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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Urban Legend Come to Life: A San Diego Union Tribune report of a March 28 attempted robbery seems accurate, though reminiscent of reports that have been hoaxes (including one, from The Dallas Morning News, that News of the Weird fell for in 2002). A 32-year-old woman reported that a robber accosted her and her dog in an upscale San Diego neighborhood that night, demanded her money, grabbed a bag she was holding but quickly threw it down, and in frustration, tried to shoot the dog (but the gun failed to fire). He finally fled. His frustration was because she was carrying no money, and the bag contained nothing but the results of cleaning up after the dog.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 189th day of 2005.
There are 176 days left in the year.

On July 8, 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, in Philadelphia.
In 1663, King Charles II of England granted a charter to Rhode Island.
In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Fools are more to be feared than the wicked."
- QUEEN CHRISTINA OF SWEDEN

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Crime drops 9 percent

Police say success stems from reorganization

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

POLICE HQTRS. — Crime in Santa Monica dropped 9 percent last year, marking a decline in the past 10 of 11 years, according to crime statistics released on Thursday.

“At this point, we are competing with ourselves,” said Police Chief James T. Butts Jr., remarking on the continuous drop in crime and the goals his staff will strive for in light of it.

In 2004, personal crimes — including homicide, rape, robbery

See **CRIME**, page 6

Beach cruisers

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Jason Stemmler, tour guide and instructor for Segway Los Angeles, leads a group of visitors on a tour from Santa Monica Beach to Venice Beach and back.

Man drives into Holiday Inn planter box



Martin Courtney/Special to the Daily Press

The motor home stopped a few feet away from a public seating area.

Driver arrested for driving under the influence

By Daily Press staff

DOWNTOWN — A Covina man was arrested Thursday afternoon for driving under the influence after his motor home crashed into the Holiday Inn. No one was injured.

At about 2 p.m., Michael J. Gongora, 30, lost control of his 27-foot-long motor home after he hit a parked car while he was exiting the McDonalds' parking lot, located across the street from the Holiday Inn, said Santa Monica Police Lt. Frank Fabrega.

See **HOLIDAY INN**, page 7

Hearing in 2003 murder case bumped

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE — A preliminary hearing regarding the murder of a young Santa Monica man has been bumped a month so prosecutors may continue to organize

their case.

Because the District Attorney's office had yet to assign a deputy district attorney to the case, Judge Joseph Shiro Biderman agreed on Thursday to postpone the next court date for Matthew Felix Vargas, 18, charged by the Los

Angeles DA's Office on April 7 with the first-degree murder of Jalonnie Carter.

In addition to being charged with killing Carter, Vargas faces allegations that include one count

See **MURDER CASE**, page 7

INTERNATIONAL

Four blasts rock London, killing 37

BY JANE WARDELL
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Four explosions rocked the London subway and tore open a packed double-decker bus during the morning rush hour Thursday, sending bloodied victims fleeing in the worst attack on London since World War II. At least 37 people were killed and more than 700 were wounded, according to the official count.

A clearly shaken Prime Minister Tony Blair called the coordinated attacks “barbaric” and said they were designed to coincide with the G-8 summit opening in Gleneagles, Scotland. They also came a day after London won the bid to host the 2012 Olympics. A group calling itself the Secret Organization of al-Qaida in Europe claimed responsibility.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the explosions

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To read a brief message about how to order your free copy of this report, visit www.westsidehomesource.com. Visit this site now to learn how to obtain the best financing rats when you buy your next home.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Others might not know what they are walking into when they drop in on you. Your enthusiasm might be overwhelming. Whether right or wrong, you can rationalize anything you feel or think. Tonight: Dance your way into the evening.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your good ideas seem to spill out no matter what you take on. You come from a fundamental position of logic and understanding. Stretch and pitch in with others. Your help is always appreciated. Tonight: Happy at home.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You say what you think, but what you think could easily change. Your mind pulls a problem apart in many different ways. Your conclusions vary accordingly. Laugh and enjoy those around you. Tonight: Invite some pals to join you for munchies.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You have already weighed the pros and cons of an expenditure. You might have also thought through the effect this purchase will have on your long-term security. Allow others to play around with similar thoughts. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ The Moon in your sign gives you more leverage than you think. Your words draw positive responses. You have a very alluring manner that others have a hard time resisting. You choose the right words at the right time. Tonight: What you want.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Much of what is going on behind the scenes might be exhausting and hard not to reveal. In any case, you seem to carry a special lightness in your face. Others know that something is up, but you don't need to let the cat out of the bag. Tonight: Vanish. Don't follow your normal path.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You have the ability to convince others that you are right-on. You gain through your social skills and your ability to interact with others. Meetings, networking and groups favor you. You are the crowd favorite. Tonight: The party is where you are.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ No one can steer the helm of a ship like you. You handle responsibilities in such a graceful manner that others seem to naturally go along with you. Your way of expressing yourself has a lot to do with another's reactions. Tonight: It could be a late night.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A celebration could be in order, as you find unusual answers by breaking past traditional thinking. Instead of nixing what someone is trying to offer you, go for part of this person's idea. Tonight: Split town if you can.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others hold the cards, especially with a financial investment. By understanding and supporting this person, you can get way ahead. Your professional and public status gains. Be open to others. Tonight: Accept a special invitation.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others dominate. Though you might like more say, being the sign of friendship, you might be quite interested in what others come up with. Through this process, you learn to understand a key person better. Tonight: Try something a bit daring and new.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Pace yourself, as you might have a lot you want to get done but not enough time. Organize your projects by what would please you. Ask a child or loved one to pitch in. Good communication and camaraderie will be the outcome. Tonight: Don't push yourself.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Oceana raffles new Lexus hybrid

By Daily Press staff

Luxury cars now protect marine wildlife.

Oceana held a drawing on June 30 for the Lexus RX 400h, the new luxury hybrid SUV that was donated to the ocean conservation organization by the Toyota Motor Corp., which owns Lexus. The drawing, from among 1,644 tickets sold, raised \$82,200 for Oceana's work to protect marine wildlife and ocean habitat.

The winner was David Addis of Great Falls, VA.

The drawing was held on the Santa Monica Pier, located in a region where hybrid vehicles are particularly popular. More than half the tickets were sold to Californians.

"Thanks to the generous donation by Toyota, all ticket sale proceeds will go directly to help us in our fight to protect and restore the world's oceans," said Dana DuBose, director of Oceana's Southern California office.

The retail price of the luxury hybrid is about \$50,000. Strong demand and anticipated waiting lists to purchase the Lexus RX 400h helped boost sales of the \$50 raffle tickets during eight months of promotion, according to officials.

"It was great to be able to appeal to people on two levels: first, they were making a generous donation to help the oceans, and second, they were getting a chance to win a really cool car," DuBose said.

Proponents have said that the RX 400h delivers greater performance, improved fuel efficiency and significantly reduced emissions while sacrificing none of its luxury or utility. The new RX 400h also has been certified as a Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (SULEV), California's most stringent gasoline vehicle emission standard, officials say.

Santa Monica Elks congratulate Parrish

By Daily Press staff

Ray Beers, exalted ruler of Santa Monica Elks, congratulated fellow member Wayne Parrish on being elected to the post of commander (president) of the California American Legion at the recent state meeting in Palm Springs. Beers said Wayne was a past exalted ruler of Santa Monica Elks, a past state vice president and a past district deputy grand exalted ruler.

Bob Jacobs, fellow legionnaire and past commander of Post 123, said Parrish was strongly supported by Post 123 and the "Team in '23rd District" as well as his own post, according to officials. Parrish served aboard a B-24 bomber in the Eighth Air Force in England as a gunner in the Second World War. He joined the American Legion in 1984.

Parrish has been active in Venice Post 177. He has served as commander of Post 177, district commander, vice commander of Los Angeles County Council and vice commander of the Department of California, officials say.

Parrish said that he will continue to strongly support the past programs of the American Legion, such as the "Flag Burning Amendment;" the Boy Scouts; helping to prevent attorneys from collecting exorbitant fees for suing to remove religious symbols from government properties, such as crosses or stars of David from military cemeteries, and to return the cross to the county seal. Parrish is a critic of the American Civil Liberties Union, officials say.

