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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Jeanette Hall, 29, one of the world's few female taxidermists, enjoyed a mainstream practice in Nevada (elk heads, bear rugs, even some novelties like deer testicles) until she decided recently to create sofa pillows with one side made from the actual fur of her clients' dogs and cats (horses and cows handled, also), for fees of \$65 to \$150. Though her customers were satisfied ("Most people," Hall said, "were happy that Fluffy was still on the couch"), Hall said others considered her work "sick," and she was deluged with "hundreds of hate e-mails from all over the globe," from "people threatening to burn down my house." (Consequently, she has temporarily retired her pillow work.)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Hope is itself a species of happiness, and, perhaps, the chief happiness which this world affords."

- SAMUEL JOHNSON

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Taking a beating



Nicky Five Aces/Five Aces Photo

The Chicago Blues Reunion drummer was a whirl of frenetic energy during Thursday's free concert at the Santa Monica Pier.

SMC to hold special board meeting

By Daily Press staff

There are plenty more issues that need to be addressed with Santa Monica College's satellite campus near the airport before any approvals are made or lawsuits are filed.

That's why the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting to respond

to a city of Santa Monica staff report concerning access to SMC's new Airport Campus. The special board meeting will be followed by a closed session for the purpose of conferring with, and receiving advice from, legal counsel concerning whether to initiate

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Edgar Pelaez (inside the van), a driver for Meals on Wheels West, hands out prepared meals to volunteers on Friday.

Protection issues in question at market

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — It appears barrier protection at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market might be slacking.

More than two years after Russell Weller, 88, killed 10 and injured dozens of people when he drove his car through the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, some business owners believe City Hall is not doing what it can to make sure a similar tragedy is avoided in

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Weller trial bumped to March of 2006

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE

Attorneys said a jury trial will likely be postponed until March of 2006 for Russell Weller, 88, who killed 10 and injured dozens of people when he drove his car through the

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Photo courtesy

No barriers existed at the entrance point to the Farmers' Market just west of Second Street on Arizona Avenue on Wednesday for more than an hour. The lack of barriers, which for the past year have been in the form of parked police cars, has some wondering if it opens up the city to potential liability if a vehicle drove through the market like Russell Weller did in 2003, killing 10 and injuring dozens of others.

Meals on Wheels West might be coming to a grinding halt

BY WINTER JOHNSON

Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN — Because of financial challenges faced by First Christian Church — the home of Meals on Wheels West for more than 20 years — the food provider might have to come to a permanent stop.

As a congregation that seats a maximum of 50 people, the church has been facing increasing financial difficulty over the last

five years, leading to the possibility of a sale, which the board will decide upon next week. During the first 15 years of their tenancy, Meals on Wheels West (MOWW) paid rents ranging from \$300 to \$600 a month. However, for the past five years they have paid \$1,750 a month, and with the possibility of the church selling its property, rent has increased from the usual \$1,750 to \$3,000 per

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You need to slow down, even if you don't feel like it. Others might be exhausted, and if you are honest with yourself, so are you! Take advantage of the time to do something special for yourself or for a friend. Tonight: Just don't go wild.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You have had enough pressure and stress; the time has come to raise a little Cain or to get out and have some fun. A happening might be irresistible. You make all the difference because you are there. Tonight: Count on going till the wee hours.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You must make an appearance, or someone's feelings could be hurt. You will also be asked to handle other responsibilities. Don't shut down; work on saying no gracefully. You can do it. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Some time away from your day-to-day life will lighten you up. You might be fortunate enough to get together with a friend at a distance, meeting at the halfway mark. You'll see life differently once you detach. Tonight: Indulge in some wanderlust.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ For once, let another person make the choices and run the show. You actually might like the results. Letting go is not always easy for you, but as you will see, it's most worthwhile. Don't get uptight. Trust. Tonight: Go along with another's scheme.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might not appreciate another's shove, but you get it anyway. You find that others are full of conversation. In order to have a good time and enjoy those around you, you just need to go along for the ride. An older friend could be uptight. Tonight: Say yes.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Getting into a project helps you get past tension or a sense of aggravation. Stop and play a game with a friend or child. Stay level, even if you lose. Sometimes you put too much emphasis on the end results and not enough on the process. Tonight: Don't party it up.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You have idea upon idea. You also might be more seductive and flirtatious than you realize. Think positively, but lighten up. Recognize the ramifications of your intensity. Tonight: Help make the night fun for all.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Don't push; rather, stay at home. If you want to invite others over for a spontaneous get-together, please do. You will enjoy yourself the most at your own pad. Get an extra z or two. Tonight: No complications, please.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might be more in touch with others than you realize. Start the communicating. Sometimes you hold back more than you realize. By opening up, you'll have reason to laugh and smile. Tonight: A partner feels uptight.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Deal with your finances before you make a major purchase. You could be unhappy with how much you are spending or the lack of cash you seem to have. You can change this predicament with some thought and the input of others. Tonight: Some cheap fun.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You find that the action surrounds you, no matter which direction you turn. Find out what might be going on with a moody friend or loved one. It might just be a passing mood. Make plans that suit you. Tonight: As you like.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM plays host to Colombian, Russian orphans

By Daily Press staff

You can make a difference in a child's life — today.

