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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

The annual for-real crucifixion rituals in San Pedro Cutud, Philippines, took place again this Easter, with at least nine martyrs allowing themselves to be nailed to crosses. Among those scheduled was Scottish media personality (and lapsed Catholic) Dominick Diamond, who publicly vowed in February to endure the 4-inch nails this year as a way of spiritualizing himself. However, when his time came, Diamond knelt before the cross, prayed, contemplated the blood and pain of those before him, started crying and was taken away in an ambulance, as the unforgiving crowd jeered.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 147th day of 2006.
There are 218 days left in the year.

On May 27, 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif., was opened to the public.

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File Photo

STORIES UNFOLD The Santa Monica Public Library — which includes features such as air filters, a sunlight reflecting roof and low-flow restroom facilities — received an Architectural Award from the Los Angeles Business Council for its “sustainability.”

Santa Monica's reshaping gets some attention

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — No longer the cozy little beach town of yesteryear, characterized by blocks of bungalows and garden apartment buildings, the city of Santa Monica is remaking its image in a decidedly forward-thinking arena — contemporary architecture.

Six projects, all located within the city's eight square miles, were recently honored by the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) as being “the best of the breed” of the region's architectural projects.

“Santa Monica is a big winner this year,” said the Council's Christy Moody, alluding to the city's grip of honors at the 36th Annual Los Angeles Architectural Awards. All told, Santa Monica claimed six of the total 19 awards, as chosen by a nine-member jury of architects, contractors and developers.

The project teams for The Santa

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Doing the Davies

Unanimous vote puts beach club renovation into motion

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Despite threats of a lawsuit by six beachfront property owners, the City Council on Thursday unanimously approved plans to turn the historic Marion

Davies estate into the city's first public beach club.

The project, which will be funded primarily through a \$28 million grant from the Annenberg Foundation, will preserve and restore existing portions of the estate while adding elements to benefit the public,

including public meeting rooms, an expanded beach house, pool, cafe and expanded areas for beach activities.

The move was hailed as a major victory for residents, many of whom staged a “beach party” rally earlier

See **BEACH CLUB**, page 14

Tiny Hawk



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Odin Saric, 2 and still wearing diapers, does an ollie on his skateboard along the Santa Monica boardwalk. Saric has been riding skateboards since he was just 9 months old.

City warms to idle chatter at airport

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Siding with residents concerned about airport pollution, the City Council on Thursday voted in support of a bill requiring Santa Monica Airport staff to monitor and record the length of

time aircraft engines are left idling.

However, with that support comes conditions, the most important being funding. If AB 2501 is approved by the state Legislature and signed by the governor, it must include money to pay for the monitoring, estimated to cost City Hall around \$400,000, council members

said. If costs to the city look like they may exceed \$35,000, the council directed staff to immediately draft an ordinance in opposition to AB 2501, known in Sacramento as the “Santa Monica Airport bill.”

City Hall has a policy against

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CORRECTION

The notice of proposed adoption of a developer fee study and the increase of the statutory school fee.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Get to the bottom of an idea, which could actually make your domestic or personal life a lot more rewarding and happy. Excess and a lot of communication impact you. Think positively when dealing with those around you. Tonight: Out and about. Do your Friday-night thing.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your energy defines your plans. Please be aware that others often don't have the same vitality — not that they want to. Think twice before you leap into action. Many opportunities surround you and those you care about. Tonight: Make it your treat. Don't let the unexpected upset you.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Consider your options this morning, especially if you're involved with a major expenditure. This afternoon, the Moon highlights you, making nearly anything possible. You might want to rethink a decision, as you feel better and better. Bosses could be contrary. Tonight: As you like it — finally.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Use the morning to move on prime issues or situations. Your energy definitely works with others. You see others energized and wanting to do more. Listen to your instincts, understanding that many levels surround a decision. New information could put a different slant on an issue. Tonight: Easy does it.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You are in command of whatever you consider your prime domain. Accept responsibility with your innate style while at the same time looking to success. The good news is, you will be celebrating before you know it. Tonight: Easy does it. A partner is full of surprises.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You have the privilege of seeing situations quite differently from many other people. Use this innate skill, and you will gain. Once you have a grasp on what you are seeing or experiencing, act. The moment is right. Tonight: No early bedtime for you!



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Dealing with one specific person draws the type of respect and acknowledgment you want. Investigate options rather than cause yourself a problem. You see life with renewed interest and energy this afternoon. Tonight: Go with the different invitation or idea.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Let others make decisions, and you will be far more relaxed. Allowing associates, friends and loved ones to have their way is important so that they can see the results of their actions. You might prevent someone from bucking at your leadership at a later date. Tonight: In the limelight.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You need to complete what is on your plate. You could be a bit overwhelmed by what is going down. Be willing to step back this afternoon. Others want to pitch in — why not? Know more of what you want. Tonight: Easy does it.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Investigate solutions that surround you. You might not agree with someone, but this person's opinion helps you rethink what could be a very hot problem. Do you know how to solve this issue? Gather more information. Tonight: Mosey on home.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might not be sure of yourself or as directed as you would like to be. You might feel pushed by someone you really care about. Investigate different ideas. Let your creativity surge. Ideas come from actions. Tonight: Happy to let your hair down.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might be pushed beyond your limit. Calls and requests come in from every direction. You might want to stop and think. Investigate options rather than turn them down outright. Tonight: Head home.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Synapse takes Pavilion for spin

By Daily Press staff

Cutting loose from the conventions of the closed proscenium theater, Santa Monica College's Synapse Dance Theater has been performing in a variety of unconventional spaces all semester, with two final concerts set for June 2 at the SMC Pavilion.

The student dance company will perform an eclectic program of original work that includes modern dance, jazz, hip-hop and mixed media. Performances are at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The company has been presenting works throughout campus — including a

parking structure — and on the Third Street Promenade, the Venice Boardwalk, area middle and high schools, and at college dance festivals. Works will include choreography by Synapse Artistic Director Linda Gold and guest artists Cati Jean and Nguyen Nguyen.

Student choreographers include Marshall Bang, Dawid Bienkowski, Janelle Green, Cricket Hamar, Merdean Munez, and Theryl Smith. Their work also was performed at the American College Dance Festival in March at Montclair State University in New Jersey.

Gold is a dancer/choreographer who has toured throughout the world, consistently winning critical praise from such publications as the New York Times. Her recent performances in Spirit Dances 6 and The World Festival of Sacred Music in Los Angeles were commended by the Los Angeles Times. A member of Dance Films Association, she has been part of selection juries for the American Choreography Awards presented by the Academy of Dance on Film.

Synapse, SMC's contemporary dance ensemble, performs regularly at SMC and throughout the Southwest. Past performances have included the Getty Center, Cast Theater in Hollywood, Highways Performance Space in Santa Monica, Electric Lodge in Venice, and American College Dance Festivals in New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$12 for students and senior citizens. Call (310) 434-3000.

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3"	120" - 144"	7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	50	7/28

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MOUNTAIN HIGH
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NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	12" - 18"	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	20	3/4

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SNOW VALLEY
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HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	12:25AM	1.43FT	12:12PM	0.48FT
HIGH TIDE	6:05AM	4.06FT	6:48PM	5.40FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	1:23AM	0.56FT	12:54PM	0.83FT
HIGH TIDE	7:16AM	3.97FT	7:20PM	5.91FT
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:13AM	-0.22FT	1:32PM	1.19FT
HIGH TIDE	8:19AM	3.90FT	7:57PM	6.32FT
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:00AM	-0.82FT	2:11PM	1.54FT
HIGH TIDE	9:17AM	3.83FT	8:32PM	6.55FT
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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The QLine

Tales Of The Tape

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you have a more or less favorable view of the city in light of 123 surveillance cameras being installed throughout downtown Santa Monica? Why?
Here are your responses:

- © "The surveillance cameras are long overdue but we need them all over the city. Not necessarily because of foreign terrorists but because of the thousands of homegrown cruds the City Council has encouraged to overrun our city. The bums, drug addicts, alcoholics, criminals and freeloaders, that's what we really need protection from."
- © "The freedom and liberty clause of the United States Constitution does not provide protection for criminals who murder, rob, mug and rape. Unfortunately we are living in a time that dictates the use of cameras to detect the innocent. Santa Monica is only installing the cameras, not causing the need for them."
- © "Well, as a long-time resident of this city, I think the surveillance cameras are a wonderful idea because there are quite a few thugs. I am handicapped, I used a wheelchair and I mean, I can walk with a walker. I go down to the Third Street Promenade to the Farmers' Market days and other times and sometimes those characters are a bit creepy. So I welcome the addition of the cameras, as long as they don't survey what we are doing personally."
- © "I very much approve of having those cameras on the Promenade, the Pier and in the alleys downtown. I think it would be very beneficial for many things — not only tourists but helping to monitor some of the homeless situations. I think it is money well spent."
- © "One-hundred-twenty-three cameras in tourist-heavy areas such as the Promenade and Pier. Seems like they'd be able to look at your cavities. Face it, 123 cameras is over the whole city. I guess I could accept that if
- we could have 123 cameras in City Hall and the police department offices that we could monitor."
- © "Don't flatter yourself Santa Monica, there's no reason to watch Santa Monica because there is nothing worth blowing up. The only reason those cameras are being put there is so Big Brother can watch you and that means watching people, not the bums. They are the ones that they should be watching instead of watching innocent people doing normal things. They should be watching what the bums are doing such as soiling the alleys, stealing shopping carts and shoplifting. Do something about that."
- © "Let's see, the pier costs the taxpayers \$2.5 million a year; \$13 million for a breakwater. Yes, we need cameras to protect our negative investment. The mall, — I wonder what percentage of residents buy something at this boring, has-been place. The only thing Chief Butts and his high security clearance janitor will see in the alleys is bums. Excuse me, non-motivated, malcontents is one urinating on a wall. What's next? A cashless society? Biometric chip implants? Mandatory personal GPS? I smell something burning. Could it be freedom?"
- © "If you have nothing to hide you need not fear Big Brother watching you. Terrorists may be lurking on every street, in any home. Osama bin Laden may be planting bombs in your toilet right now. We'll never be safe until we have cameras on every street, in every building, in every bedroom. The war on drugs took away most of our rights and now 9-11 will take away the rest. Remember the Alamo. Remember 9-11. 9-11. 9-11."