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WEDNESDAY	4:41	-0.7	3:28	2.6	11:27	3.6	9:43	6.0
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So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Does Santa Monica have adequate streets and routes for bicyclists? Do you feel safe riding your bike here?"

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open to hearing the problem

Editor:

A letter to the editor from Kevin Skoglund (SMDP, July 5, page 4) complains that the refuse containers at his building are not picked up as frequently as they should be. The city's solid-waste staff and I want to make sure that every one of our customers receives all of the services that he or she pays for. In order to check out the facts of this complaint, however, we need an address, phone number or customer account number so that we know where to start looking. Since we have no record of Mr. Skoglund contacting either the solid-waste office or the city manager's office about this matter in the past, I ask that he contact me as soon as possible at (310) 458-8221.

Craig Perkins
Santa Monica

The homeless are people like you

Editor:

The July 4 issue had some strange ideas about "the homeless" problem that I'd like to address. Bill Bauer (SMDP, July 4, page 4) in his never-ending negative gripe column about "vagrants," correctly points out that spending an additional \$370,000 on the homeless isn't going to do "bupkes" to solve the problem. That's because, if as he correctly states, \$200,000 is for a homeless czar and the remaining \$170,000 is for staffing. What is left over for direct aid to the homeless? Zero.

Since they can't house themselves, homeless people are the visible manifestation of poverty itself. Homelessness is not separate from the growing poverty we see in general today, so it's useless to look for solutions to homelessness without addressing the larger problem of jobs, wages, medical care, housing and the failure of the federal government to address illegal immigration, which affect low-wage workers. Duh.

You cannot provide permanent housing to people who do not work sufficient to house all the homeless as long as the working poor can barely afford housing. Think about it for just a second. If you could, who would struggle in low-paying jobs to just barely house themselves and their families?

What is needed to reduce homelessness in this country is a living wage, national health care, affordable housing everywhere — not just out in Lancaster — and immigration control everywhere. Again, homelessness is not separate from a growing poverty in general.

Although well intended, Milton Billingsly (SMDP, July 4, page 4) trivializes the reality of homelessness by quoting the Beatles lyrics, "All you need is love." Seeing an old woman lying in the alley at night, he states that he shows his "love" by calling the police to see if they have any suggestions. This is about as realistic as calling a butcher to help a heart attack victim. The police's job is to cite the homeless for "lying in an alley." After you leave the scene "Mr. Do-gooder," that cop will issue that poor old woman a citation. That's their job. You walk away with your sense of morality intact feeling as though you care, but in reality that person gets the opposite of care, they get punished for loitering.

As far as Carole Orlin's commentary (SMDP, July 4, page 5) about how her rich visiting friends from back east "became quite adept at stepping over bodies (of homeless people)," it reminds me of how easy it has been for millions of people to "step over" and ignore the genocide of millions of other people. These human beings are just "vagrants" to you and so many other cold-hearted people in this country, state, county and city. Just step over them and head up to your kind of classy restaurant on Montana Avenue and feel disgust at how these vagrants soil your world. You ought to send your rich friend an apology letter that they had to endure such discomfort. I feel sorry for you, literally, and all the other cold-hearted homeless-haters who would see people as so much trash that they should somehow be gone. You, who have never spent time with homeless people to know that they are as human as you, are blinded by your ignorance and mean heart.

There is an alternative to the streets for many of our homeless. S.H.E.L.T.E.R. (Supporting Homeless Existence Leading To Enabled Recovery) is an organization with a concept that actually can do something for the homeless right now. S.H.E.L.T.E.R. can't stop poverty, but it can provide private, secure sleep-ins to the vast majority of people now sleeping in the alleys Mr. Billingsly writes about. S.H.E.L.T.E.R. can also provide toilets, storage and showers for those now on the streets. S.H.E.L.T.E.R. can get homeless people out of the retail, recreational and housed districts at night and spread them evenly throughout the county. S.H.E.L.T.E.R. neighborhoods can be located on county-owned land, such as unused public works land and other land such as vacant industrial buildings and parking lots where the owner can receive county property tax discounts and federal tax credits for allowing this use. Daytime drop-in facilities can be created to facilitate people's needs such as eating, showering, washing clothes, getting job information, medical diagnoses, psychological care, legal and a postal location so that they can have an address of record. The idea here is not to punish homeless people or neglect homeless people, but to squarely meet the needs of these people now.

The S.H.E.L.T.E.R. concept provides real human service and resolves the housed community's sense of being infringed upon in every district of their city. S.H.E.L.T.E.R. gives the community a positive way to pad the abyss of homelessness and reduce its guilt over this shameful reality that exists today. S.H.E.L.T.E.R. is a serious attempt at realistically dealing with this growing problem instead of the lame, pseudo and hypocritical blather we hear today.

Go to www.s-h-e-l-t-e-r.org and support what can be a realistic way to help the homeless and help solve your personal crisis of ignorance, repugnance and cluelessness regarding homelessness.

Randy Walburger
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Living through the pain inflicted by City Hall requires patience and time



OUR TOWN
BY TED WINTERER

I've been writing this column for more than six months and often people, particularly my loved ones who suffer from my reduced attentions, ask, "Why?"

Now it's time to divulge my dirty little secret. I want to rag about a parking ticket.

I was born in Brooklyn and lived for 28 years in New York City, which pretty much explains the surliness that is the trademark of these writings. And if you think the average New Yorker is rude, try dealing with the city bureaucracy in the Big Apple. You could spend days getting brusquely shuttled from one department to another until, crushed by the weight of the bloated municipal government, the only recourse was to surrender.

So I was delighted when, soon after moving to Santa Monica 14 years ago, I chose to contest a parking ticket. I sauntered down to City Hall where my concerns were immediately addressed by a smiling, cordial city staffer. I stated my case and in short order my ticket was expunged. I thought, "I'm going to like living here."

Then last October I decided to challenge a \$35 ticket. Thus began my ordeal, as I discovered you can no longer dispute these things over the counter. Instead, you must endure a byzantine process that could break the hardest individual.

First, you have to go to the new police headquarters, fill out a lengthy form and cite the reasons your ticket isn't deserved. Then you wait.

If you're lucky — and I was — you get a letter granting a hearing. You have to pay the fine, as you are deemed guilty until proven innocent. You then choose from a selection of inconvenient times and locations for your hearing, such as Tuesday mornings in Beverly Hills. I chose Wednesday evening in Santa Monica as it was the only sane option. I mailed in my request and payment and was notified I had a hearing scheduled for Jan. 12 at 6:45 p.m., three months after the alleged parking violation. On Jan. 12, the heavens opened up.

Roads through the Hollywood Hills closed, the freeways were awash with water, and traffic everywhere in the county came to a standstill. Battling the deluge, I got to the hearing location at 6:50 p.m., at which point the hearing officer told me I would have to reschedule, as I was his last appointment and he wanted to go to dinner.

I called the next day to reschedule and was told I couldn't. How could that be? The hearing officer had advised me to do so.

I then sent a flurry of e-mails to city officials whining about my predicament and eventually got a new hearing on Feb. 16. I presented my case and in about five minutes was told I was no longer liable for the ticket, which left me wondering why the hearing officer couldn't have delayed his supper the prior month.

A couple of days later I got another parking ticket, a \$47 violation I richly deserved. Soon after I received by mail official notice of my victory at my hearing: I could choose a refund of my \$35 or apply it to an unpaid citation. So I opted to use the credit and sent the form back with \$12 to cover the rest of my new ticket.

The next day an unsolicited refund check for \$35 for the first infraction showed up in my mailbox, followed by a letter demanding the remaining \$35 due on my new citation. Rather than endure any more of this torture, I paid off the new ticket and cashed the refund for the old violation. I then calculated that my time expended on the matter had netted me about 35 cents per hour and resisted the urge to weep.

Is there a lesson to be learned from the reams of paperwork and the city employee hours required to drag out this process? Clearly, I'll be less inclined to contest any future transgression.