For the past two weeks, more than 40 children have made journeys from Colombia and Russia to Southern California to join Kidsave's Seventh Annual Summer Miracles program. The six-week summer program will highlight the plight of orphanage and foster care kids worldwide who need loving, permanent homes, officials say.

Kidsave and Broadway Gymnastics school invite all of the present and past Kidsave host families and children, and will provide an opportunity for those families interested in meeting these lively and happy kids at the first event of the summer in Santa Monica.

Today will be a gymnastics training session at the Broadway Gymnastics School, where next week Olympic Gold-Medalists Nadia Comaneci and Bart Conner will lead the camp.

The event will take place today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Broadway Gymnastics School, 5433 Beethoven St.

To learn more about Kidsave's Summer Miracles, visit www.kidsave.org or call 1-888-KIDSAVE.

UCLA orthopaedic surgery coming to SM

By Daily Press staff

Specialized orthopaedic care and surgery in Santa Monica will soon just be a doctor's visit away.

Orthopaedic Hospital's surgical services are coming to Santa Monica, two years before completion of the new Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.

Orthopaedic Hospital's surgical services are scheduled to relocate to Santa Monica-UCLA this month. Pediatric surgical services will move first in mid-July, followed by adult inpatient services by the end of the month. Orthopaedic Hospital will continue to provide and expand outpatient services at its recently constructed, 40,000-square-foot outpatient facility on its existing campus in downtown Los Angeles. Services include pediatric orthopaedics, adult chronic musculoskeletal disorders, urgent pediatric trauma care and occupational medicine.

UCLA Healthcare and Orthopaedic Hospital signed a strategic alliance in 1998, calling for Orthopaedic Hospital to relocate its surgical services to the new facility in Santa Monica.

"We are very excited to be operationalizing our alliance with UCLA Healthcare by relocating our inpatient services to the

Santa Monica campus," said Dr. James V. Luck Jr, president, CEO and medical director of Orthopaedic Hospital.

The hospital is known for its patient care, teaching and research in orthopaedic medicine, hospital officials say. For almost 100 years, the hospital has been helping children afflicted with crippling conditions lead healthy, active lives regardless of their families' ability to pay.

Santa Monica-UCLA serves as a part of the UCLA Hospital System, which also includes UCLA Medical Center, the Neuropsychiatric Hospital and the Mattel Children's Hospital in Westwood. Santa Monica-UCLA provides comprehensive primary and specialty care to Los Angeles' Westside community.

Its 24-hour Nethercutt Emergency Center treats almost 30,000 patients a year, and its maternity center delivers almost 2,000 babies each year. The hospital also has the city's only dedicated pediatrics service to ensure that infants, children and adolescents receive age-friendly care when hospitalized — an important feature for the partnership with Orthopaedic Hospital, officials say.

The new Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic

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SURF REPORT

The SW swell should peak with size running chest- to shoulder-high around most south-facing breaks, once the tide fills in. Note that Saturday will likely see long periods running 16+ seconds. The better sets may likely be less frequent, and size will vary along the coast. It looks like Saturday's winds will calm a bit, at least for afternoon sessions. Morning sessions should see some calm winds but with unstable conditions associated with moisture being whipped into our area from what was Hurricane Emily. It is possible that WSW winds could increase throughout the morning. Saturday will likely see some NW wind swell, but at this point it looks minor, just knee-high or so. Sunday will be the last peak day of the swell with size running chest- to shoulder-high for south-facing breaks. Tide is still an issue on Sunday, however.

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MONDAY	7:07	-0.2	7:29	1.7	12:19	5.7	1:42	4.9
TUESDAY	7:48	0.5	8:52	1.7	1:18	4.7	2:30	5.1
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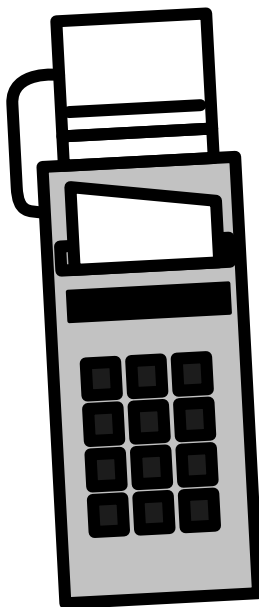
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OPINION

The Q-Line

FILM INDUSTRY AN ASSET TO SANTA MONICA

This past week, Q-line asked:
"Would you welcome a respite from the ongoing presence of filmmakers in the city, or is it a valuable promotion?"

Here are your responses:

© "As far as any resident complaints of noise and disruption in the city, you can forget that. The police and administration of this city already do. Regarding filmmaking in this city, if it were properly monitored and controlled, it would probably be OK. But of course, it wouldn't be. If the City Council gets enough bucks, they'll let them get away with anything."

© "No, I would not welcome a respite from filmmaking, because this brings money to our lovely city of San Malicious. That is a pig-headed idea."