The Ambien effect: Get things done while sleeping it off



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

One of the weirdest news stories in recent months has been a suggested link between Ambien sleep medication and activities such as sleepwalking, sleep driving and sleep eating. Just as TV commercials for medicines spend as much time issuing their disclaimers as they do advertising their products, I must make my disclaimers now: Researchers are not certain that there is a definite link between Ambien and these activities. And a very small minority of people taking Ambien end up doing these things. So, most of the stories that we read about are not scientific studies, but are anecdotal. But some of these anecdotes are doozies.

There are stories of people who drive their cars while still in a sleepwalking mode and have accidents — most recently Congressman Patrick Kennedy. And there are stories of people who get up in the middle of

the night, eat enormous amounts of food, don't remember eating, but find clues like candy bar wrappers and weight gains. Others claim to have committed crimes while sleepwalking like shoplifting or even physically attacking another person. And one doctor says that he has had passengers who've been in this state on airplanes and signed contracts with businessmen sitting next to them. And I thought a little drowsiness after a sleeping pill was an unfortunate side effect.

Janet Makinen went "from wearing a size 1 to wearing a size 12. I would eat raw eggs. I would eat a half gallon of ice cream. I would eat a bag of potato chips, a loaf of bread." She would find evidence of her "sleep binging" the next day, but had no memory of doing it. Helen Cary, says that her husband witnessed her getting a "package of hamburger buns and I just tore it open like a grizzly bear and just stood there and ate the whole package." Brenda Pobre claims that she gained 100 pounds from eating things that she can't remember eating in the middle of the night. For months, she blamed the candy bar wrappers next to her bed and the popsicle sticks on the floor on her husband and sons before finally believing that she was

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarifying School Board's role

Editor:

I am writing to clarify for the public a statement in your recent article about Santa Monica High School "A house divided over at Samohi" (SMDP, May 20-21, page 1). On page 14, you wrote: "Parent groups have called for the dismissal of (Principal Ilene) Straus repeatedly over the last school year ... A group that has been highly critical of Straus is The Unity Coalition ... The coalition brought the matter before the school board earlier this year, but managed to get just two votes to discuss the issue, one from Oscar de la Torre and the other from María León Vázquez ..."

What Mr. de la Torre proposed, and Ms. León Vázquez supported, during the March 9 School Board meeting was that the board adjourn into closed session in order to evaluate the effectiveness and leadership of the Samohi administration, including Dr. Straus. I objected vigorously, not because I shy away from discussing how to make Samohi a better school for all students — indeed, numerous board meetings in the last five years have dealt with this issue — but because it is the job of the superintendent, not the School Board, to evaluate school principals. Judging from what my other colleagues said on the dais when they opposed Mr. de la Torre's motion, I believe this was their reasoning as well.

It is certainly the responsibility of School Board members to share their views about principals with the superintendent, and it is the duty of the superintendent to consider those views — as well as the views of teachers, parents and students — when evaluating principals. However, for the School Board to usurp the role of the superintendent and evaluate principals would set a dangerous precedent and send a chilling message to principals: That they need to worry about remaining in the good graces of School Board members. Wouldn't principals avoid making tough but necessary decisions for their schools out of fear that they might upset a School Board member? Wouldn't principals feel pressured to do what individual board members wanted even if they disagreed? Wouldn't talented administrators from other districts hesitate to take positions in our district out of concern that the School Board might punish them for doing something a board member didn't like?

The integrity and credibility of our school district depend to a considerable extent on the School Board's integrity, ethics and adherence to proper procedures. The trust and confidence of our employees and community are essential and merit careful handling.

The opinions in this letter are my own and do not necessarily reflect the views of my School Board colleagues.

José J. Escarce

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the one doing the eating.

This being America, there have already been some lawsuits filed against the drug manufacturer. I assume this was done while the plaintiffs were awake.

Sleepwalking has long been a part of movies and scary literature. In real life, people don't sleepwalk with their eyes closed and their hands outstretched. Sleepwalkers walk around with their eyes open. They can see while they go about their activities. It's a myth that you should not wake a sleepwalker. Believe me, if you see your spouse reaching for his or her car keys while still asleep, it's a good idea to wake them up. Similarly, if someone close to you is about to polish off a package of hamburger buns, experts would suggest your waking him up and escorting him back to bed.

What's always fascinated me — and has piqued my curiosity once again — is why are most, if not all, the tales we hear about sleepwalking negative ones? We hear about over eating, dangerous driving, and assaulting people while individuals are asleep. How come we don't hear about overweight sleepwalkers exercising in their sleep? Why don't we hear about people who get out of bed and

clean the house while still technically asleep? Why don't we read about people who get up in the middle of the night and write a novel in their sleep? Shoplifting appears to be a relatively popular crime among some sleepwalkers. Why isn't it just as popular for sleepwalkers to go to a store and straighten out all the inventory? We may read about people who supposedly commit violent crimes while sleepwalking, but I've never heard of one who donated a kidney at three in the morning and then went back to bed.

I think this is where the scientific research should be focused rather than on the possible side effects of one specific medication. If they could figure out a way for us to accomplish good things in our sleep, maybe some future scientists will win the Nobel Prize. And if they're really good at what they do, they'll be able to do their research in their sleep.

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STATE BRIEFS

Councilman killed in accident

By The Associated Press

ORANGE — City Councilman Steven Frank Ambriz was killed in a head-on collision with a motorist driving against traffic, authorities said.

The other driver, Lynn Ward, 30, of Walnut was hospitalized in critical condition and arrested for investigation of vehicular manslaughter following the Thursday afternoon collision, officials said.

Ambriz, 35, had been on the council since 2002. He was also a manager with the County of Orange Health Care Agency.

He previously worked for then-Supervisor Todd Spitzer, advancing from field representative to chief of staff.

Ambriz was a lifelong Orange resident, graduating from Orange High School in 1988 and California State University, Fullerton, in 1994.

He is survived by his wife, Bridget, and daughter Kaitlyn, 3.

County antes up to stop sex offenders

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE — County officials are dedicating \$5.3 million to what they are calling the state’s most ambitious program to keep registered sex offenders from striking again.

A task force of various law enforcement agencies will monitor the nearly 3,400 registered offenders living in Riverside County, officials said Thursday.

“If this saves just one life, if it protects just one child our citizens’ money will be well-spent,” said District Attorney Grover Trask.

The program will bring together members of the state Justice Department, Department of Corrections, district attorney’s office, Sheriff’s Department and other local agencies.

Mexican national headed for jail in fraud case

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA — A Mexican national was sentenced to a year in jail after admitting his participation in the largest immigration-fraud case ever in Orange County.

Ulises Fernandez pleaded guilty Thursday to two felony counts of conspiracy for his work at an agency accused of bilking more than 2,000 illegal immigrants seeking legal residency.

The now-defunct La Guadalupana Immigration Services fraudulently charged illegal immigrants about \$5,000 each for help filing asylum papers, officials said.

Most of the agency’s clients were never eligible for asylum status, and were ordered to leave the country.

Deputy District Attorney Byron Nelson said Fernandez had a small role in the \$3.8 million scheme, mainly driving immigrants to court hearings and did administrative work for the firm.

Fernandez will be deported to Mexico after he’s served his jail time, officials said.

X-ray tech accused of secretly taping

By The Associated Press

TORRANCE — An X-ray technician accused of secretly videotaping female patients as they undressed at a Manhattan Beach medical clinic pleaded not guilty to 15 counts of invasion of privacy and one count of annoying or molesting a child.

Jose Mauricio Contreras, 40, of Los Angeles was ordered held on \$320,000 bail at his arraignment and bail hearing Thursday.

Contreras was arrested Wednesday after an investigation that began when a 15-year-old girl noticed a video camera while she was at the UCLA Healthcare clinic getting an X-ray.

A search of Contreras’ residence uncovered video of patients, plus photographs of the girl who reported him, Deputy District Attorney Jodi Link alleged.

The charges Contreras faces are all misdemeanors, but could send him to jail for eight years if he’s convicted.

A UCLA statement confirmed the investigation of a “patient-related incident” at the clinic and said that “the employee in question is no longer employed by UCLA Healthcare.”

Distraught woman gets stuck in duct

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A distraught woman charged onto a construction site in the Hollywood Hills, climbed into in an air conditioning duct and had to be coaxed out.

The woman, who was not identified, made her way past workers Thursday and into the mansion they were building, Fire Department spokesman Ron Myers said.

The woman climbed a ladder to the 16-inch-diameter duct and shimmied her way about 50 feet into the shaft.