But what really troubles me is how in the last decade City Hall has grown so large and bureaucratic. With only a few exceptions, city officials are affable, helpful and well-intended. However, their collective mass has become so bulky that a once nimble and responsive government is now lumbering and oafish. When it steps on your toes, it really hurts.

(Ted Winterer is a writer who lives in Ocean Park. He's now more vigilant about where he parks and can be reached at ourtownsmdp@aol.com.)

COMMENTARY



GUEST COMMENTARY BY HARRY BINSWANGER

The Ten Commandments versus America

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has handed down two seemingly opposite rulings on governmental displays of the Ten Commandments, the decibel level on this issue is sure to go up, not down.

But before we go through yet another round of the familiar political-legal debate, isn't it time to face the deeper set of issues that finds no forum and no discussion: What is the content of the Ten Commandments? What is their philosophic meaning and what kind of society do they imply?

Religious conservatives claim that the Ten Commandments supplied the moral groundwork for the establishment of America. But in logic is that even possible? Put aside the sheerly historical question of what sources the Founding Fathers, mostly Deists, drew upon. Let's confront the deeper question here: Can a nation of freedom, individualism and the pursuit of happiness be reconciled with the worldview embodied in the Ten Commandments?

Let's look at the commandments. The wording differs among the Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew versions, but the content is the same.

The first commandment is: "I am the Lord thy God."

As first, it is the fundamental. Its point is the assertion that the individual is not an independent being with a right to live one's own life but the vassal of an invisible Lord. It says, in effect, "I own you; you must obey me."

Could America be based on this? Is such a servile idea even consistent with what America represents: The land of the free, independent, sovereign individual who exists for one's own sake? The question is rhetorical.

The second commandment is an elaboration of the above, with material about not serving any other god and not worshipping "graven images" (idols). The Hebrew and Protestant versions threaten heretics with reprisals against their descendants — inherited sin — "visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation ..."

This primitive conception of law and morality flatly contradicts American values. Inherited guilt is an impossible and degrading concept. How can you be guilty for something you didn't do? In philosophic terms, it represents the doctrine of determinism, the idea that your choices count for nothing, that factors beyond your control govern your "destiny." This is the denial of free will and therefore of self-responsibility.

The nation of the self-made man cannot be squared with the ugly notion that you are to be punished for the "sin" of your great-grandfather.

The numbering differs among the various versions, but the next two or three commandments proscribe taking the Lord's name "in vain" and spending a special day, the Sabbath, in propitiating him.

In sum, the first set of commandments orders you to bow, fawn, grovel and obey. This is impossible to reconcile with the American concept of a self-reliant, self-owning individual.

The middle commandment, "Honor thy father and mother," is manifestly unjust. Justice demands that you honor those who deserve honor, who have earned it by their choices and actions. Your particular father and mother may or may not deserve your honor — that is for you to judge on the basis of how they have treated you and of a rational evaluation of their moral character.

To demand that Stalin's daughter honor Stalin is not only obscene, but also demonstrates the demand for mindlessness implicit in the first set of commandments. You are commanded not to think or judge, but to jettison your reason and simply obey.

The second set of commandments is unobjectionable but is common to virtually every organized society — the commandments against murder, theft, perjury and the like. But what is objectionable is the notion that there is no rational, earthly basis for refraining from criminal behavior, that it is only the not-to-be-questioned decree of a supernatural punisher that makes acts like theft and murder wrong.

The basic philosophy of the Ten Commandments is the polar opposite of the philosophy underlying the American ideal of a free society. Freedom requires:

■ A metaphysics of the natural, not the supernatural; of free will, not determinism; of the primary reality of the individual, not the tribe or the family.

■ An epistemology of individual thought, applying strict logic, based on individual perception of reality, not obedience and dogma.

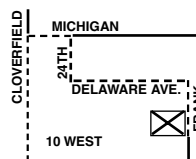
■ An ethics of rational self-interest, to achieve chosen values, for the purpose of individual happiness on this earth, not fearful, dutiful appeasement of "a jealous God" who issues "commandments."

Rather than the Ten Commandments, the actual grounding for American values is that captured by Ayn Rand in "Atlas Shrugged": "If I were to speak your kind of language, I would say that man's only moral commandment is: Thou shalt think. But a 'moral commandment' is a contradiction in terms. The moral is the chosen, not the forced; the understood, not the obeyed. The moral is the rational, and reason accepts no commandments."

(Dr. Harry Binswanger is a member of the board of directors of the Ayn Rand Institute and teaches philosophy at ARI's Objectivist Academic Center. The institute promotes the ideas of Ayn Rand — best-selling author of "Atlas Shrugged" and "The Fountainhead" and originator of the philosophy she called "Objectivism.")

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Police department had no complaints in June

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and aggravated assault — totaled 557, two more than in 2003.

There were two homicides in 2004, the same as in 2003.

The number of rapes for the same period was up from 21 to 29, an increase of 38 percent. Butts said the majority of these sexual assaults were committed by acquaintances of the victims. Some of the victims were also women living among the homeless population on the streets, which might make them more vulnerable to such crimes.

There were two more robberies in 2004 than in 2003, up from 242 to 244. Aggravated assaults were down 3 percent, from 290 to 282.

Crimes to property — including burglary, larceny, auto theft and arson — decreased from 3,946 in 2003 to 3,551 in 2004, a reduction of 10 percent.

Arson saw the biggest decrease, dropping from 50 to 13, or 74 percent.

There were 2 percent fewer burglaries, which decreased from 769 to 752 reported incidents.

The number of thefts dropped from 2,715 incidents in 2003 to 2,368 reported in 2004, a reduction of 13 percent.

Auto theft also decreased from 462 cases in the same period to 418, a reduction of 10 percent.

Butts said as of this year, 52 percent of aggravated assaults, 39 percent of robberies and 17 percent of burglaries have

seen an arrest.

Arrests for other crimes were not available.

Burglars are one of the hardest types of criminals to catch, Butts said.

"If they don't leave fingerprints, and there aren't any witnesses, burglaries can be tough to prove, unless the suspect confesses," Butts said. "We might catch the suspect for one burglary, but he may have done many more."

CRIME-REDUCTION TACTICS

Butts attributes the success of the police department to the organizational structure he has been putting in place since crime peaked in Santa Monica in 1993.

"There has been an active role in providing strong leadership and organization," Butts said.

The police department, with 214 officers, polices a daily population in Santa Monica that fluctuates between 175,000 and 200,000.

To reduce crime, the police have made better outreach efforts in surrounding communities, but also rely on the community to inform law enforcement of problem areas, said Butts.

In the past, the police department focused its crime-reduction efforts on areas known for their high concentrations of drug deals. Undercover units were organized to undertake "reverse stings": The cops would bust drug dealers for selling narcotics; then, the cops would bust

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JAMES T. BUTTS JR.
Santa Monica Police Chief

the buyers.

"It dried up narcotic sales and gave dealers the message," Butts said.

Still an issue for the SMPD is gang violence in the community, which is still occurring in the Pico neighborhood. Butts said the department is combating that by tracking parolees and a model he created called Neighborhood-Centered Policing, which places lieutenants in specific sections of the city to deal with residents one-on-one.

"We have a close synthesis with the community," Butts added. "If people don't tell us what they are seeing, we don't get the info."

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

The Santa Monica police operate a full-service department, in that the organization manages the majority of its law enforcement operations.

DNA testing is one detective-related service the department contracts to others.

The Santa Monica police operate one of the highest-ranked police departments

in the country, with officers who are among the higher paid in the state, according to Butts. Salaries start at \$48,000, and after five years officers can earn upward of \$75,000.

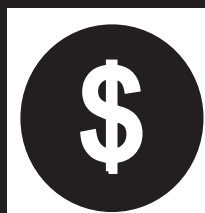
Officers can earn more with overtime, which is how the department often pays for extra policing needed during peak times.

As crime in Santa Monica continues to be reduced under his leadership, Butts said the department has also maintained its level of professionalism over the past decade — a distinction other law enforcement agencies cannot always make.

