, because he knew this would happen.”

He added that his son was feeling fine but was upset that his trip through Russia could be cut short if the authorities deny him permission to continue his travels.

“He will be worried that the authorities will not let him walk any further in Russia,” Keith Bushby said.

Orlov said the detained men had Russian business visas but failed to complete registration procedures as foreigners are required to do. The pair also had satellite phones, GPS mapping equipment, a video camera and a pistol, he said.

“So far, the actions of these tourists is unclear, so to speak, and an investigation is being conducted,” Orlov said.

The ITAR-Tass news agency quoted FSB spokesman Vadim Shibayev as saying the two

were accused of illegal border crossing and are currently being questioned by authorities.

“The American and the Briton did not notify the Russian side through official channels of their (border) crossing, which not only violated border legislation, but also put their lives in serious danger,” Shibayev was quoted as saying.

The U.S. Embassy said its consulate in the Russian Pacific port of Vladivostok was handling the incident, but it could not confirm the identities of the travelers.

Staff at the British Embassy said they were aware of media reports and were getting in touch with Russian authorities in Chukotka but could not verify the information or provide more details.

Bushby wants to be the first person to walk all the way around the world, his Web site says. Since the beginning of his journey on Nov. 1, 1998, he has covered 17,000 miles, walking through South, Central and North America.

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The Hills Have Eyes
2:45pm 5:25pm 8pm 10:30pm
Larry the Cable Guy:
Health Inspector
1:30pm 4:05pm
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2:15pm 5pm 7:40pm 10:15pm
Basic Instinct 2
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11:40am 2:10pm 4:40pm 7:20 pm
9:50pm
V for Vendetta
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Ice Age: The Meltdown
11am 11:30am 12:10am 1pm 1:50pm
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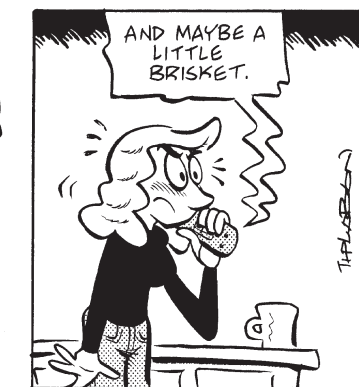


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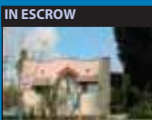


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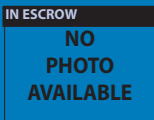
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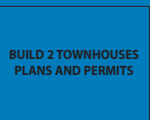
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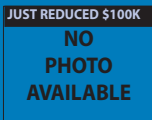
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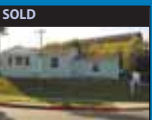
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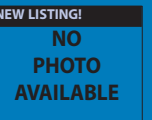
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