Forty-three firefighters were called in rescue the woman but she eventually came out on her own.

“It was literally an inch-by-inch thing,” Myers said. “She suffered some minor scrapes and scratches and was checked out in a local emergency room.”

Myers said the woman was visibly upset when she entered the construction site, but investigators did not know what was bothering her.

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Fox concluding visit seen as controversial

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Mexican President Vicente Fox began wrapping up a U.S. visit Friday that anti-illegal immigration groups slammed as an attempt to influence congressional debate and immigrant supporters praised for recognizing Mexico's responsibility in a binational issue.

Fox's afternoon agenda in a city heavily influenced by Mexican culture included meetings with two fellow proponents of immigration reform, Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Both have been high-profile supporters of marches that brought hundreds of thousands of immigrants to the streets.

On the four-day trip through Utah, Washington and California, Fox repeatedly has said that Mexico must regulate illegal immigration and must bolster its economy so would-be immigrants no longer see leaving as an economic necessity.

"It's good he is here communicating that Mexico has a stake in legalizing the flow of immigrants," said reform proponent Tamar Jacoby, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. "That does help his cause."

Earlier Friday, Fox told business leaders in Sacramento that an increasingly advanced

Mexico offered investment opportunities for U.S. companies. But while Fox has touched on other issues, anti-illegal immigration groups argue his goal is to meddle in U.S. policy at a critical moment.

Fox's visit coincided with the Senate's passage Thursday of sweeping reform legislation that would tighten border security and create a path to citizenship for many of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants living here.

"He's a foreign government official lobbying in the United States. It's outrageous," said Mark Krikorian, head of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Immigration Studies, which supports tighter immigration controls.

Fox praised the Senate in a Thursday address to a joint session of the California Legislature. But he was careful not to criticize parts of the bill he had previously protested, such as the building a 370-mile stretch of fence along key areas of the U.S.-Mexico border.

While he's been on U.S. soil, Fox also has steered clear of criticizing President Bush's plan to deploy 6,000 National Guard troops to the border.

Regardless of how the trip is interpreted in America, it provides Fox a fringe benefit: raising the profile of his party ahead of Mexico's presidential elections July 2.

Senate approves Kempthorne to take over as interior secretary

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne won Senate approval as interior secretary on Friday after confirmation proceedings that highlighted the administration's policy on offshore energy exploration.

Kempthorne, a former senator, was confirmed on a voice vote to succeed Gale Norton as the steward of one-fifth of the nation's land — including tourist magnets as diverse as Yellowstone National Park and the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg, Pa.

The confirmation of Kempthorne, 54, was never in doubt. He was challenged by two Democrats, however, one of whom, Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida, spoke briefly on the Senate floor to emphasize his opposition.

"Senator Nelson promised Florida that he would not support an interior secretary who would advance President Bush's willingness to acquiesce to the oil lobby" by putting oil rigs off the Florida coast, said Dan McLaughlin, a spokesman for the lawmaker.

Administration policy calls for opening 3.6 million acres of the central Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas drilling.

On the other hand, Sen. Mary Landrieu,

D-La., had earlier vowed to block confirmation in protest of the administration's refusal to share a portion of offshore oil and gas royalties with Gulf Coast states.

She relented after talks with Kempthorne, and said in remarks on the Senate floor after his confirmation that she was "pleased to cast my vote" for him.

The federal government does not share offshore energy royalties with states, but it does split royalties 50-50 with states for oil and gas development in the Rocky Mountain West.

Kempthorne, in a statement released by Landrieu's office, said he was "encouraged by discussions in the Senate regarding oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, and hope they continue to be productive."

He said he had accepted Landrieu's invitation to make one of his first official trips a tour of Louisiana's wetlands. Landrieu said she hoped to improve hurricane protection, flood control and coastal restoration.

"I am pleased that he appears increasingly open to our needs," she said.

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On the front lines to save migrants' lives

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN

Associated Press Writer

IRONWOOD FOREST NATIONAL MONUMENT, Ariz. — Kathryn Ferguson edged through a thicket of tangled mesquite trees and spotted a man's legs sticking out from under some low-hanging branches.

"Oh my God!" she uttered, freezing in her tracks because at first she thought the man was dead. He was merely sleeping as he and two other illegal immigrants took a break from their journey across this stretch of desert.

Ferguson, a volunteer for a humanitarian group that tries to prevent deaths among illegal immigrants, expects to have help soon. Her organization and others say the national debate on immigration has renewed interest in their efforts, bringing many offers of assistance and donations.

"It's like this: If a major airliner crashed in the Arizona desert every year, people would be very upset about it," Ferguson said. "But it's only recently that people have taken note that 300 people die every year, like an airliner."

The escalating interest coincides with the onset of summer — the deadliest time for illegal immigrants crossing into the Southwest.

Border deaths have increased in recent years as migrants brave increasingly hostile terrain to avoid intensified enforcement in other areas.

A record 473 illegal immigrants died while trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, according to the Border Patrol. Many of the victims succumbed to the desert heat.

Groups such as the Tucson-based Samaritans send out patrols carrying food and water. If they find someone needing medical assistance, volunteers call the Border Patrol.

During a recent patrol, Ferguson pushed through brush about 25 miles north of Tucson, calling out in Spanish, "Good morning! We come to help. ... We have food and water, medical attention."

She and a colleague offered to help the three men they found napping, but the migrants refused. For the rest of the day, they found discarded water bottles and backpacks with the contents strewn on the desert floor — toothpaste, deodorant, shoes, socks — but no other migrants.

The Rev. Robin Hoover of Humane Borders, a group that maintains 81 desert water stations, said church youth groups and other volunteers from Massachusetts, New Mexico, Minnesota, Virginia and Kansas are among at least a couple hundred people who will come to Arizona this summer to help.

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Interest has risen every year since the group began in March 2001 with two water stations, Hoover said.

"It snowballs," he said. "More people get on our Web site, more send hate mail, more people send checks."

In San Diego, Enrique Morones said he has seen a similar spike in volunteers for Border Angels, a group that distributes water for migrants at about 300 sites in the Imperial Valley, east of San Diego, and in Baja California.

Morones said the group has more than 1,000 volunteers, with hundreds added in just the last few months. He anticipates getting another thousand over the next year. People often volunteer after hearing about migrant deaths along the borders.

"They go 'Wow! That's horrific!' Where before, people were dying and no one was hearing about it," Morones said.

Maryada Vallet, an organizer with No More Deaths, a coalition of religious groups and human rights advocates that organized in Arizona in 2004, said her group hopes to train 500 more new volunteers this summer.

But along with the rise in volunteerism there have also been obstacles.

Two members of No More Deaths face trial in October on charges of transporting an illegal alien. The pair say they were arrested while taking migrants for medical treatment.

No More Deaths is revising its protocols to ensure volunteers do not risk breaking the law. Aid workers must now call 911 and the Border Patrol rather than taking the immigrants to get medical treatment.

Legislation passed by the House in December also would make it a felony to assist someone trying to enter or stay in the country illegally.

Susan Wysoki, a spokeswoman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which advocates tighter border security, acknowledged the groups' humanitarian role, saying "there's no overstepping boundaries when saving lives."

But, she added, "the bottom line is that we don't want to encourage illegal behavior by encouraging these people to cross."

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Airport bill gains steam in Assembly

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supporting any legislation that involves an unfunded mandate from the state, according to council members, regardless of a given bill's purpose.

As of Friday afternoon, AB 2501 was on the Assembly floor awaiting action.

Residents living near the airport have complained for years about what they believe are toxic fumes coming from jet operations and other aircraft at the airport. Many said they have tried to force City Hall to address the issue, but so far they have received only promises and one air quality study, which is currently underway.

Frustration with the alleged lack of cooperation from City Hall led a group of Los Angeles residents living just east of the airport to contact their elected officials and draft AB 2501, forcing Santa Monica to respond.

Since the bill's introduction, members of the city's Airport Commission and the neighborhood group Friends of Sunset Park have joined in support of AB 2501. The National Resources Defense Council is also supporting the measure.

"I frequently am awash in fumes. I walk through Clover Park. I walk through Sunset Park ... and all of a sudden you are assaulted by these fumes," said Susan Hartley, an airport commissioner. "Santa Monica is an environmental Mecca. That is our reputation, and for us to back off from conducting studies that are finally looking at what is going on at the airport would be sending the wrong message."

The bill's author, Assemblyman Ted Lieu, D-El Segundo, said he was pleased with the council's decision and pledged to work with representatives from City Hall on amending the bill so that it can include cost-saving measures, such as requiring only the monitoring of jets during regular hours of operation. Lieu said other amendments are in the works to address the council's concerns.

However, those amendments may not come until after the bill is passed by the Assembly.

"Because of how the legislative process works, we may have to add those amendments on the Senate side," the assemblyman said. "We certainly know the council's concerns and we are doing everything we can to make this less costly for the city."

What kind of relationship the council will have with Lieu remains to be seen after some members criticized the law-maker for failing to contact them before the bill was introduced. Elected officials said they knew nothing of the bill until it was well on its way to the Assembly floor, prompting Mayor Bob Holbrook to fire off a letter of opposition before the full council had a chance to publicly debate the issue. Holbrook said he was acting on the council's behalf because of a previous agreement that the council would not support an unfunded mandate by the sate.