© "The filming that goes on can be a problem if it goes on for too long. A couple of things that the film crews should do that would help make residents feel better is to arrange a parking place for the cars, and have a shuttle service back and forth so the people can get to their houses, and once they're film-

ing, have a nice picnic for everybody and make sure the cast is there so the people can meet the actors, and it will be some good PR for the film. But the best thing about the film crews is that they're not as destructive as the bums, they're not as filthy as the bums, and they bring money to the community instead of taking money away from the community, like the bums."

© "I feel It's important to keep filming in Santa Monica because it brings revenue to the city and it's well-needed. I've never experienced any problems having to overcome movie-making in our neighborhood. I think it's good for the city."

© "I welcome it wholeheartedly. It brings people in, publicity for the city, fees into the city, people buying services in the city, and it is generally good for the city. I see no negatives."

All sarcasm aside, let's hear from the readers



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

It's time, once again, for me to share some of the readers' responses I've gotten to recent columns. To protect their privacy, I've not revealed the full identity of any of these people, but I promise you that Karl Rove is not one of my sources.

Many people responded to my column about the House of Representatives banning Medicare and Medicaid from paying for Viagra and similar medications:

EWORTH: "My tax dollars aren't here to make sure each American male reaches his erectile potential."

GERA: "... This legislation is just plain cruel to older men."

I wrote about the new food guidelines and pyramid.

DAN: "Reading parts of your column was like hearing an echo. They keep changing their minds about what's healthy and unhealthy."

CARL: "We don't need a pyramid ... we need good old-fashioned common sense."

I discussed a support group for liberals.

BALVER: "Hurrah and thank you for your article. Maybe there is still hope for this country."

STEVE: "With public opinion and the power of Congress on our side, liberals will need more than therapy — they should seek political asylum — LOL!!!"

DBUL: "I was crushed when I read that this group was founded in the People's Democratic Republic of Santa Monica, the city where "No Right Turn" doesn't apply just at intersections. Kind of like founding an Alcoholics Anonymous chapter in a microbrewery."

I expressed that I would have been happier if the mystery of "Deep Throat" had remained a mystery.

GAPON: "If there's anything to be learned from this, it's that's you're right on. Flawed, regular people can and are often heroes. And, right now, we need all we can get. Deep, mid or shallow."

GMET: "Clearly Felt was/is a reluctant, conflicted and, perhaps, troubled individual. An imperfect hero to be sure. But a hero nonetheless."

DAN: "We know he (Felt) became a traitor when Nixon bypassed him, selecting Mr. Gray, to succeed Hoover as the director of the FBI. This happened in old China many times over the last 2,500 years. There were many Mr. Felts in China's long history."

I wrote about the latest trend of women

wanting to look like they have breast implants.

TRIN: "It amazes me that while our society is bombarded with messages of tolerance, embracing diversity and celebrating our differences, no one wants to stay the way they were created The group who truly suffers in all this is the American teenage girl."

I wrote about how difficult it is for some of us to make some hard decisions and write a living will.

FRED: "My Living Will is titled, 'Put a fork in me when I'm done.'"

I expressed my disappointment at the Supreme Court's recent decision allowing local governments to invoke eminent domain to take private homes and sell them to other private individuals.

JUNE: "The whole American dream is to own your own home. And now for the courts to pass such a ruling is absurd. Let's take away their homes and see what they would say."

GLOVE: "I was shocked and appalled when I heard the opinion as I'm sure millions of other Americans also were. We have been encouraging, certainly by example, the benefits of private property ownership to Russia, and now we are discouraging it here in America."

I wrote about the latest trend of expelling pre-schoolers for pulling hair and kicking others.

RJACHE: "Your piece is ridiculous and predictable ... Having no immediate consistent consequences for your actions eventually ends up with a society in which they have a place in the desert were you go and 'what happens there stays there.'"

CHARLES: "This is just another product of over legislation and under funding, zero tolerance and all other politically correct status symbols. You need to just let the kids be kids and learn on their own instead of being overprotective."

DJSIM: "If a child is repeatedly disruptive, he should be expelled so that the consequences of his behavior fall on his irresponsible parents rather than the teachers, the other children and their parents. If you were being sarcastic, never mind."

I appreciate all of your responses and hope that you will continue to let me know what you think. And I'm not being sarcastic.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He also has read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's opinion page and can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermodern-times.com.)

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COMMENTARY

GUEST COMMENTARY BY R. STEPHEN KRAMER

Misconceptions on Patriot Act widespread

Over the past year, the Orange County Register has expressed criticisms in various editorials of the USA Patriot Act ("The House takes a patriotic stand," June 17; "'A' for effort, needs work," Oct. 17, 2004; and "Welcome limitation on the Patriot Act," Oct. 3, 2004). The Register's views reflect common misconceptions of the reforms the USA Patriot Act made to existing laws and how the FBI uses these laws to investigate national security cases.

Contrary to the Register's views that the act was cobbled together in haste after 9/11, the act actually intelligently addressed laws and policies that had placed unnecessary restraints on the FBI's ability to gather, analyze and share terrorism-related information. In other areas, the act updated federal laws — written in the era of rotary telephones — to account for new technologies such as the Internet and voice-mail.