"In the interest of bringing crime down, we have not sacrificed our level of service," said Butts, explaining that more complaints are sometimes common among police agencies that attempt to aggressively fight crime.

Santa Monica police are on track to have a record low in the number of complaints received about their service.

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Suspect charged in 2003 shooting of teen

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of personal use of a firearm causing bodily injury, two counts of the intentional discharge of a firearm and one count of gang enhancement that contributed to the furtherance of gang activity.

Vargas, who pleaded not guilty to the charges and is being defended by a private attorney, was supposed to have a preliminary hearing on Thursday, at which time a judge may have determined if the case was worthy of a trial, according to the DA's office.

The DA's office confirmed the hearing had been re-scheduled for Aug. 10.

Vargas' attorney, Sheldon L. Levitin, did not comment on the case.

Belinda Ramos, Vargas' mother, showed up to Thursday's proceeding at the Airport Courthouse along with 10 family members and friends. Ramos said her son is innocent and would not comment further.

Carter, 19 at the time of his death, was shot in the back with a .22-caliber gun in the 1800 block of 20th Street while he was walking through an alley on Sept. 2, 2003.

The bullet pierced his heart, and he died a few hours later at a local hospital.

Shortly after, police arrested a neighbor in connection with the murder, but the DA's office dropped the charges due to a lack of evidence.

Carter, who authorities said was known by friends and family as "Little Bear" and "Pooh Bear," was described as a hard-working young man who was studying for a career in computers while working two jobs.

Vargas, who authorities say is also known as "Lil Rooster," was arrested in April by Santa Monica police detectives at a juvenile detention facility in Sylmar, where he is serving time for an unknown crime.

Santa Monica Police Chief James T. Butts Jr. previously told the Daily Press that detectives have recovered the murder weapon, but declined to provide further information on what other evidence will be brought against Vargas.

Vargas, who lives in the Pico neighborhood, is said to be a member of the Santa Monica 17th Street Gang, according to Butts. The 17th Street Gang, comprised primarily of Latinos, is frequently at odds with another city gang, the Graveyard Crips, which is predominantly black. The Pico neighborhood is located on the eastside of Santa Monica.

Vargas has been described by family and friends as respectful and mild-mannered. Because he was a minor at the time of the initial arrest, authorities couldn't discuss for what crime Vargas was being detained.

Ramos also declined to say of what her son was convicted, except to say he is innocent of the crime. Vargas has been at the juvenile detention center since December. Ramos did say previously that her son's nickname, "Lil Rooster," had to do with the natural red color of his hair, which his grandmother, a Hopi, also had.

Vargas, with long, dark, slicked-back hair, appeared in court in an orange L.A. County jail jump suit.

As he was escorted away in handcuffs by the bailiff, he turned around to look at his mother, who was teary-eyed.

Driver lost control after first hitting parked car

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After hitting the parked car, Gongora lost control and hit the McDonalds' sign and then crossed Colorado Avenue, where he struck a planter box on the hotel's north side, just a few feet west of the intersection of Second Street. Gongora missed the hotel's entrance and a public seating area by just feet.

When Santa Monica Police officers arrived on scene, they noticed a strong odor of alcohol, Fabrega said. After fail-

ing a series of field sobriety tests, Gongora was arrested by police and taken to the Santa Monica Jail, where a chemical test was administered. The test concluded that Gongora's blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit of .08, Fabrega said. Gongora is being held at the Santa Monica Jail on a \$5,000 bail.

The hotel sustained damage on the outside of the building, and it's unknown if its interior had been damaged. The motor home sustained moderate damage, and the parked car at McDonalds' had damage to its back end.



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Both sides cheer budget even though it fails to fix all problems

BY TOM CHORNEAU

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — It's like a credit card bill that California lawmakers can't seem to get under control — the state budget deficit born of a perpetual imbalance between what the state spends and what it takes in.

The gap stood at \$17 billion last year, had been projected to be almost \$9 billion this year and is likely to be about \$5 billion in the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Despite a balanced-budget agreement struck this week, economists and fiscal analysts warn that future shortfalls are likely to continue until a long-term fix is found.

"We haven't come to grips with the fundamental imbalance between the cost of basic services and the revenues brought in from the current tax system," said Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project, which evaluates the impact of state spending on low- and middle-income families.

"No one is willing to cut deeply enough to bring the budget into balance," she said. "And because of the two-thirds vote required to pass a tax increase, that hasn't happened either."

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the top legislative leaders from both major parties agreed to a \$117.5 billion spending plan Tuesday that they say balances fiscal responsibility with adequate funding of key programs.

The budget deal, which lawmakers are expected to consider on Thursday, achieves Schwarzenegger's main goals of avoiding deficit spending and not raising taxes. Overall spending increased because of an unanticipated infusion of about \$4 billion that flowed to state coffers because of the improving economy.

Both sides cautioned that the budget for the fiscal year that began last Friday doesn't solve the state's long-term fiscal imbalance, a result of generous spending by lawmakers in recent years and complex funding formulas that lock in spending increases each year.

The current trend dates back to the late 1990s when a booming economy generated billions of dollars in additional tax income for the state. Instead of setting some of that money aside, lawmakers spent it on education, health care, highway projects and lucrative contracts for some state employee groups. They also cut taxes.

When the high-tech bubble burst, the state was like an overextended consumer that suffers a big drop in income but doesn't stop spending. Many of the programs that received extra money during the good years are ongoing, meaning funding remains high even when tax revenue drops.

"We got all those revenues from the stock market boom and when the market collapsed, the spending didn't stop," said Michael Bazdarich, a senior economist with the UCLA Anderson Forecast. "It's a problem that still bedevils us."

While some critics have argued that lawmakers should have cut spending immediately, many of the new expenses could not be easily reduced. Increases in some key education programs, for example, were protected by Proposition 98 — a voter-approved funding guarantee that required ongoing support.

A program to provide subsidized health insurance for children of the working poor was considered too politically important by Democrats that control the Legislature, even though costs rose more than 1,700 percent between 1999 and 2003, to more than \$800 million a year because of a big expansion in enrollment.

Generous labor agreements — such as a contract signed with prison guards in 2002 — could not be scaled back without worker approval even as the contract costs nearly tripled above estimates to \$2 billion.

One attempt was made to balance the budget by raising taxes — the 2003 tripling of the vehicle license fees. But that unpopular tax was part of the rebellion against former Gov. Gray Davis that led to his recall from office. Schwarzenegger rescinded the increase on his first day in office.

While the move was popular among taxpayers, it left a budget hole of about \$4 billion a year.

Without spending cuts or tax increases, the state was forced to borrow the money needed to meet its spending obligations during the last few years. The amount that the state has borrowed to cover its shortfalls stands at more than \$25 billion, according to the treasurer's office — pushed up dramatically by the \$11 billion in bonds sold last year.

The budget agreement between Schwarzenegger and lawmakers includes no new borrowing, but paying down the debt on the state's existing loans will cost more than \$3.3 billion next year, said David Blair, a Southern California-based senior analyst for Nuveen Investments and an expert on California bonds.

Blair said a recovering state economy that generated more than \$4 billion in unexpected income helped Schwarzenegger produce a balanced budget this year. Economists question whether the upswing will continue.

"2004 was a pretty good year. The stock market went up, corporate taxes went up," said Steve Levy of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy. "But 2005 we already know is not going to be as good."

Prosecutors say prayer carried by Lodi man is key part of case

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A young Lodi man charged with lying about attending an al-Qaida-linked terrorist camp was carrying an Arabic prayer in his wallet that federal prosecutors alleged late Wednesday is significant to their case.

Hamid Hayat, 22, and his father, Umer, 47, are both charged with lying to federal investigators about the young man's time at the camp in 2003 and 2004 as part of an investigation that also has resulted in the detention on immigration charges of two Muslim religious leaders and one leader's son.

"Lord let us be at their throats, and we ask you to give us refuge from their evil," read the slip of paper, prosecutors said. Wazhma Mojaddidi, Hamid Hayat's attorney, said that is a common Islamic prayer.