"Frankly, this was a sneak attack on the city of Santa



COUNCIL COUNTDOWN

The following is a summation of what went on in the Santa Monica City Council chambers May 25 during a special meeting of the council, including a timeline, notable public comments and excerpts taken.

5:45 p.m. Mayor Bob Holbrook calls the meeting to order. Council moves into closed sessions to discuss litigation against the city.

6:38 p.m. Council returns from closed session. There is no news to report. Council hears appeals from property owners opposed to conditions surrounding the creation and operation of a public beach club at the old Marion Davies estate at 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

7:47 p.m. Public comment on the public beach club begins, with more than 69 residents requesting to speak.

8:12 p.m. Public comment ends.

9:15 p.m. Council approves the final environmental impact report for the public beach club project. Council votes to reject the appeals of property owners opposed to conditions of the beach club. However, the council instructs staff to file a request for a street light at the proposed beach club's entrance, a condition requested by property owners. The council also holds first reading of two ordinances that would strengthen a resident's ability to hold the City Hall accountable if a project does not comply with conditions of its land use permit.

9:32 p.m. Council returns from a short bathroom break and adopts laws relating to auto dealerships, their parking structures and storage lots; development designs for projects downtown; and the retention of grocery workers involving the transfer of ownership of large grocery stores. All three ordinances were introduced May 9.

10:17 p.m. Council holds public hearing regarding modification to the city's affordable housing requirements for private developers.

11:10 p.m. Public hearing ends. Council puts the affordable housing issue aside and orders staff to draft an ordinance reflecting changes discussed.

Council holds a public hearing regarding an airport monitoring bill in the state Assembly that would require City Hall to record the idling times of aircraft.

12:25 a.m. Public hearing ends.

1:30 a.m. Council votes to continue working with legislators on amending the bill so that it includes funding to conduct the monitoring.

1:33 a.m. Council estimates the bill would require an expenditure of roughly \$400,000.

1:34 a.m. Staff returns with a proposed formula for calculating affordable housing requirements. Council moves to adopt the formula, amending the affordable housing development provisions of the municipal code related to condos in multi-family zones, including a voluntary option to provide rental units and adjusting the income level to be eligible for affordable units.

Council hears complaints from residents regarding the law regulating hedge heights on private property.

2:29 a.m.

Public comment ends. Mayor Holbrook says he will bring the ordinance back in the near future so the council can consider changes.

2:30 a.m. Council holds a public hearing regarding the "Anderson Initiative," a proposed measure that may appear on the November ballot. If approved the initiative would restrict a local governing body's ability to downsize development areas of the city.

2:43 a.m. Public comment ends. Council directs staff to immediately conduct research, schedule hearings, develop strategies and timelines, draft ordinances and prepare appropriate adjustments in zoning and other codes to protect City Hall's flexibility in zoning as residents make changes to land use.

2:55 a.m. Council adjourns.

Monica, and that's deplorable," Councilman Richard Bloom said. "We found out about this almost by accident. There's something wrong with this picture. This is not how things are supposed to work. We should be working together to find solutions to what is a regional problem with airport pollution."

Lieu said his staff had notified City Hall of the bill, but regrets any misunderstanding.

If approved as is, the bill would require airport staff to

monitor all aircraft, including helicopters and blimps. What they would be looking at are the idling times of those aircraft to determine how much pollution is being created.

If the monitoring shows significant levels of toxic fumes being created by idling, Lieu's hope is that the legislature can force Los Angeles International Airport to review its landing and take-off procedures to cut back on idling times, as planes flying in and out of Santa Monica must receive clearance from LAX.

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Pacific Coast Highway resident Jonathan Ornstein who said he has seen several motorists killed on PCH near the site of a proposed beach club. Ornstein said he will sue City Hall if the council moves forward with the beach club without ensuring a traffic light will be built near the entrance.

"I learned to swim in that pool. I have a 2-year-old son. I'd like him to do the same."

Santa Monica Conservancy Vice-President John Zinner, on the historic pool scheduled for rehabilitation under the plan for the public beach club. Zinner supports the project.

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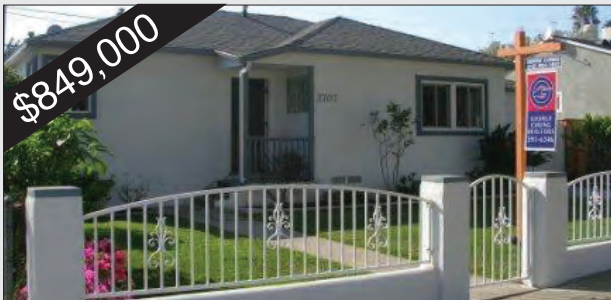
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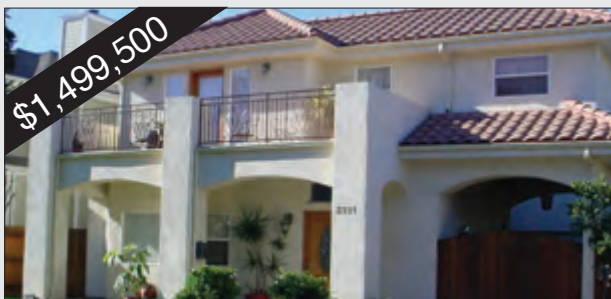
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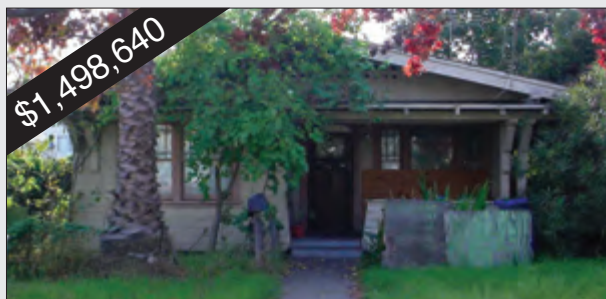
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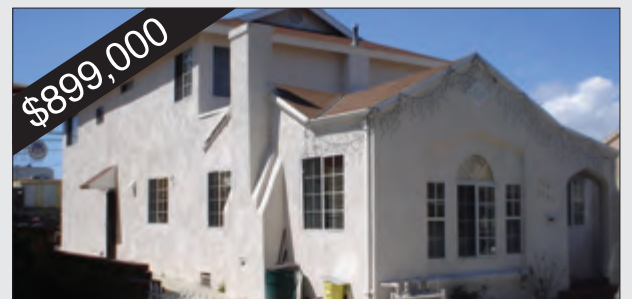
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If you are looking for an escape from Southern California that is rustic and luxurious, serene and private, and allows you to reach your destination by car within about five hours of Santa Monica, look no more. Along Highway 1, flanked by the majestic Santa Lucia Mountains and the rocky Pacific Coast is the Ventana Inn & Spa in Big Sur.

To break up the drive from Santa Monica, you may want to stop at some of the vineyards in central California for wine tasting, or have lunch at one of the restaurants in Cambria. Then continue on to Big Sur. Situated on 243 acres of land, 1,200 feet above the Pacific Ocean, the architects and planners truly understood the power of the setting. The pictures and descriptions of Ventana do not come close to the reality of

its beauty and grandeur. Movie producer Lawrence A. Spector built the Ventana Inn in 1975 with his earnings from the movie "Easy Rider." It has been host to a long list of celebrities who have stayed there, and it's easy to see why. With 60 spacious guest rooms, suites and private houses, each comes with a private balcony or patio and panoramic views of either the ocean or the hills of the Big Sur coast. Most rooms and suites have fireplaces.

We started our Ventana stay with a glass of wine during the registration process, which was a nice touch, especially when we were told that this was a clothing optional inn. My visions of flabby nudists jogging by were quickly erased as the concierge explained that there are separate Japanese hot baths and pools for clothed or unclothed bathing. What did we choose to do? All I can say is, "What happens in Big Sur stays in Big Sur."

We were shown to our room with a beau-

tiful deck and hammock to further enjoy the view, but we were eager to go on the 2 1/2 hour hike and picnic lunch in the Big Sur Wilderness. A dozen of us signed up and had a wonderful hike through the mountains, redwoods, and waterfalls, led by the enthusiastic Steve Copeland of Big Sur Guides and Hiking. This guy obviously loves his job and loves Big Sur. He regaled us with some great stories about the area's dramatic history. We ate our picnic lunches on a jetty very close to the shore and looked for whales, but had no luck that day. This hike is a must if you are as intrigued with the splendor of Big Sur as we were. They also have many other activities, including a meditation walk, mushroom hunting adventure, and a guided "create your own Big Sur masterpiece photo safari."

For those of you considering romantic wedding settings or a renewal of wedding vows, Ventana has two lovely and dramatic settings that overlook the ocean. Paul O'Dowd, Ventana's general manager, told us they had about 100 elopement wedding ceremonies there last year.

After our hike we were in need of a massage. The holistic Allegria Spa was lovely. They have many choices for body treatments, but I stuck to the tried and true deep tissue massage, and was not disappointed.

Before we knew it, dinnertime was upon us. I had heard so much about Ventana's restaurant Cielo, and their executive chef Anthony Calamari, that I was sure it could not possibly live up to the hype. I couldn't have been more wrong. The dinner was incredible: The food, the service, the presentation and the view were truly unforgettable. Cielo features menu items inspired by the coastal Mediterranean regions of France, Italy and North Africa. They are especially proud of their wines, with about 600 bottles to choose from, and they have received Wine Spectators Award of Excellence every year since 1992. This is wine country after all.