Unlike traditional criminal cases, national security cases — where the goal is to protect the United States from the hostile acts of a foreign power — were hindered by investigative tools and unnecessary administrative hurdles prior to the USA Patriot Act. The act applied investigative tools that had been traditionally used in criminal cases to national security matters. Yet, constitutional protections against unreasonable searches are not lessened in a national security case. In both criminal and national security cases, a federal judge must find probable cause prior to any government search where a reasonable expectation of privacy exists.

In a criminal case, there must be probable cause that a crime occurred and that evidence of the crime will be found. In a national security case, there must be probable cause that the subject is an agent of a foreign power — including a terrorist group — and that evidence relating to terrorist activities or foreign intelligence will be found.

Even where probable cause is not constitutionally required, national security cases often require judicial oversight. For instance, Section 215 of the act permits the issuance of a court order for the production of business records.

This technique is analogous to a grand jury subpoena, except a grand jury subpoena doesn't require the prior approval of a federal judge.

Yet, critics believe Section 215 should exempt libraries despite the fact that criminal investigators have always had this authority through a grand jury subpoena. In the Unabomber case, for example, the government served subpoenas on several libraries to assist the criminal investigation. Section 215 provides agents with a similar tool so that libraries cannot become a haven for terrorists and spies to further their activities with library resources such as Internet access.

The Register also has taken issue with the use of the national security letters. Since 1987, the FBI has issued NSLs to electronic communication providers and financial institutions to learn with whom terrorists and spies are speaking and how they are compensated. Companies served with national security letters are instructed not to disclose the fact that the FBI sought the requested information, as it could jeopardize national security. The non-disclosure caveat was always used with NSLs, and the USA Patriot Act didn't change this. The act simplified the administrative approval process and made the standard for issuing a national security letter similar to that of a grand jury subpoena.

Most important, the USA Patriot Act allows counter terrorism/intelligence investigators to share information relating to federal crimes with criminal investigators. Prior to the act, it was difficult administratively and legally to share information from a national security case with criminal investigators. Now, when an FBI counter-terrorism suspect engages in illegal acts — bank fraud, drug smuggling, lying to federal agents — the FBI can share that information with criminal agents, who can arrest the suspect and disrupt the terrorist activity long before the suspect can lay his hands on a bomb.

(R. Stephen Kramer is an attorney who represents the Los Angeles division of the FBI.)

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At least 63 civil suits set to follow Weller criminal case

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the future.

Weller still faces 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence for the July 16, 2003 crash. He traveled 995 feet through the market at speeds of up to 60 mph, avoiding parked cars and hurling pedestrians into the air before stopping, a 900-page California Highway Patrol report said. The 10 people killed ranged in age from 7 months to 78 years old.

His trial will likely be held in March of 2006 (see related story). Meanwhile, at least 63 civil lawsuits have been filed against the city of Santa Monica and the Bayside District Corp., which oversees the market. Those civil proceedings are on hold until the criminal trial is complete. There also are dozens of civil lawsuits filed against Weller, as well as the Los Angeles County's agricultural commissioner and the state of California.

The city of Santa Monica said it has increased efforts to secure the Farmers'

Market for the past year in the wake of the tragedy. City Hall spokeswoman Judy Rambeau said a police car has blocked the entrance and exits, and there are additional traffic officers at the crossings.

However, some business owners are concerned City Hall is not doing enough.

One downtown merchant, who requested anonymity for fear of reprisals from City Hall, said he has noticed police cars parked further away from exit and entry points in recent weeks.

On Wednesday, the merchant said a police car was parked to the side for more than an hour and a half to allow vehicular access.

"Gathering so many people in the street, you should do what you can to protect them," he said. "Santa Monica should be demonstrating it is conscious about promoting public safety."

He added that there was little point in having the police cars on hand unless they were used as the barriers intended.

Laurie Levenson, a Loyola Marymount law professor, said the issue of barriers will likely have little impact in Weller's criminal case, but it might have significant impact in the civil lawsuits set to follow.

"It will be a hotly contested issue whether this crash was foreseeable," Levenson said, indicating City Hall might have been able to do more to protect the public. "These farmers' markets are held in a traffic zone."

"It's not completely unlikely someone

might drive through them."

However, Steve Traylor, an attorney with the League of California Cities, said those blaming City Hall for the disaster might have a hard time proving their case in court. To be successful, Traylor said civil attorneys would likely need to prove City Hall was aware accidents might result without the barriers in place, and that it did nothing to address the issue before the crash occurred.

Referring to a 1984 case *Swaner vs. the city of Santa Monica*, Traylor relayed how a motorist, driving illegally on the beach, struck and injured pedestrians. A suit followed that argued City Hall — aware it occasionally had problems with motorists driving illegally on the beach — should have taken better measures to prevent motorists from accessing it.

Traylor said in *Swaner vs. Santa Monica*, City Hall had some prior knowledge of the problem, which may have made it more culpable in the case. However, the Farmers' Market crash was a first of its kind.

"What happened in this case is that a third party caused the injuries, and the question is, did the city have an obligation to erect barriers?"

Traylor said, to his knowledge, it is not common for cities that have farmers' markets to put up barriers.