But prosecutors alleged that the evidence "is quite relevant to the question of whether Hamid Hayat falsely denied that he had attended a terrorist camp. It corroborates defendant Hamid Hayat's videotaped admission that he, in fact, had attended such a camp."

The government included the detail in a motion filed after court closing hours Wednesday as prosecutors seek

to delay the Aug. 23 trial date set last week by U.S. District Judge Garland E. Burrell Jr.

That trial date is unrealistic, prosecutors said, because of the vast amount of potential evidence that must be reviewed — a process they said will take at least a month — and because more than 40 federal state and local agencies must review their files, which will take as long as two months.

Among the items seized from the Hayats' home in Lodi are about 400 video or audio cassettes and compact discs, prosecutors said, of which an initial review shows there are "three pertinent VHS tapes," prosecutors said.

Umer Hayat's attorney, Johnny Griffin III, said late Wednesday that he needed to read the government's filing in more detail before responding, but reiterated his view that prosecutors should have built their case against the two men before they were charged and held without bond last month.

"They knew they would have to go through all this," Griffin said. "To now press the pause button ... they should have done this before they indicted and arrested them."

Federal law requires defendants be tried within 70 days unless there are extraordinary circumstances such as prosecutors allege in this case.

STATE



UnitedHealth Group grows Medicare business with \$8.1 billion deal for PacifiCare

BY ROBERT JABLON

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The nation's second-largest managed health insurer, UnitedHealth Group Inc., agreed this week to acquire major Medicare provider PacifiCare Health Systems Inc. in an \$8.1 billion cash-and-stock deal that gives a niche West Coast player access to a national network while moving UnitedHealth deeper into government-related business.

UnitedHealth also would assume \$1.1 billion in PacifiCare's debt.

In what would be the one of the managed care industry's largest combinations, PacifiCare would become a subsidiary of Minnetonka, Minn.-based UnitedHealth, which covers 23 million health care plan members and an additional 30.8 million people through medical insurance or insurance programs it manages for other firms.

PacifiCare, based in Cypress, is one of the nation's largest health groups with nearly 3.2 million members of health plans and about 11.3 million members of specialty plans covering such things as dental care and behavioral health.

PacifiCare said the merger would give its members, many of whom are elderly, nationwide access to health care, cheaper prescription drugs and other services.

UnitedHealth has a network of more than 4,500 hospitals and 460,000 doctors and other health care providers nationwide.

The deal would give UnitedHealth a larger share of Medicare patients, including many in California, where it is not a significant player. PacifiCare, which operates mainly in Western states, would gain access to the clout of a nationwide company.

In a conference call, the companies said providing Medicare services is a growth market and predicted that government-funded health care — which already covers 86 million Americans — will continue to increase.

One target is a share of the massive new Medicare prescription-drug benefit program that takes effect next year.

"The aging of America is incontrovertible. Health care costs for seniors will continue to rise. I really think the government has nowhere to go but to turn to private (sectors)," said Howard Phanstiel, PacifiCare's chairman and chief executive.

With 700,000 members in its Secure Horizons plan, PacifiCare is the second-largest private administrator of Medicare health plans nationally after Kaiser.

"This is about serving people better. Our health care system needs to work better," UnitedHealth Chairman and CEO Dr. William W. McGuire said.

PacifiCare holders will receive 1.1 shares of

UnitedHealth stock and \$21.50 in cash per PacifiCare share. UnitedHealth also would assume the PacifiCare debt after the deal closes late this year or in early 2006. It is also subject to regulatory and shareholder approvals.

"We have now reached a point where it makes sense for PacifiCare to join with a strong national partner that can help us reach the next level in leveraging technology and scale to offer a broad range of competitive products and services," Phanstiel said in a statement.

News of the deal sent PacifiCare's stock up 6.1 percent, or \$4.41, to close at \$77.09 on the New York Stock Exchange. UnitedHealth, the nation's second-largest health insurer, ended the day 27 cents higher, at \$53.50 per share.

Half of the top 10 merger deals in the health care industry have occurred within the past three years, said Richard Peterson, a senior researcher at Thomson Financial. The largest was the \$16.4 billion combination last year of Indianapolis-based Anthem Inc. and WellPoint Health Networks Inc. An \$8.8 billion deal merged Aetna Life & Casualty and U.S. HealthCare in 1996.

"It seems with health care costs rising and a need to work on the margins, in a way the companies have to be more competitive and this is one option that they pursue in terms of consolidations," Peterson said.

A combined PacifiCare and UnitedHealth represents an immediate challenge to WellPoint Inc., the nation's largest health benefits provider.

"The question is now will there be even further consolidation?" Peterson said.

Critics said the proposed deal could hurt consumers.

"HMO goliaths like WellPoint and Aetna and a merged UnitedHealth and PacifiCare are so big they don't have to compete, and threaten patient care," said Jerry Flanagan of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, which has been critical of HMOs.

PacifiCare had been a tempting takeover target. In April, it reported a 28 percent increase in profits for the first quarter, with income rising to \$85.7 million, or 89 cents a share, exceeding analysts' expectations.

The company did not mention if layoffs might result.

UnitedHealth has built a reputation as a cost-conscious, efficiency-minded insurer. It has pressed doctors to shift to electronic billing, and has experimented with giving patients financial incentives to use cheaper doctors. Investors have rewarded the company. Over the past five years, its shares have climbed from a split-adjusted \$10 a share to more than \$50.

UnitedHealth has been on a buying spree, apparently beefing up its Medicare presence and geographic diversity. One of its subsidiaries announced it was joining with Walgreen Co. to become a national provider of the Medicare drug benefit that begins next year.

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STATE

Churchill Downs to sell Hollywood Park

BY BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Churchill Downs Inc. will sell historic Hollywood Park and surrounding acreage at the Inglewood race-track to Bay Meadows Land Co. LLC for \$260 million in cash.

The deal announced Wednesday is expected to close in late September.

Bay Meadows Land Co. will buy the land and facilities at the 67-year-old track and assume management of racing operations for a minimum of three years. BMLC also owns Bay Meadows race-track in Northern California.

Terrence Fancher, president of BMLC, said the company plans to apply for a license from the California Horse Racing Board to continue racing at Hollywood Park.

"We love the racing business," he said in a conference call. "We stepped up to purchase Hollywood Park in the hope we can prolong the life of this great asset."

At the same time, Fancher said BMLC "will seek alternative uses for the current racetrack site, in collaboration with the city of Inglewood, in the event that our best efforts are unable to improve the underlying economics of the horse racing industry and to stem the tide of horses leaving the state."

That could mean turning the track into a commercial and residential development after 2008 if California lawmakers don't make commitments to racing, Fancher warned.

"It would be tragic to see racing fall off the landscape in California," he said. "Governor, you can do something about it."

The track's 238-acre site near Los Angeles International Airport is believed to have significant real estate value.

BMLC is owned by Stockbridge Real Estate Fund LP, a private partnership formed to invest in real estate. Stockbridge bought Bay Meadows in 1997 and announced plans to replace the track with a mix of residential and commercial development, but the track is still operating.

Fancher said money won't be taken away from Bay Meadows to operate Hollywood Park.

Hollywood Park's future had been in doubt since February, when Churchill Downs Inc. announced it was exploring

options for the track.

CDI has been disappointed with the track's financial performance since buying the facility in 1999 for \$140 million from then-owner Hollywood Park Inc., which now does business as Pinnacle Entertainment Inc.

Pinnacle will continue to operate the Hollywood Park Casino under a long-term lease.

"The transaction will put Hollywood Park in the hands of an owner that is already active in California racing with a strong interest in finding solutions to the many competitive challenges in that jurisdiction," said Thomas Meeker, CDI's president and chief executive officer.

Meeker said CDI bowed out after three years in California because of soaring worker's compensation costs and state policy "that seems to have forsaken racing."

Attendance at Hollywood Park began declining in the 1990s, when competition from Indian casinos, lotteries and Internet and simulcast wagering started siphoning off live bettors.

Weekday racing attracts only a few thousand people to the track, while weekend attendance might reach 10,000.