If you are fortunate enough to spend several days in Big Sur, and want a change of venue very close by to Ventana Inn, you can venture directly across the road and discover the Post Ranch Inn's Sierra Mar Restaurant. If you are not a guest at the Post Ranch Inn, you are restricted to a one-hour time frame for your dinner reservation — from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The view from the restaurant, overlooking the Pacific Ocean directly



below, is truly awe-inspiring. The four-course prix fixe menu changes daily with a la carte also available. Dinner was very enjoyable; the staff provided genuinely warm and unpretentious service.

It felt so good to be in this rugged, northern California environment. I hadn't been north for a while and forgot how good it feels to be in a different climate, see different wildlife and flora, and soak up the coastline.

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Make Rendezvous while you can

Jackson Hole residents recall

By MEAD GRUVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It's increasingly difficult to maintain, and not terribly efficient.

Locals all the same are mourning the upcoming retirement of a landmark tram that for 40 years has shuttled millions of skiers and summer tourists 4,139 vertical feet to the most challenging slopes and best views at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

"Kind of a bummer," summed up one avid skier, Chad Ovens.

A festival of skiers dressed in zany — and some of them scanty — outfits celebrated the end of the tram's last winter season April 2. A snowball war broke out, and several affectionate hits went to one of the two tram cars, each of which carries up to 52 people.

The tram now is resuming its summer-time duty carrying hikers, mountain bikers and sightseers to the top of Rendezvous Mountain. But after Oct. 1 — and another big party — it will be retired for good.

The resort is opting for replacing the tram rather than face the growing cost of keeping it running safely. Still, resort officials say the decision wasn't easy.

"This tram, from almost literally Day

One, has been the symbol, the icon, the brand, for not only tourism in Jackson Hole, but tourism in all the state of Wyoming," resort President Jerry Blann said.

Painted bright red in honor of former resort owner Paul McCollister's alma mater, Stanford University, the tram has carried some 9 million people more than two miles up the mountain.

Speculation over its replacement has become the talk of the town, and Blann said people often stop him at the gas station or grocery store to try to glean an idea.

Blann himself isn't sure yet, although the resort has narrowed its options to two: either another tram with a couple of cars, or a bi-cable gondola system with smaller, but more numerous, cars. The resort may make a decision by the end of summer, according to Blann.

Either option could cost up to \$25 million. Suggestions that the state might help cover that cost at the family owned resort have found little support among state lawmakers, but Blann hasn't given up on a government loan or grant. Federal money, after all, paid two-thirds of the tram's \$1.6 million cost in 1966.

"There still might be some options," he said.

The tram replacement is tentatively

scheduled to open for the winter of 2008-2009. Until then, a temporary lift with two-person chairs will get skiers to the top of Rendezvous Mountain. The lift will begin near the top of an existing lift from the resort base.

The existing tram has a snack bar at the top, but the new tram or gondola will have a full restaurant. "It will be nice to sit in a big tram, get out on top, sit in the restaurant, have a little coffee, have a little schnapps, and off you go," said Peter Stiegler, an Austrian native who moved to Jackson Hole in the footsteps of his older brother, Josef "Pepi" Stiegler, who won Olympic gold for Austria in 1964.

Finding Jackson Hole residents with strong feelings about the tram isn't difficult.

"There's not many trips I think you can take where you can be riding 50 to 80 feet above the ground and see a little black bear eating berries below you," said Heather Petty, a clerk at Wilderrest Sports near the tram base.

"And there's certainly the view from the top. It's kind of cleansing. You can leave behind the bustle of whatever's going on down below. You can see mountains and streams and lakes for as far as you can see," she said.

In winter, Rendezvous Mountain can be anything but tranquil.

"It could look nice when you're at the

bottom, then you're at the top and it's just nuking 80 mph winds, with no visibility," Ovens said.

For those too proud to ride back down, black diamond slopes are the only option.

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Ovens said he once saw a group of inexperienced skiers get stuck on a ledge after riding the tram to the top. The skiers half skied and half fell out of the predicament. "It looked like they had broken backs and busted heads the way they bounced over those rocks," he said.

But he said he saw the skiers up close later on, and they weren't even scraped.

"Every cat's got nine lives," he said, adding: "But every tourist has 10."

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Awards raise city's profile

ARCHITECTURE, from page 1

Monica Public Library, the RAND Corp. headquarters, Ashes and Snow, LLC, The Dimensional Forum, Haworth's LA Showroom and the Herb Alpert Educational Village — all in various steps of development — were each recognized by the LABC for improving the quality of architecture and enhancing the urban fabric of Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Business Council is a nonprofit association consisting of more than 300 businesses, agencies and individuals with the stated goals of working to address critical issues and concerns that impact the commercial climate of Los Angeles. The program is unique in a sense, in that it recognizes entire project teams, rather than just the designers, for structures viewed as “architecturally remarkable and yet sustainable and affordable,” according to Wallis Annenberg, vice president of the Annenberg Foundation.

While some architects dismiss the awards as being somewhat political, most concede that such notoriety can raise the city's cache, and in turn, attract more high-profile architects and high-profile projects to Santa

Monica.

“I think these, along with AIA design awards, mean to the city in general that they care about good architecture,” said Michael W. Folonis, an architect who has lived and worked in the city for more than 25 years, and is also a member of the city's Architectural Review Board (ARB). “All these are contemporary and, sort of, stretch the idea of architecture. This speaks well of the City Council, the review board and the community's position on architecture.”

According to its members, the Architectural Review Board promotes projects within the city that are embodied by an ideal or solid concept, rather than just a fanciful design, opening a dialogue with applicants and critiquing throughout the design process.

“We're really pleased to have these buildings in the city,” remarked Joan Charles, chair of the ARB. “Each enhances the architecture and aesthetic reputation of Santa Monica, and encourages other architects to strive for creativity and originality.”

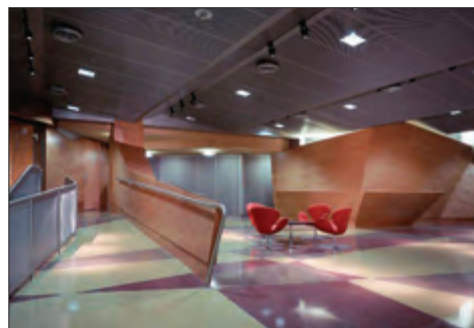
SANTA MONICA LIBRARY

The most visible, and controversial, of the award-winning projects was the Santa Monica Public Library, which has had its fair share of dissenters among city residents who contend the structure was too big, too gray or too pricey. Still, the modernist structure has garnered its fair share of praise.

“It's very nice being recognized for work we believed in so much, work we felt so strongly about,” said Haekwan Park, who worked as an assistant manager on the library project for the Santa Monica-based firm Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners. “Projects like this set an example for the public in how we (as a city) want to show others to build better with renewable systems that save water and energy.”

“It was just one of those magical experiences for us.”

Santa Monica Public Library — which includes features such as air filters, a sunlight reflecting roof and low-flow restroom facilities — was cited for its “sustainability” by the LABC. The 104,000-square-foot structure occupies half a city block downtown, and



Photos Courtesy

Santa Monica has received six Architecture Awards from the LA Business Council. (Clockwise, from top left) The Haworth-LA Showroom, RAND Corp's headquarters, the Herb Alpert Educational Village, the Nomadic Museum that exhibited the show 'Ashes and Snow,' and the Dimensional Forum.

was recognized for its flexible environment with the latest in information technology.

RAND CORP.

The RAND Corporation headquarters was honored in the “New Buildings” category, with the LABC alluding to the elliptical structure's innovative approach to design. The building, which was given a U.S. Green Building gold level rating, was constructed with the expectations of using the new building on a 24/7 schedule for the next 50 years.

NOMADIC MUSEUM

The Nomadic Museum that housed “Ashes and Snow” just north of the Santa Monica Pier up until this month took honors from the LABC for “Public Use: Community Impact” building. The 56,000-square foot temporary structure housed a large-scale photographic exhibit in a building comprised of 152 steel cargo containers, many of which will be utilized in shipping the museum from venue to venue around the world.

DIMENSIONAL FORUM

The Dimensional Forum is a 7,000-square-foot conference facility on the ground floor of an Ocean Avenue office building that was recognized for its unique approach to “Interiors.” Sculptural exuberance in the reception area sits in stark contrast to a calm, functional auditorium partitioned with sound-proof glass, according to the LABC.

LA SHOWROOM

The Haworth-LA Showroom, which opened in April of 2005, also took honors

for its approach to “Interiors.” The materials and messages used in the 18,000-square-foot showroom — which included the renovation of staff office spaces, conference rooms, presentation space and product showroom spaces — were carefully selected to create an environment that will enrich and uplift the human spirit, according to the LABC. It contains renewable materials such as cork and wheatboard, floor-to-ceiling windows and an under-floor air system.

EDUCATIONAL VILLAGE

The Herb Alpert Educational Village — a single campus consisting of a preschool, elementary school, middle school and high school over a total area of 100,000 square feet — was tapped for honors in the “Unbuilt” category. The vision for the campus begins with the concept of a village, while maximizing the opportunities for the use of passive energy systems to reduce energy use, said the LABC.

To receive an award, projects had to be located within Los Angeles County and completed during 2004 or 2005, except for the Unbuilt category.

Folonis, a modernist by training, is elated with the city's embracing of ambitious and contemporary projects, such as those that garnered honors this past week.