Before their turn at trial begins, Levenson said civil attorneys might scramble around the country to find examples showing otherwise.

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DDA in Weller case to go on maternity leave

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Santa Monica Farmers' Market more than two years ago.

Weller, 88, faces 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, which were filed by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office several months after the July 16, 2003 crash. If convicted on all counts, Weller's sentence could range from probation to 18 years in prison, according to the DA's office. Weller has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Deputy District Attorney Ann Ambrose, who is prosecuting the case, said she is ready for trial. However, Ambrose is expecting to go on maternity leave in September.

Ambrose has agreed with Weller's attorney, Mark Overland, to postpone the trial until she returns to her position in March.

Overland has previously said he is still

finalizing his defense and describes Weller as being in failing health. However, he said holding off the trial until next year was an agreement reached by both parties.

Ambrose said she discussed passing the Weller case on to another DDA. However, due to its scope, she has decided to keep it.

"This has been a lengthy investigation involving several hundred witnesses," Ambrose said. "It would take more time to pass the case on to someone else, who would not only have to review the case, but also re-interview witnesses."

Ambrose said, once underway, the trial itself might take months to complete.

Laurie Levenson, a Loyola Marymount law professor, said it is not uncommon for criminal cases to take a long time before they go trial.

She said it is unlikely the attorneys involved have been working deliberately

to prevent bringing Weller to justice.

"There may not seem to be a great sense of urgency from the (legal) parties point of view, a feeling which may be different than the victims and family," Levenson said. "I don't think it's intentional to delay the case."

"Regardless if it's going on maternity leave or taking a summer vacation, people just do those things."

Federal safety investigators ruled last year that Weller mistakenly stepped on the gas rather than the brake as he drove west on Arizona Avenue. Investigators ruled out mechanical failure, weather, alcohol or drugs, and fatigue.

Weller traveled 995 feet through the market at speeds of up to 60 mph, avoiding parked cars but propelling pedestrians into the air before stopping, a 900-page California Highway Patrol report said. The 10 people killed ranged in age from 7 months to 78 years old.

Days after the crash, Weller issued a statement saying he was distraught and heartbroken. His attorney called it an accident. Since then, Weller has remained secluded in his Santa Monica home.

Meanwhile, 63 civil lawsuits have been filed against the city of Santa Monica and the Bayside District Corp., which oversees the market. Those civil proceedings are on hold until the criminal trial is complete. There also are dozens of civil lawsuits filed against Weller, as well as the Los Angeles County's agricultural commissioner and the state of California.

Attorneys representing the plaintiffs argue the city should have had protective barriers at both ends of the market. The City Attorney's Office argues that Santa Monica officials maintain that it was a tragic accident that couldn't have been foreseen. Police vehicles are now parked at both ends of the market.

Report, response will be presented to City Council

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litigation against the city.

The city staff report will be presented to the Santa Monica City Council at its meeting Tuesday, July 26, as will the SMC trustees' response.

At issue could be whether or not SMC wants to be held accountable in any contractual agreement with City Hall regarding access issues to the satellite campus.

However, city staff is recommending that conditions be attached to SMC's future plans for traffic access and parking. In its report, staff is recommending to extend the current temporary access agreement with SMC to facilitate the beginning of the 2005 semester, provided SMC identifies an alternative location for shuttle operations at the Airport Park parking lot that it currently leases for those attending the Bundy campus.

In addition, SMC must immediately begin discussions to identify traffic and parking management solutions for SMC operations citywide, the staff report said.

SMC's new Airport Campus opened July 5 for the summer session. A total of 25 credit class sections and three non-credit courses are meeting at the west building at the Airport Campus through Aug. 11.

The four-story west building was renovated and designed by architect tBP of Los Angeles. The 64,000-square-foot facility currently houses the nursing program, education department, continuing and community education, as well as

some general-education courses.

The west building includes 18 "wired" classrooms, conference rooms, computer labs, study areas, food service room, faculty and counselor offices, a small library, small bookstore, state-of-the-art nursing lab and more.

Besides the west building, the site also has a two-story parking structure that is currently vacant. It has 609 parking spaces, with the long-range master plan providing an additional 80 spaces. Students are currently parking at the shuttle lot on Airport Avenue, just north of the new Airport Campus.

SMC purchased the satellite campus at 3171 Bundy Dr. from BAE Systems in December 2001 for \$30 million. Before renovating it, the college spent about \$1 million on a number of site improvements, including the removal of a 100,000-square-foot manufacturing building, utility undergrounding, and a new sound wall and landscaping to provide a buffer between the site and the adjacent residential neighborhood. In addition, SMC closed the rear entrance from Stewart Avenue, which goes through a residential area.

SMC has been working closely with neighborhood organizations to develop the long-range master plan for the site, college officials say.

The special meeting will be held in the SMC Ilona Katz board room, room 117 of the business building, 1900 Pico Blvd., on Monday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m.

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STATE BRIEFS

Mother lets 13-year-old drive to school

By The Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — A 13-year-old boy drove to school because mom had a headache.

A school security supervisor caught the boy behind the wheel when he pulled up Tuesday morning in the staff parking lot at Ruth Harris Middle School, police Sgt. William Megenney said. The mother and son live in San Bernardino, about 14 miles away from the school.