"The racing industry in California needs help if it's going to survive," Fancher said. "We have gone from being the absolute leader in the racing industry to a state that has fallen behind."

Fancher urged Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state Legislature to give racing the tools it needs to survive in California, including installing video lottery terminals at Hollywood Park.

"If that was done, everything would be different," Fancher said. "There are 60,000 people in this industry (in California) that would benefit, and it wouldn't harm anybody."

CDI's flagship track is Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., home of the Kentucky Derby.

Hollywood Park opened in 1938, financed by such glitzy investors as studio chief Jack Warner, Al Jolson, Walt Disney, Bing Crosby and Samuel Goldwyn.

The track is located 11 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles. It offers live thoroughbred racing during its spring-summer meet from April 22-July 17, and during its autumn meet from Nov. 9-Dec. 19.

Ralphs markets cited for grape fraud

By The Associated Press

LA QUINTA — A Ralphs supermarket was cited by agriculture officials for selling Mexico-grown grapes as California-grown.

The Riverside County Agricultural Commission on Wednesday issued a citation to Ralphs Grocery Co. for misrepresenting a product. It comes days after Food 4 Less, another Kroger Co.-owned grocer, was cited for the same thing.

"This was an honest mistake. We apologize for our error and we are doing our part right now to make the necessary corrections," Ralphs spokesman Terry O'Neil said.

The 315-store chain crafted advertising for the grapes about eight weeks

ago and had every intention of purchasing California grapes, O'Neil said. But they weren't available. O'Neil said he was only aware of violations at two Ralphs stores — one in La Quinta and another in San Luis Obispo. But agricultural commissioner John Snyder said the about eight other Riverside County Ralphs stores misrepresented grapes.

California Department of Food and Agriculture spokesman Steve Lyle said the Ralphs violations were being referred to the department's general counsel for possible enforcement.

Fines could range from \$100 to \$3,000 per each occurrence and every bag of grapes sold in the store could be considered an occurrence, Lyle said.

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Entertainment

‘Murderball’ a gripping, realistic documentary

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

The list of compelling documentaries released this year is quite impressive, and “Murderball,” a labor of tough love from a group of neophyte NYC-based filmmakers, certainly deserves mention alongside

the best of the bunch. Bearing the name of the smashmouth sport officially known as

quad rugby, which is played in more than 40 countries internationally by iron-willed quadriplegics of varying degrees of upper-body mobility, the film chronicles two-plus years in the lives of some of the game’s most colorful figures. Foremost among them are the principal protagonists — who happen to be each other’s biggest antagonists — Mark Zupan and Joe Soares. The former is the goateed, tattooed wheelchair warrior adorning the film posters who is the charismatic young leader of perennial powerhouse Team USA. Alpha-male Soares is a belligerent former American all-star who, consumed with bitterness at having been cut from his country’s squad, signed on to coach the rival Canadians.

Quad rugby is everything its menacing nickname implies. The combatants are equipped with “Road Warrior”-esque armored wheelchairs and exhibit a temerarious disregard for their physical well-being. The on-court action is intense, expertly captured at what Zupan calls an “ass-level view” by co-director/director of photography Henry Alex Rubin. But what really makes “Murderball” such a treat is the stuff that transpires away from the game, where we discover that in spite of



their physical limitations, these guys are everyday people who do the things everyday people do, including doing IT! The Zupan-Soares feud makes for a fascinating principal storyline, and Rubin and co-director Dana Adam Shapiro (whose Maxim magazine article was the impetus

for the project) weave in numerous other character profiles that are profoundly moving yet appreciatively devoid of overt sentimentality. The filmmakers boldly chose to handle the sensitive subject matter without using kid gloves, and the result is a true and truly uplifting plaudit to a

group of jocks and their indomitable spirit. This is film that belongs on everyone’s “to see” list.

(Rated R for language and sexual content. Running time: 86 minutes)

‘Dark Water’ by design is, indeed, unrelentingly dark

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

It’s nice to know that even the beautiful people get a raw deal once in a while, which is what happens to Jennifer Connelly after she splits with her butthole

hubby and has to take up residence in the leakiest, creakiest and, oh my, creepiest shoebox apartment on Roosevelt Island. Dahlia (that’s Jen’s character name) is none too happy about this unfortunate turn of events, especially since she’s got her daughter, Ceci (spooky kid named

Ariel Gade), with her, and the heartless ex and agents from social services keep trying to pry the little girl away. Plus, it won’t stop raining, the lighting’s terrible, and Jennifer Connelly looks a little too thin for her own good these days.

And when Dahlia notices a big, black

wet spot on the bedroom ceiling, there’s a look on her face that says, “Oh God, not ‘The Ring 2’ again!” Sure enough, it isn’t long before a ghost girl with an ax to grind and perpetually wet hair shows up and starts freaking the bejesus out of Dahlia. She fears she’s losing her mind (and that her snarky ex might be manipulating her surroundings), but knows she’s gotta keep it together if she wants to maintain custody of Ceci and ... wait, is that a face in the washing machine? And what’s with all the clumps of black hair in the sink? Is Cher using the bathroom when we’re not home?

Brazilian Walter Salles (“The Motorcycle Diaries”) makes his Hollywood genre film directorial debut with “Dark Water” and does a nice job keeping the focus on Dahlia as she unravels — make no mistake, this is less a horror movie than it is a psychodrama about the incredible lengths to which a mother will go to hold onto her child. The production design can be summed up in two words — unrelentingly bleak — and after nearly two hours of it you’re bound to leave the theater feeling quite dispirited. At least the filmmakers intended it that way, which is more than can be said for a lot of other films that are out there.

(PG-13, for mature thematic material, frightening sequences, disturbing images and brief language. Running time: 111 minutes)



Avoid this ‘Fantastic’ film flop

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

Here are four fantastic reasons to avoid the “Fantastic Four”:

■ It’s a toy commercial disguised as a movie. A disjointed narrative, woeful character development and ineffectual central conflict are three of the most obvious violations of basic dramatic structure in a film littered with them. All events seem to occur

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randomly, with the only clear directive being to squeeze in as many Xbox and PS2 game-friendly set pieces/advertisements as possible. Examples of such contrived digressions include a snowboard chase scene (replete with a Maxim model) wedged into a hospital recovery sequence, and a laborious bit that finds Johnny Storm, AKA the Human Torch (Chris Evans), taking a break from saving humanity to participate in a motocross competition. The “Fantastic Four” video game, incidentally, is already available in stores — a clever little ploy to entice legions of young gamers into theaters.

■ The leads fail basic chemistry. Mr. Fantastic (Ioan Gruffudd) and the Invisible Woman (Jessica Alba) really should have asked their pal Torch to light a flame under their asses, ‘cuz they fail to generate so much as a single spark on their own. These two easily out-fizzle “Hellboy’s” Ron Perlman and Selma Blair as the most mismatched comic book movie pair ever. It must be



noted, however, that Alba is still very hot. ■ The creative team has created some serious crap. Director Tim Story’s last film was the Jimmy Fallon-Queen Latifah stinker “Taxi.” Screenwriter Michael France penned “Hulk” and “Cliffhanger.” Producer Bernd Eichinger is responsible for the “Resident Evil” scourge. ■ The Thing (Michael Chiklis) looks like a giant Rice Krispie. On top of that, there’s the worrisome casting of “Ray’s” Kerry Washington as Thing’s blind African-American love interest. Washington is certainly a talent-

ed actress, but you’ve got to wonder why she receives ad billing alongside the principals despite garnering barely one minute of screen time. Could it be a calculated and unbecoming attempt to compensate for an otherwise complete lack of ethnic diversity in the cast? If so, it’s bad enough most comic book adaptations are shamefully whitewashed, without token parts thrown in to assuage deservedly guilty consciences.

(Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense action and some suggestive content. Running time: 105 minutes)

‘Cronicas’ starts off strong, falls off quickly

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

The first 15 minutes of newcomer Sebastián Cordero’s psychological thriller are so gripping, it’s easy to understand why power players Alfonso Cuarón (director of “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban” and “Y Tu Mama Tambien”) and Guillermo del Toro (“Hellboy”) threw their weight

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behind the project as producers. Alas, there’s a conspicuous drop off in intensity near the end of the first act, and Cordero never manages to really rev things up again. “Cronicas” is an interesting film, to be sure, but it came so tantalizingly close to being a great one that in the end audiences are likely to feel slightly cheated.