“Santa Monica is becoming more embracing of modern architecture than, maybe, 20 years ago,” said Folonis. “Why? It's hard to know. Maybe people have seen more modern architecture and find it has a real particular quality, that it embraces new ideas.”

“As architects, we try and leave with bigger and better ideas than when we got here.”

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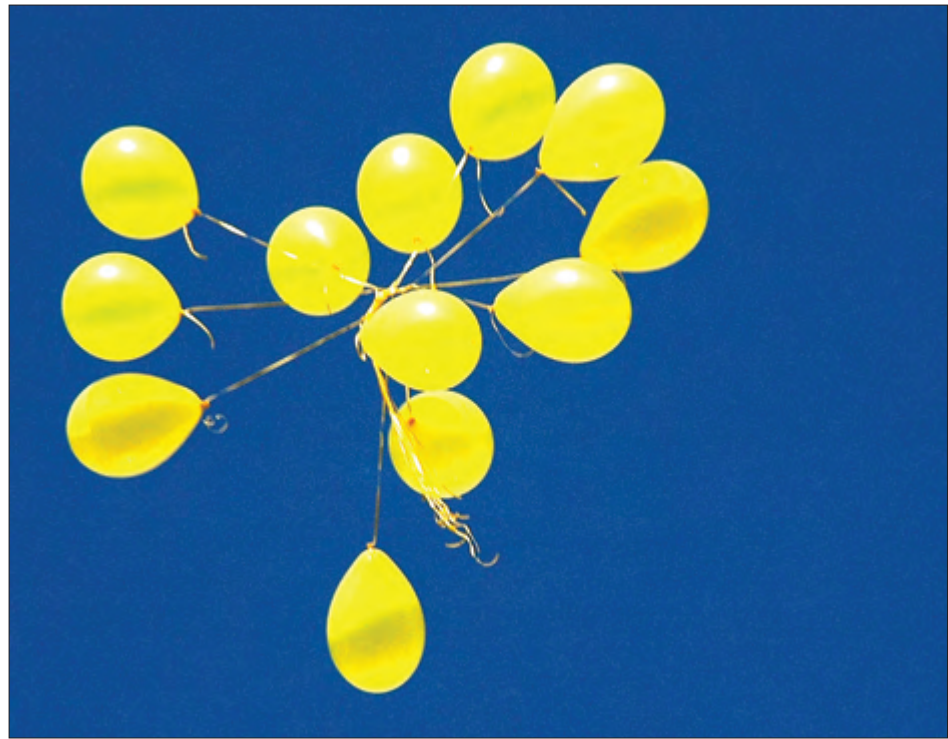
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A cluster of balloons ascends into the Santa Monica sky on Thursday afternoon.

Malibu's views don't have to cost an arm and a leg

JOHN ANTCHAK

Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU, Calif. — Waking up in John Travolta's onetime bedroom, I stepped out onto the balcony to enjoy million-dollar views of the broad strand of Carbon Beach, the rugged Malibu hills and sunrise over a distant Los Angeles.

Make that billion-dollar views, considering a morning stroll would take me past the nearby beach houses of moguls Larry Ellison and David Geffen.

Travolta, unfortunately, wasn't there. He rented Casa Larronde, now a seasonal bed and breakfast, for three months back in 1977, just after he hit it big with "Saturday Night Fever." But pictures of him with Parker, the Larrondes' cat, still grace the walls of the funky upstairs suite where we both slept and, no doubt, enjoyed the same tranquil views.

All of Malibu was a fiercely guarded private estate until the 1930s, when the cash-strapped owners started letting Hollywood stars build bungalows on the beach in what became the gated community of Malibu Colony.

But Malibu's image as a discreet enclave for stars and tycoons has only increased since Travolta escaped hectic Los Angeles to figure out his next move. Along its 21 miles of coastline live many stars, and still more tabloid fodder lives off the winding canyon roads.

Malibu's reputation as an unwelcoming place for the general public has also grown since Travolta's time: In recent years security guards patrolled the sands to scare off anyone who came too close to celebrities' homes, while Geffen waged a long court battle against opening a public-access walkway next to his multilot megamansion.

Geffen lost that battle. Since last May, the public can enjoy daytime access to "Billionaires' Beach," as mile-long Carbon Beach is called, from the new walkway off the Pacific Coast Highway.

Of course, if you stay in Travolta's former digs at Casa Larronde — or one of two small beachfront hotels — you won't have to

worry about finding parking or leaving the beach before the gates close. And you can spend more time soaking in the celebrity ambiance at other Malibu hot spots, like Malibu Country Mart.

The question might arise: What's so special about Carbon Beach? Beside the billionaire neighbors, I mean. Locals talk about the breadth and dryness of the sand driving up prices to a minimum of \$15 million for a small beachfront lot.

And unlike Malibu Colony homes, the houses tend to be built right on the sand, with no seawall blocking the view of the beach from the patio. For visitors (or paparazzi), that means being able to see the lifestyles of the rich and famous without a telescope while strolling the sand. But really, Carbon Beach's relative exclusivity — in terms of price and public access — is its main selling point.

Could that be Haim Saban, the "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" tycoon, chatting up another Carbon resident at the eastern outcropping known as "Dealmakers' Rock?" Is that Tate Donovan, star of "The O.C.," training for the Malibu Triathlon with a run on the beach?

Staying at Casa Larronde gave me bona fide rights to the owner's beachfront, but as a supporter of public beach access, I felt honor-bound to check out the path by Geffen's Cape Cod-style palace, about 12 homes up the coast.

Once inside the 9-foot-wide, 25-foot-long pathway I saw a few explanatory placards. It's important to note that public rights here extend only to the mean high-tide line, generally the wet sand line. The first summer of the new walkway, Geffen's security guards reportedly "helped" a few beachgoers relocate their towels and umbrellas from his property onto public sand. But no one seemed bothered by my beachcombing on a Friday morning.

I could have continued about a mile west to the original Carbon Beach entry point, the well-marked Zonker Harris Accessway by the Malibu Pier. The California Coastal Commission says Los Angeles County has

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'Gold Coast' revisited with Davies estate revival

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in the evening on the lawn of City Hall, complete with volleyball, beach balls and surfboards, one of which was covered with more than 1,000 signatures in support of the beach club.

Council's approval was also seen as a victory for those trying to create more public access to California's "Gold Coast" — a term used in the 1920s to describe the stretch of beach on which the Davies estate is situated. The area was renowned for its opulent mansions and the lavish lifestyle of their owners, as well as for the racial and religious discrimination that pervaded its private beach clubs.

"For generations to come, this club will stand as a monument to the foresight and vision of the City of Santa Monica, the State of California, the community and the Annenberg

Foundation," said Joel Brand, chair of Friends of 415 PCH, which organized the rally. "This club is going to be a beacon for our coastline."

There was concern among supporters that if Council did not approve the project, the delay could lead to Annenberg pulling out, taking their money with them. Without the foundation's backing, many felt the project, located at 415 Pacific Coast Highway, would have failed.

Former Mayor Michael Feinstein was part of the working group that initially developed the project in 1997.

"We have been working on this for nearly 10 years, and it seemed that every time we were ready to begin, the funding fell through," Feinstein said, following a game of volleyball. "I think this project is going to be a tremendous benefit for the city."

The 5.5-acre beachfront estate was built by William

Randolph Hearst in the late 1920s for actress and mistress Marion Davies. It was designed by architect Julia Morgan, who also created Hearst Castle in San Simeon. The original estate had 100 rooms, guesthouses, tennis courts, an elaborately decorated swimming pool and a dog kennel.

The property was sold in the 1940s to a private party and converted to a hotel and beach club. The state purchased the property in 1960. Under an agreement with the state, City Hall leased it to a private beach club, the Sand & Sea Club, and later operated it as a seasonal public beach facility.

Badly damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake, all structures except the beach cafe have been "red-tagged," or designated as unsafe to occupy.

Following an extensive community planning process, the council in 1999 approved a re-use plan that determined the site's potential as an important public resource, leading to the current development proposal.

Meanwhile, some residents living along PCH are concerned that redeveloping the estate, complete with banquet halls and a kitchen, is not only a violation of Proposition S, which limits food-serving facilities on the beach, but would also create more traffic congestion, creating the potential for deadly car accidents on an already dangerous stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway.

Resident Jonathan Ornstein and an attorney representing members of the Palisades Beach Road Property Owners Association pleaded with the council to enter into a contractual agreement regarding the operation of the beach club.

Ornstein said he was fearful that the project would become "a white elephant" that would require millions of dollars to keep afloat. In that event, he foresees the council voting to remove certain elements of the project in order to save money. Ornstein is most concerned about security at the site, having previously been threatened in his own home by an intruder.

Ornstein also wants the council to agree to putting in a traffic signal on PCH in front of the beach club to protect motorists visiting the site. Without one, he fears people will be killed in traffic accidents.

Without a contract, Ornstein said he will have to take legal action.

"I don't want people to have the impression that we're just some wealthy landowners who are opposed to this project," said Ornstein. "I support it. I love the idea of the site being rehabilitated. However, I'm concerned about the safety of my family and the safety of the public."

Both Ornstein and the property owners association have said they are prepared to challenge the accuracy of the project's environmental impact report, as well as its compliance with Prop. S.

Council members said they could not enter into a contractual agreement with the property owners because the city requires flexibility in the operation of the beach club. However, the council did show signs of good faith, holding the first reading of a law that would make it easier for residents to sue City Hall if projects failed to meet conditions of their operating permits. The law must be read again for final approval.