When the school officer called his home, his mother Ricela Perez, 35, said, “I had a headache and didn’t want to drive to school, so I let him drive.”

The mother and son each received misdemeanor traffic tickets: Perez for loaning her vehicle to an unlicensed driver and the teenager for driving without a license.

“The officer was extremely nice in this case because he actually could have arrested the mother for child endangerment,” Megenney said.

Crossbow shooter arrested for firing into car

By The Associated Press

REDLANDS, Calif. — A man who fired a crossbow bolt into a car, narrowly missing a passenger, was arrested and taken to a hospital for psychological evaluation.

Chet Alexander Guerra, 31, was expected to be booked for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon when he’s released from Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, investigators said.

Guerra allegedly got into an argument Wednesday night with two men leaving his father’s Redlands Trap and Skeet paintball facility, police spokesman Carl Baker said. The nature of the dispute wasn’t disclosed.

Jason Kimbirk, 24, and Justin Robinson, 20, were in their car when the dart flew in through an open window, just missing the passenger as it lodged into the dashboard, Baker said. The dart was apparently fired from Guerra’s upstairs apartment.

Police confiscated a crossbow, arrows and a loaded shotgun.



Image courtesy

The new Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital are being built around the existing Santa Monica facility and are set to open in phases, starting next spring.

New facility taking shape

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Hospital, currently taking shape around the existing Santa Monica facility, will open in phases beginning next spring.

Plans call for the new Nethercutt Emergency Center to open first. The 14,000-square-foot facility, to be located on 15th Street near Arizona Avenue, will feature several innovations in emergency care. Those features include rooms that offer greater versatility for diagnosis and treatment while affording maximum privacy; an observation unit where patients can be monitored continuously until they are admitted or discharged home; state-of-the-art medical equipment and technology; and the capability of providing fast-track service for minor injuries and illnesses.

Other key components of the new, 271-bed hospital, which will feature an

inviting, user-friendly design compatible with its neighborhood setting, include:

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- A new, 22-bed critical-care unit.
- Six new, state-of-the-art operating rooms.
- Expanded space for outpatient services.

Almost 90 percent of beds in the new hospital will be in private rooms, and more than one-quarter of the new medical campus will be devoted to green and open spaces.

Construction officials expect the project to be mostly completed in 2007, with occupancy planned for early 2008.



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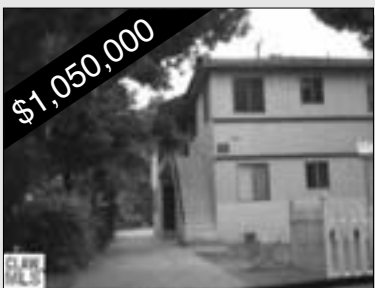
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Roberts faces the reality of Democratic scrutiny

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — As John Roberts navigates his way through the Senate confirmation process, his time to bask in the afterglow of selection for the Supreme Court is giving way to the harsher spotlight of Democratic scrutiny.

Smiles, handshakes and flashing television lights characterized a series of visits Roberts has made to the offices of senators on Capitol Hill, an easygoing get-to-know-you environment that masked much of the underlying tension. For the 50-year-old lawyer and judge, the contrast with his courtly White House introduction couldn't have been more stark.

Roberts was back on the meet-and-greet trail Friday, holding discussions first with Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

He has spent the past three days visiting with members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which will get the first vote on his nomination, probably in September.

Within two days of President Bush's announcement of his choice of Roberts, several Democrats said they doubted that their party would try to filibuster his confirmation. But many in the party said at the same time that not enough is known about the federal appellate court judge and former official in the Reagan administration and the first Bush administration.

Democrats will search for documents in their efforts to learn more about how Roberts would comport himself on the high court, characterized in these times by its delicate power balance among conser-

vatives, moderates and liberals.

Democrats stalled two of Bush's high-profile nominees by demanding documents the White House did not want to provide about John Bolton and Miguel Estrada. It is not clear what senators would do should the administration deny them information from similar requests involving Roberts.

"Hopefully they won't ask for things they shouldn't, and hopefully the administration won't withhold the things they shouldn't," said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb.

Roberts has gotten some glowing reviews after his first two days of glad-handing on Capitol Hill.

Roberts is "a nonactivist judge, which everyone is looking for," said the committee chairman, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa. Added a former chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah: "He's the type of guy you'd want to live next door to."

Some of the 14 senators who halted filibusters of President Bush's judicial nominees also praised Roberts.

That means a Democratic blockade is unlikely of his ascension to the high court to replace the retiring Sandra Day O'Connor.

Nelson said Bush had made a "wise choice." Said Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., "So far, so good."

Roberts, said Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., is "a credible nominee, and not one that — as far as we know now — has a record that in any sense could be described as extremist."

A sticking point could be Roberts' work as a lawyer in the Reagan and first Bush administrations.

Meals on Wheels may have to park it

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month. As a result of the church's most recent rent hike, MOWW will have to move its locale.