The movie opens on an amiable traveling salesman, Vinicio (Damián Alcázar), bathing in a tranquil watering hole outside the remote Ecuadorian village of Babahoyo,



which has been targeted by a serial killer. Moments later, in the best scene of the movie, Vinicio is being beaten senseless by a mob of townsfolk after accidentally running over

a child. That’s when opportunistic tabloid TV reporter Manolo Bonilla (John Leguizamo) — on hand covering the hunt for the “Monster of Babahoyo” — intervenes, with his cameras rolling, and saves the man’s life. Vinicio offers to give Manolo information about the whereabouts of the Monster in exchange for favorable TV coverage that might help secure his release from jail, where he is being held on vehicular homicide charges. When Vinicio reveals details that only the killer himself could know, Manolo must choose between involving the police or using the inside information to further his career. Cordero effectively uses this set-up to posit some intriguing ideas about the role of modern news organizations in swaying public opinion, and how the lure of big ratings and the bounty that comes with them might incite journalists and the like to manipulate rather than simply cover the news.

(Rated R for violence, a scene of sexuality, and language. Running time: 108 minutes)



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Court orders suspected eco-terrorist's extradition

BY JEREMY HAINSWORTH

Associated Press Writer

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A court on Thursday ordered the extradition of suspected eco-terrorist Tre Arrow, one of the FBI's most-wanted fugitives, to face firebombing charges in the United States.

Arrow, born Michael Scarpitti, is accused of participating in the 2001 firebombing of logging and cement trucks in Oregon. The FBI claims he is associated with the Earth Liberation Front, which has claimed responsibility for dozens of acts of destruction over the past few years.

British Columbia Supreme Court Judge Kristi Gill ruled that there was enough evidence against Arrow to have him extradited to face federal charges. His lawyer said he would appeal, a process that could take months.

The former U.S. Green Party candidate for Congress in 2000 — who says the trees told him to change his name — last week told the court that he was innocent of the charges and a target of a government conspiracy.

"I am innocent of the charges the U.S. government is trying to pin on me," Arrow said. "Just as many other activists have experienced, I am being targeted by the U.S. government and the FBI, not because I am guilty but because I have chosen to challenge the status quo."

In extradition cases, Canadian prosecutors represent the extraditing state, in this case the United States. For an extradition to be ordered, the B.C. Supreme Court had to find there was sufficient evidence to convict Arrow on the same charges in Canada.

Prosecutor Rosellina Patillo said evidence from the U.S. attorney in Oregon indicated Arrow was among four conspirators involved in the bombings of a gravel com-

pany and a logging company between April and June of 2001. The evidence comes from statements of Arrow's three co-conspirators who have pleaded guilty to the bombings at a Mount Hood logging company.

The suspects intended to firebomb a U.S. Forest Service office, but abandoned the idea after they found the security system was too tight, Patillo said.

She said the Ross Island Gravel Co. was targeted "because it was guilty of stealing soil from the earth." In that attack, three trucks were blown up and the damage was \$200,000. The second attack, on June 1, 2001, was against a Mount Hood logging company. They placed incendiary devices under seven vehicles, damaging three at a cost of \$50,000.

She said that in each case, the incendiary device was a plastic container filled with gas; the fuse was a stick of incense with matches attached to it.

Arrow's lawyer, Tim Russell, contends the evidence against him from his co-conspirators is hearsay and inadmissible in a Canadian court.

Arrow is seeking refugee status in Canada, but that process has been suspended pending the outcome of the extradition hearings, his lawyer said.

The 30-year-old Arrow contends he won't get a fair trial in the United States because of the FBI's assertion that his alleged crimes are acts of terrorism. He faces federal charges in Oregon of using fire to commit a felony, destroying vehicles used in interstate commerce and using incendiary devices in a crime of violence. The charges carry up to a combined 80 years in prison.

Civil rights awards to honor Oprah, hero of the 'Hotel Rwanda'

BY WOODY BAIRD

Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Oprah Winfrey and Paul Rusesabagina, whose heroism in the face of genocide inspired the movie "Hotel Rwanda," were announced Thursday as recipients of the National Civil Rights Museum's top honors.

The museum, built around the former Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968, said Winfrey and Rusesabagina will receive its 2005 Freedom Awards.

Winfrey, who runs a media company that includes her television show, is being recognized for working to improve the lives of poor children in Africa and helping create a U.S. database of convicted child abusers.

She will receive the museum's National Freedom Award in November. Past recipients include King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and former Presidents Clinton and Carter.

Rusesabagina will receive the International Freedom Award, which also has been given to Nelson Mandela and Bono.

The museum said a new Lifetime Achievement Award for civil rights activism will be given to actress Ruby Dee and her late husband, Ossie Davis.

None of the recipients were at the announcement.

Rusesabagina was managing a Belgian hotel in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, when civil war broke out in 1994 between the Tutsi and Hutu ethnic groups. An estimated 600,000 to 800,000 people were killed, most of them Tutsis.

He hid more than 1,200 people in the hotel for over three months to prevent their slaughter by Hutu militias.

Museum Director Beverly Robertson described Winfrey as "a great humanitarian" who has used her Oprah Winfrey Foundation to provide scholarships and grants to help educate poor children in the United States and abroad.

"She has provided resources and money to build schools for at least 50,000 children in South Africa," Robertson said. "That is phenomenal. She doesn't have to do that."

The museum said it also was honoring Winfrey for her outspoken advocacy of the 1993 National Child Protection Act.



INTERNATIONAL



World leaders to the terrorists: "We shall prevail"

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

GLENEAGLES, Scotland — World leaders united in a show of solidarity to condemn Thursday's deadly bombings in London as an attack on all nations and vowed to defeat the terrorists responsible.

"We shall prevail and they shall not," declared the Group of Eight leaders and the heads of five developing nations meeting with them here. Their joint statement was read by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, flanked by his somber summit colleagues and visibly shaken by the wave of explosions that ripped through London's rush hour.

"We will not yield to these people," President Bush said minutes later.

The leaders, already protected for their annual summit by extraordinary security measures that local authorities said remained sufficient, said the attacks would not halt their meeting focused on the issues of global warming and African poverty.

"We will not allow violence to change our societies or our values nor will we allow it to stop the work of this summit," Blair said on the leaders' behalf. "We will continue our deliberations in the interest of a better world."

But the impact of the explosions — which Blair said seemed designed to coincide with the meeting — was deeply felt at this exclusive golf resort about 450 miles from London.

Repeated, nearly simultaneous blasts rocked the London subway and tore open at least one packed double-decker bus.

Deaths and injuries mounted and officials shut down the entire underground transport network.

G-8 leaders took a long break in their morning opening session so they could get individual briefings on developments and appear for the joint statement. Bush received frequent updates, and conferred briefly via secure video conference from his hotel suite with U.S. homeland security and national security advisers.

Blair rushed from the summit to return to London for briefings, carrying with him to the British people, Bush said, "a message of solidarity" from the rest of the world.

Bush had no plans to return to Washington early, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Blair planned to return to Gleneagles for the summit's final day of talks on Friday.

The attacks also overshadowed the continuing divide between Bush and Blair and the other leaders on how to tackle global warming.

There was no immediate word on who was responsible.

"It is reasonably clear that this is a terrorist attack or a series of terrorist attacks," Blair said.

The joint statement was quickly agreed to by the leaders of the G-8 countries — United States, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia — as well as the leaders of China, India, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa who met with them Thursday to discuss ways to combat global warming.

They noted that all their countries had suffered from the impact of terrorism.

"We are united in our resolve to confront and defeat this terrorism that is not an attack on one nation but on all nations and on civilized people everywhere," the statement said.

Said Bush: "The contrast couldn't be clearer between the intentions and the hearts of those of us who care deeply about human rights and human liberty, and those who kill, those who've got such evil in their heart that they will take the lives of innocent folks."