The council also instructed staff to immediately file an application with the California Department of Transportation to install a traffic signal at the site. So far, city staff has had discussions with Cal-Trans, and there is word that a signal is close to being installed, but no formal application has been filed.

Resting in luxury

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operated the sunrise-to-sunset path since 1981, but it gained its name more recently, after cartoonist Garry Trudeau lampooned Geffen's court battles in "Doonesbury." Instead, I returned for a lavish breakfast in the eclectic dining room of my host, 85-year-old Charlou Larronde, whose modest house was the fifth on the beach when she and her husband built it in 1951. She doesn't seem the least bit fazed by her celebrity neighbors.

An adventurous world traveler, Larronde rents the entire house out in summer and roams the globe. The rest of the year, she runs the bed and breakfast with a downstairs bedroom (no view, but private bathroom) and the upstairs John Travolta Suite, both of which are comfortably furnished but not likely to appear in Architectural Digest anytime soon.

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Blair calls for support

BY NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — British Prime Minister Tony Blair called Friday for more international support for an Iraq struggling to emerge as a democratic state and appealed for reconciliation there and internationally.

"This is a child of democracy struggling to be born," Blair said in a speech at Georgetown University. "Surely we must all accept this as a genuine attempt," he said, urging the world community to take on the role of midwife.

"If Iraqis can show their faith in democracy by voting for it, shouldn't we show ours by supporting them?" Blair asked.

"The war split the world," Blair, a rare ally of President Bush in going to war, acknowledged in his speech. "The struggle of Iraqis for democracy should unite them."

He said he found on a visit to Iraq that its leaders want a democratic state. "They want the rule of law, not violence," Blair said to a quiet, attentive audience.

In London, maverick British politician George Galloway said it would be "morally justified" for an assassin to target Blair, but he said he was not advocating an attempt.

At a White House news conference Thursday, Bush and Blair were defensive when they would have preferred to celebrate the recent political success in Baghdad.

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Those missteps include the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at

Abu Ghraib, though Bush said those responsible have been jailed. More personally, the president said, he learned not to use so much "tough talk" — saying Osama bin Laden was wanted "dead or alive" and challenging America's enemies to "bring it on."

"I learned some lessons about expressing myself maybe in a little more sophisticated manner, you know," Bush said softly.

Blair said the leaders did not accurately predict immense challenges such as the strength of the insurgency. "It should have been very obvious to us," the prime minister said.

The press conference came after Bush and Blair had a private meeting and ended when the two left for dinner upstairs in the president's residence.

Blair was continuing his Washington visit Friday with a speech at Georgetown University and a private lunch with Bush before heading home.

Blair briefed the president on his discussions in Baghdad on Monday with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who said his forces are capable of taking control of security in all provinces within 18 months. Iraq's new government was installed last week.

"I think it's possible to happen in the way that Prime Minister Maliki said," Blair said. "For that to happen, obviously, the first thing that we need is a strong government in Baghdad that is prepared to enforce its writ throughout the country. My very strong feeling, having talked to the leaders there, is that they intend theirs to be such a government."

Neither Bush nor Blair would give specifics on when soldiers from their countries can begin to go home.

"We're going to work with our partners in Iraq, the new government, to determine the way forward," Bush said. He said the goal remains "an Iraq that can govern itself and sustain itself and defend itself."

He said one problem was the lack of an Iraqi defense minister, and he urged Maliki to fill the post soon.

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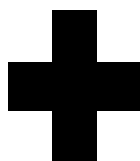
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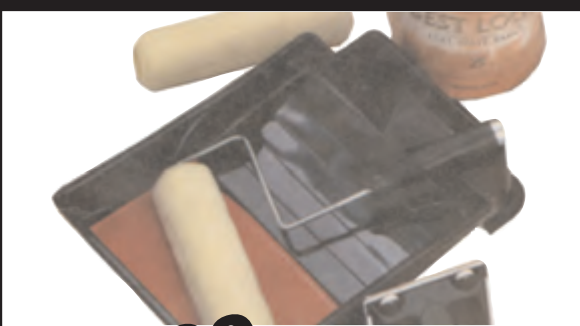
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Indicted fire commander wants to take it back

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS

Associated Press Writer

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — The attorney for the former commander of an elite wildfire team accused of setting two forest fires asked a federal judge Thursday to toss his client's confession made to federal investigators.

Attorney Grant Woods argued investigators coerced his client into admitting he intentionally started two fires in 2004 at the Coconino National Forest that together burned nearly 22 acres.

Investigators questioned Van Bateman in October about the wildfires. Agents say they told Bateman, who did not have an attorney at the interview, that he could leave at any time and could refuse to answer questions.

"In my mind, I had no option but to answer the questions put before me," Bateman told U.S. District Judge Paul Rosenblatt in court Thursday. "I felt that if I didn't answer, they would hold it against me."

Bateman said he feared he would be fired from his job as fire management officer at the forest's Mogollon Ranger District and would lose the retirement benefits he had accrued in 34 years with the Forest Service.

"Without my retirement, we would have been bankrupted," Bateman testified.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly Hare said Bateman's confession was voluntary and is admissible because the firefighter had signed an additional statement that he had not been coerced. She added investigators gave him a chance to change or correct anything before he signed the statement.

One of the documents Bateman signed stated both that he had the right to remain silent and that remaining silent could be used against him in an administrative proceeding, Grant said.

Hare said the document did say that, but noted it also stated that Bateman could not be fired solely based on his silence. Bateman served four years as a Type I incident commander, the equivalent of a general in the war against wildfires.

The nation's 17 Type I crews have 37 to 42 members who are experts in a particular facet, from logistics to meteorology, working under the direction of the incident commander. They are assigned to the largest and most complex fires, and also respond to other disasters.

Bateman led the fire team that battled the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski fire, the largest in Arizona's recorded history. He also was commander of a Forest Service management team sent to the World Trade Center site after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to aid in recovery efforts.

He faces two federal counts of setting timber afire and two counts of arson on public lands. Setting timber afire carries a maximum prison sentence of five years, while arson is punishable by up to 20 years.

The judge said he would issue a written opinion on the whether the statements are admissible sometime after June 23. Bateman's trial is scheduled for July 27.



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An electrical outlet with a twist creating a buzz

BY BRICE WALLACE

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — A small Salt Lake company has put a new twist on a common device.

The company, 360 Electrical, has designed what it calls the world's first 360-degree rotating power outlets, giving people flexibility when plugging in large or odd-size plugs from cell phones, adapters, chargers and other power-hungry tech doodads.

As the small company's slogan notes, "it's revolutionary."

"They tend to clog, especially those with the bigger prong on the left-hand side, the polarized types," said Bill Green, vice president of sales and marketing. "Now you can just plug it in, and then click it out of the way and you have space for the other plug down below."

While the new spin on electrical outlets won't hit retail outlets until later this summer, the idea for the pirouetting plug-in came about six years ago. Kimberly Gerard, the company's president, became frustrated with carrying two cell phones that could not recharge simultaneously because of their large plugs. She invented and patented the 360-degree problem-solver.

"Our solution is so simple, and it usually gets a big smile, especially when I show the outlet to other women," Gerard said in a statement. "They readily relate stories about trying to plug in tools like curling irons with their bulky hair dryer ... plugs in the same outlet. Then they ask me where they can buy them."

When they do become available, they likely will cost \$8 to \$10. The plugs rotate in either direction, hold in place and keep power flowing even when turned. The receptacle is wired like and has the same footprint as a traditional outlet, fits a standard electrical box and sports a snap-on wall plate that eliminates screws.

They're also designed to be durable. Underwriters Laboratories, which is conducting tests on the device, has set a standard of 10,000 revolutions under a full 15-amp load.

"It's Marketing 101, really: Find a need and fill it. It's a great example of that," Green said. "And when people see it, you typically get the response of, 'Why didn't I think of that?' or 'I had that idea!'"

"They're just engaging. Visually, it's just weird (with the plug-ins out of normal alignment). You see it and say, 'That's not right.' When people see it, they just are, 'Wow, where has that been?'"

It's been in development. After testing is complete — UL had to design a new standard to test it — 360 Electrical's receptacles will begin powering up production at a Chinese factory and meet the demand already exhibited by contractors, builders, architects and others.

"We think a lot of people will want these for a few high-traffic areas of the house, but I get e-mails from people redoing their house who say they want 30 or more," Green said.

Creating some early buzz for the product are the power brokers at a couple high-profile publications. This spring, the outlet was named "Best Must-Have Gadget" in Reader's Digest's annual "Best of America" list. Popular Science had it among the "Best of What's New 2005."

"The Popular Science list has a bionic arm and a fighter jet, and there's our little outlet there," Green said. "It's really pretty cool how we've sailed into this. It's been really exciting to be a smart technology that people need."



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Hawaii is looking to take care of own

BY MARK NIESSE

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Hawaii politicians are scrambling to gather enough votes in Congress to pass a bill that would grant Native Hawaiians a degree of self-government and possibly a share of the land ruled by their ancestors.

After seven years of debate, the proposal to recognize Native Hawaiians as indigenous inhabitants of the 50th state — a legal status similar to that of American Indians — has finally been promised a vote in the Senate, as early as the first week of June.

Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, says he has solid support from Democrats, but he will need help from Republicans if he's going to pass the bill. Republican Gov. Linda Lingle is traveling to Washington to seek support for the bill. The Senate scuttled a scheduled September vote on bill in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

A wide range of opponents stand in the way, from Native Hawaiians who won't support anything short of secession to lawyers who claim the bill is a racial entitlement program.

Akaka, facing an unexpected challenge to his re-election bid from Hawaii Rep. Ed Case in the Democratic primary, said the bill will help right some of the wrongs done by the U.S. government in the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy. Case also supports

the bill, which passed the House in 2000 before his first term but has never made it to the Senate floor.

"It will give Hawaiians an opportunity to deal with the many concerns they've had since the overthrow," said Akaka, who has Native Hawaiian ancestry, in an interview. "It clarifies a political and legal relationship with the United States, and it will bring parity to the indigenous peoples of Hawaii."

A report from the Washington-based U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, however, recommended that Congress reject the bill because it would discriminate on the basis of race. Some Republican senators argue that recognizing a Native Hawaiian group would be creating a subgroup with different rights from other Americans.

"The U.S. Congress is proposing to impose a puppet government on us so that the U.S. government can maintain its illegal occupation of our homeland and exploitation of our people," said Kekuni Blaisdell, a Native Hawaiian independence advocate.

There are about 400,000 people of Native Hawaiian ancestry nationwide, and 260,000 of them live in Hawaii. No one would be required to join a Hawaiian government if the so-called Akaka bill is approved.

The bill worries some people because details of the new government entity haven't been spelled out, said Noe Kalipi, an adviser

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Opponents fear state chaos

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to Akaka who testified on the bill before the Civil Rights Commission.

The primary purposes of the bill are to provide a process to set up a Native Hawaiian government and then start negotiations to transfer power and property from state and federal authorities to Hawaiians. The form of the government and the amount of public land to be granted to it wouldn't be decided until then.

The new government would not be allowed to deny civil rights or set up gambling operations such as those allowed for Indian tribes on the mainland. Hawaii outlaws all forms of gambling, including lotteries.

"The bill is actually about process, and that's what scares everybody the most. They don't know the outcome of the bill," Kalipi said.

An opponent of the proposal, Honolulu attorney H. William Burgess, said he fears the worst — a breakup of the state of Hawaii, the relinquishment of hundreds of thousands of acres of land, and a new set of race-based privileges.

"Hands are constantly being held out for more and more and more. Gimme, gimme, gimme," Burgess said. "I don't think it's fair to anticipate this government is going to be one which doesn't discriminate on the basis of race."

Nearly all elected officials from both parties and officials of all state agencies, led by the elected trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, support the bill.

Attorney General Mark Bennett said it's needed to help preserve the language, identi-

ty and culture of Native Hawaiians. Studies show that Hawaiians have the lowest health and social indicators among the state's diverse ethnic groups.

"Hawaiians are not asking for any special treatment. They're simply asking to be treated the same way America's other native peoples are treated," Bennett said.

Public opinion is difficult to judge, with polls tending to support the views of the organizations sponsoring them.

An August 2005 survey by the state Hawaiian Affairs agency found that 84 percent of respondents support the bill, but the advocacy group Grassroot Institute found in a survey released this week that 69 percent agree with its proposal for a state referendum on the issue before Congress considers a new law.

"There are certain Hawaiians who don't support it. Some people feel the legislation doesn't go far enough; some people feel the only way is for total independence," said Clyde Namuo, administrator for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"Certainly it's not a panacea, but it will give us greater control over our assets and our destiny than we currently have," Namuo.

Members of the Koani Foundation, a Hawaiian sovereignty advocacy group, fear federal recognition would forever put indigenous people under the authority of the Interior Department, said Director Kaiopua Fyfe. He said the only resolution would come from the international community.

"More Hawaiians are coming to understand just how bad this federal recognition would be. It would be the final nail in the coffin for Hawaiian issues," Fyfe said.



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Foxy Brown heads to trial

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rapper Foxy Brown, accused of assaulting two nail salon workers in a fight over payment for a manicure, will go on trial in July, a judge said Friday.

Brown, 26, whose real name is Inga Marchand, is charged with misdemeanor assault in the Aug. 29, 2004, incident. Prosecutors allege she kicked one worker and hit the other in the face.

During her last court appearance in December, Brown was to have entered a guilty plea to a misdemeanor. But the session was derailed when Judge Melissa Jackson accused the rapper of disrespect and making faces at her.

"I don't like her attitude," Jackson then told Brown's lawyer Joseph Fleming.

A ruckus also developed when Brown was handcuffed during the December session. She shouted at a female court officer that her numerous bracelets were "in the way," and allegedly struck the officer.

Jackson said Brown could either apologize or serve up to 30 days in jail. Brown apologized, but did not enter the plea. Assistant District Attorney Gary Galperin had said the statement was legally and factually flawed, and indicated that Brown had not accepted enough blame for the nail salon fracas.

On Friday, Brown appeared before Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Gerald Harris, without incident. She arrived in court wearing her hair in two long pigtails, brown knee-length pants, stiletto heels and a clinging T-shirt with a tiger image. Harris set a hearing and trial date for July 17, and extended orders of protection for the nail salon workers.

NEW YORK — Rappers Ludacris and 50 Cent have dissed Oprah Winfrey. Now, Ice Cube has a beef with the talk show queen.

"I've been involved in three projects pitched to her, but I've never been asked to participate," the rapper-actor tells FHM magazine in its July issue, on newsstands June 6.

"For 'Barbershop,' she had Cedric the

Entertainer and Eve on, but I wasn't invited," says the 36-year-old rapper, referring to his 2002 movie. "Maybe she's got a problem with hip-hop."

Cube adds: "She's had damn rapists, child molesters and lying authors on her show. And if I'm not a rags-to-riches story for her, who is?"

A spokesman for Winfrey's production company, Harpo, told The Associated Press on Friday that Winfrey would not respond directly to Ice Cube's comments.

Last month, 50 complained that Winfrey rarely invites rappers on her talk show: "I think she caters to older white women," he told The AP. Ludacris, whose real name is Chris Bridges, told GQ magazine that the media mogul was "unfair" to him during a show he appeared on last October with co-stars from best-picture Oscar winner "Crash."

Earlier this month, Winfrey defended herself in a surprise appearance on New York City-based radio station Power 105.1.

"I listen to some hip-hop," she told DJ Ed Lover. "You know, I've been accused of not liking hip-hop and that's just not true. I got a little 50 (Cent) on my iPod. I really do. Love 'In Da Club.' ... Love that, and you know, love Jay-Z, love Kanye (West), love Mary J. (Blige)."

Ice Cube, whose other films include "Friday" and "Three Kings," will release his latest album, "Laugh Now, Cry Later," on June 6.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A former winner on "Survivor" lied to get time off from his job as a state highway worker to join a promotional tour for the reality TV show in Europe last year, an investigation found.

Chris Daugherty, 35, who won the ninth season of the CBS show, filed a false claim that he needed time off because he was under stress and suffering from depression, an Ohio Department of Transportation hearing officer ruled Thursday.

He landed the \$1 million prize in 2004 for "Survivor: Vanuatu — Islands of Fire," but returned to his \$34,000 a year job with ODOT, working on roads in central Ohio.

But Daugherty could face penalties ranging from reprimand to dismissal, ODOT spokesman Andrew Gall said.

"Daugherty's claim that he had an illness which just happened to coincide with his 'Survivor' tour is simply not credible," wrote ODOT chief investigator Les Reel.

After his requests for time off were denied, he submitted a false doctor's excuse saying he was suffering from anxiety and depression and needed a month of medical leave, ODOT's investigation found.

ODOT said Daugherty's initial requests were refused because he had already used all but 29 hours of his vacation days, sick leave and personal time. Officials said he even submitted a request for military leave — despite never being in the armed services — because the "Survivor" tour was scheduled to visit a military base in Germany.

ODOT officials said Daugherty acknowledged afterward to investigators that he used the time off to attend the CBS-sponsored "Survivor" tour in Germany and Italy last Sept. 25 through Oct. 8, for which he was paid \$8,000. He took an additional two weeks off after the tour before returning to work, ODOT records show.

Thursday evening, Daugherty said that he did not want to comment until consulting with a lawyer.

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Dillon has a new addition to his personal entourage.

The 41-year-old star of the HBO show "Entourage" became a first-time father last week when his wife, 28-year-old model and actress Jane Stuart, gave birth to a daughter, Us Weekly magazine reported on its Web site Thursday.

Ava Dillon was born in a Los Angeles-area hospital, the magazine said.

Dillon and Stuart were married in Las Vegas on April 22, in a downtown ceremony that included several tunes from an Elvis impersonator.

Dillon is the brother of Oscar-nominated actor Matt Dillon. His film credits include "Platoon" and "The Doors."

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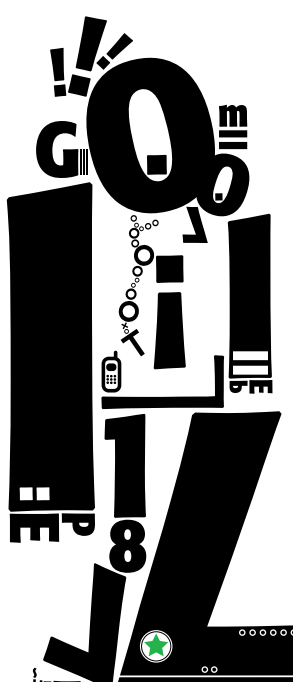
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