MOWW was established in 1974 by the West Side Ecumenical Conference and became a separate entity in 1996. The nonprofit organization focuses on providing well-balanced meals to those who are homebound and unable to cook for themselves. A large portion of MOWW clients are elderly, said executive director RoseMary Regalbuto.

First Christian Church was underwriting the MOWW expenses for many years, thereby leading to a lower rental rate than it would have charged for another nonprofit organization tenant, said pastor Bill Miles. In addition, the church has covered all utility bills for the building. However, the low rental prices have become economically impossible for the church, which led to the rent increase five years ago.

"We may have gone economically too far," said Miles when asked about the sale, who attributes his opinion to First Christian Church board chairperson Gina Hattenbach, Esq. "If we had charged them what we are charging now, we might not be in a position where we need to sell the property to survive."

The church has been at its present location since 1924.

Regalbuto said that while MOWW is open to a range of possibilities for a new home, including purchasing a facility, it must have a loading and unloading option, or a parking lot in order to meet

the needs of the program, and office space of between 1,100 and 1,400 square feet.

"We've been looking at all the options," Regalbuto said. "We're open to almost any ideas."

The lack of available property that meets MOWW's qualifications leads to its current dilemma. MOWW is looking to pay between \$1,500 and \$2,000 a month for rent. But according to Regalbuto, the spaces they have found so far are at least \$3 per square foot, leading to a monthly minimum of \$3,300. That price does not include utilities.

Vince Muselli, president of Muselli Commercial Realtors, said prices for rental space in Santa Monica vary widely, from \$1.75 per square foot on Lincoln Boulevard or Pico Boulevard, to \$4 per square foot on Wilshire Boulevard. Over the last five years, Wilshire Boulevard rates have doubled and the other streets' rates have raised as much as 50 percent.

At its current \$3,000 rent, MOWW is at risk of going out of business entirely because it would have to go into its cash reserves in order to make payments, according to MOWW board member Barbara Bishop.

More than 400 people will be affected in the event of MOWW's closure, giving some clients no choice but to relocate to nursing homes.

"The biggest part of Meals on Wheels is the social contact that the volunteers provide," Regalbuto said. "Traditionally these people are more frail and isolated. It is important that Meals on Wheels is there for these clients."

NATIONAL



House extends most of Patriot Act indefinitely

BY GLEN JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The House voted to extend indefinitely the anti-terrorist USA Patriot Act, while limiting to 10 years two provisions of the law that have become linchpins in the ongoing congressional debate: allowing federal agents to use roving wiretaps and to search library and medical records.

By a 257-171 margin, lawmakers who earlier Thursday had watched reports of attempted terrorist bombings in London, agreed to renew key provisions of the Patriot Act that were set to expire at the end of this year.

Forty-three Democrats joined 214 Republicans in passing the bill, which dropped 14 of 16 expiration dates on provisions initially drafted into the law shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Hours earlier, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved its own general extension of the law, but it called for Congress to re-examine the wiretap and library provisions after another four-year time period. The full Senate likely will vote on the bill this fall, before the competing measures are reconciled in a conference committee.

President Bush cheered the House vote. "The Patriot Act is a key part of our efforts to combat terrorism and protect the American people, and the Congress needs to send me a bill soon that renews the act without weakening our ability to fight terror," Bush said in a statement released by the White House.

Despite more than nine hours of passionate debate, the House nearly one-upped the Senate in a surprise revolt at the conclusion of its deliberations. Nine Republicans broke ranks and voted with a united Democratic bloc on a last-ditch effort to make all 16 of the Patriot Act's most sensitive provisions subject to an additional four-year "sunset" period.

"It is not a Republican vote; it is not a Democrat vote," said one of the rogue Republicans, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California. Instead, he cast it as an attempt to adhere to the limited government envisioned by the Founding Fathers.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas, the No. 2 Republican in the House, shook his head in disgust — while House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., came to the floor and cast a rare vote of his own — as a designated 15-minute voting period on the Democratic proposal ended in a 205-205 tie. Late-arriving members continued to vote, eventually defeating it by a margin of 218-209.

"Good oversight is done by congressional leadership, not by sunsets," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who shepherded the bill through the chamber as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

The roving wiretap provision, Section 206, allows investigators to obtain warrants to intercept a suspect's phone conversations or Internet traffic without limiting it to a specific phone or identifying the suspect. The records provision, Section 215, authorizes federal officials to obtain "tangible items" such as business, library and medical records.

Advocates argued that such powers already exist in criminal investigations so they should be expressly continued for terrorism investigations. They also cited safeguards in the bill, such as a requirement that a judge approve the records search.

One amendment, passed 402-26, would require the FBI director to personally approve any request for library or bookstore records. Another successful amendment calls for a 20-year jail term for an attack against a rail or mass-transit vehicle; a 30-year sentence if the vehicle carries nuclear material; and life imprisonment — with the possibility of the death penalty — if anyone is killed in such an attack.