"The war on terror goes on," he added.

Many G-8 leaders had sharp disagreements with Bush and Blair over the U.S.-led war in Iraq. But they were united Thursday in condemning the London attacks and pledging intensified efforts to combat terrorism.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder called the blasts "perfidious attacks" and said terrorism should be fought "with all the means at our disposal." French President Jacques Chirac said the attacks were "indescribable" and that "this scorn for human life is something we must fight with ever greater firmness."

Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin expressed condolences to the victims of the blasts while Russian President Vladimir Putin said through spokesman Alexei Gromov that "no matter where such inhuman crimes occur — in London, New York, Moscow or other countries of the world — they demand unconditional condemnation."

The attacks came as Bush and Blair were meeting over breakfast and answering questions from reporters and before all the leaders were due to begin the sum-

mit's general session.

"It's particularly barbaric that this has happened on a day when people are meeting to try to help the problems of poverty in Africa, the long-term problems of climate change and the environment," Blair told reporters.

On climate change, Bush and Blair failed to bridge their differences.

Blair had sought commitments from the United States, along with the other countries, to set specific targets for reduction of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases blamed for global warming.

But Bush has refused, leading Blair to say after their meeting that "there is no point in going back over the Kyoto debate."

The United States is the only G-8 country that has refused to ratify the Kyoto agreement which mandates greenhouse gases reductions. The international treaty took effect in February.

"Now is the time to get beyond the Kyoto protocol and develop a strategy forward," Bush said.

Blair said he hoped to get back on a path to consensus by the time Kyoto expires in 2012.

The meeting began Wednesday with a formal dinner hosted by Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

Hoping to avoid a repeat of protest violence that broke out on the opening day, police — many in riot gear — placed a "safety cordon" Thursday around a camp several miles from Gleneagles that houses some 5,000 activists. Police blocked the main entrance to the camp and urged protesters to stay inside.

Stocks in U.S., Europe drop following terrorist attacks

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have the "hallmarks of an al-Qaida related attack. He added that neither Britain's police nor the intelligence services had any warning of the attacks.

The four blasts went off within an hour, beginning at 8:51 a.m. (3:51 a.m. EDT), and hit three subway stations and the double-decker bus. Authorities immediately shut down the subway and bus lines that log 8.4 million passenger trips every weekday.

The bus explosion seemed to go off at the back of the vehicle, said bystander Raj Mattoo, 35. "The roof flew off and went up about 10 meters (30 feet). It then floated back down," he said. "There were obviously people badly injured. A parking attendant said he thought a piece of human flesh had landed on his arm."

Doctors from the nearby British Medical Association rushed into the street to treat the wounded from the bus. "The front of BMA house was completely splattered with blood and not much of the bus was left," said Dr. Laurence Buckman.

"It was chaos," said Gary Lewis, 32, evacuated from a subway train at King's Cross station. "The one haunting image was someone whose face was totally black and pouring with blood."

As the city's transportation system ground to a near-halt, buses were used as ambulances and an emergency medical station was set up at a hotel. Rescue workers, police and ordinary citizens streamed into the streets to help.

Some central London streets emptied of traffic. Groups of commuters who had

been on their way to work gathered around corner shops with televisions, watching in silence. The mood was somber and subdued.

At the request of Queen Elizabeth II, the Union Jack flag flying over Buckingham Palace was lowered to half staff.

Blair, flanked by fellow G-8 leaders, including President Bush, read a statement from the leaders. "We shall prevail and they shall not," he said.

"Whatever they do, it is our determination that they will never succeed in destroying what we hold dear in this country and in other civilized nations throughout the world," he said earlier.

Returning to London, he promised an intense police hunt for those responsible. He said he knew most Muslims worldwide "deplore this act of terrorism."

"They are trying to use the slaughter of innocent people to cow us," he said. "They should know they will not succeed."

In Scotland, police evacuated a section of Edinburgh's main shopping street after a suspect package was found on a bus.

Bush warned Americans to be "extra vigilant," and his administration raised the terror alert for mass transit a notch to code orange. Security also was stepped up in the U.S. Capitol and in train and bus stations around the country.

Much of Europe also went on alert. Italy's airports raised alert levels to a maximum. The Czech Republic, Hungary, Russia, the Netherlands, France and Spain also announced beefed-up security at shopping centers, airports, railways and subways.

The U.N. Security Council was expected to pass a resolution condemning the blasts later Thursday, an official said.

A group calling itself "The Secret Organization of al-Qaida in Europe" posted a claim of responsibility, saying the blasts were in retaliation for Britain's involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The statement also threatened attacks in Italy and Denmark, both of which have troops in Iraq. It was published on a Web site popular with Islamic militants, and the text was republished on Elaph, a secular Arabic-language news Web site, and Berlin's Der Spiegel magazine.

The statement's authenticity could not be immediately confirmed, but terrorism experts said the blasts had the trademarks of the al-Qaida network.

"This is clearly an al-Qaida style attack. It was well-coordinated, it was timed for a political event and it was a multiple attack on a transportation system at rush hour," said Lawrence Freedman, professor of war studies at King's College in London.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Brian Paddick said there had been no arrests, and it was unclear whether suicide bombers were involved.

Asked about the claim of responsibility, Paddick said: "We will be looking at that ... at the moment we don't know if that's a legitimate claim or not." He added British officials had received no prior warning or advance intelligence that the attacks would occur.

European stocks dropped sharply after the blasts, with exchanges in London, Paris and Germany all down about 2 percent. Insurance and travel-related stocks were hit hard, and the British pound also fell. Gold,

traditionally seen as a safe haven, rose.

The explosions also unnerved traders on Wall Street, sending stocks down sharply.

In London, police said they could confirm at least 37 people had been killed, including two in the bus attack.

Three U.S. law enforcement officials said at least 40 people were killed. They spoke on condition of anonymity and said they learned of the number from their British counterparts.

French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy later said the death toll had risen to 50, citing a conversation with his British counterpart. This could not be confirmed.

Buckman, the London doctor, said ambulance staff told him about 10 people died in the bus blast. BMA doctors treated about nine seriously wounded people in the building's courtyard, two of whom later died, he said.

London police said at least 700 were wounded. Among them, at least 45 were in serious or critical condition, including amputations, fractures and burns, hospital officials told The Associated Press.

London Mayor Ken Livingstone said the blasts were "mass murder" carried out by terrorists bent on "indiscriminate ... slaughter."

"This was not a terrorist attack against the mighty or the powerful ... it was aimed at ordinary working-class Londoners," said Livingstone, in Singapore where he supported London's Olympic bid. Giselle Davies, an International Olympic Committee spokeswoman, said the committee still had "full confidence" in London.



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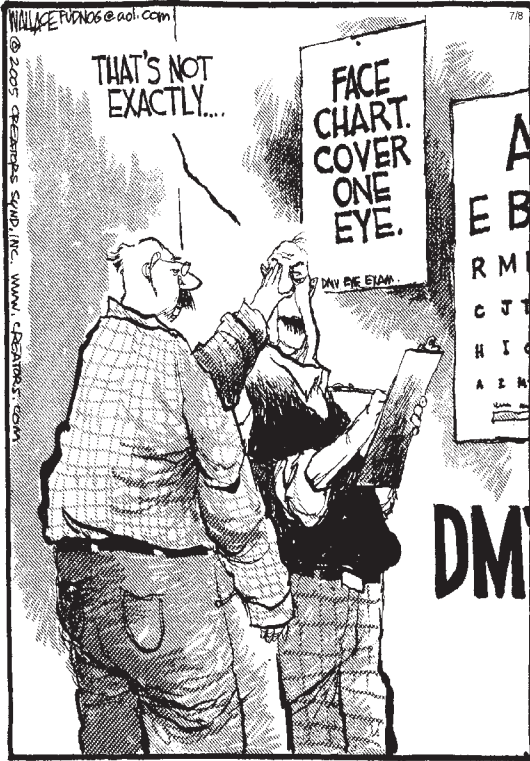


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