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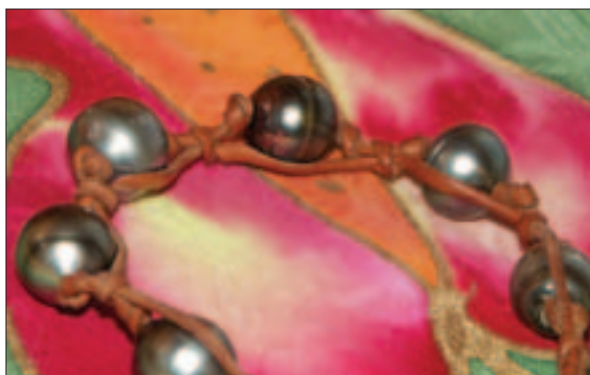
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Club classes going high-tech

By Daily Press staff

Members of the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club can now take individualized lessons, including video editing, graphic design, web design, animation, music editing and more, in the new tech and learning center.

The center also has a new sound-proof recording studio where members can take music lessons, such as drum class, guitar class and keyboarding. They also get an opportunity to learn how to record, mix and edit their music.

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(Top) Jake Block, last year's 'Youth of the Year' winner who works in the new tech and learning center at the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club, assists members on computers on Thursday during the center's inauguration and celebration. (Left) Fifth grader Taylor Hodges (left) and seventh grader Elan Ruffin take a guitar class from Rebekah Touma while Christian Nava plays on the keyboard.

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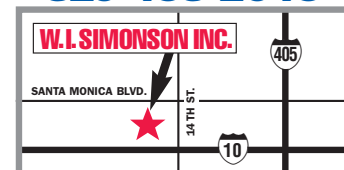
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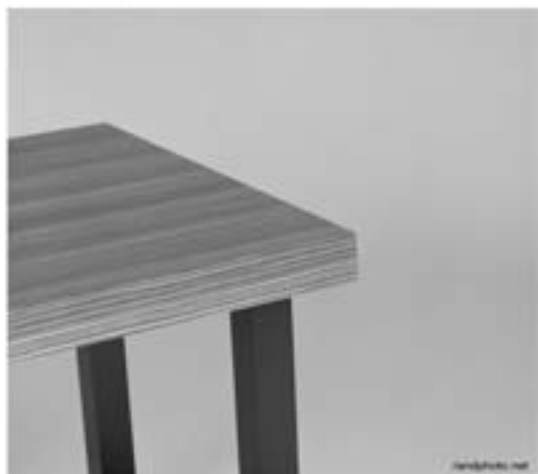
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NATIONAL

CO2 flooding revives oil fields in Wyoming

BY BOB MOEN
Associated Press Writer

MIDWEST, Wyo. — By all accounts, the Salt Creek oil field was dying. Production had dropped from 6.3 million barrels in 1978 to 1.7 million in 2004, dragging Wyoming's statewide oil production down with it. By 2020, the field was expected to be dry.

But a project by Anadarko Petroleum Corp. using carbon dioxide to coax more oil out of the ground has revived the Salt Creek field so much that it is expected to single-handedly reverse the entire state's production decline.

It also will clear the landscape of thousands of unsightly power poles, power lines and conventional pumping wells, and prevent tons of greenhouse gases from polluting the atmosphere.

"It's good for the economy. It's good for the country. It's good for the environment," Anadarko spokesman Rick Robitaille said. "It's a very positive scenario."

After 100 years of drilling that yielded about 655 million barrels of oil, Salt Creek is now thought to still hold an estimated 1 billion barrels of oil. However, most of the remaining oil cannot be drawn out using conventional drilling methods and eventually the falling oil yields would make it impractical to keep the field operating.

Anadarko hopes to draw at least another 200 million barrels of oil out of the field by injecting CO2 into the ground, pushing the oil toward new and previously drilled wells. That 200 million barrels of oil would be enough to supply all residential, commercial, industrial, transportation and power needs in the state of Michigan for all of 2001, the latest year for which figures are available.

Don Likwartz, director of the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, said the Salt Creek project is expected to increase overall oil production in the state through 2009.

"That is quite an accomplishment considering we had 19 years of decline," Likwartz said.

In the early 1970s, Wyoming wells pumped out nearly 160 million barrels a year. Oil fueled the state's economy and gave rise to towns like Midwest, which exist against a background of pumping oil wells.

By 2004, production statewide had dropped to just 51.6 million barrels.

The key to Salt Creek's revival and the revival of Wyoming's oil industry is the carbon dioxide. Conventional wells that dot the oil patch landscape of America aren't capable of reaching most of the oil stored underground.

"Think of when you work on your car how hard you have to scrub your hands to get the oil off," Mike Boyles, a geologist with the University of Wyoming's Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute, said. But when CO2 is injected into the oil reservoir, the carbon dioxide latches onto the oil and moves it toward the conventional wells where it can be extracted.

"CO2 is the magic drug for getting the oil out of the ground," Boyles said.

CO2 injection is predicted to boost Salt Creek's production from about 5,000 barrels a day now to 30,000 barrels a day by 2010.

However, CO2 injection requires huge compressors and miles of pipes that cost hundreds of millions of dollars, Boyles said.

Houston-based Anadarko is investing up to \$624 million in Salt Creek. That includes building a 125 mile pipeline to carry the CO2 to the field, installing another 200 miles of new pipe within one two-square-mile area and hauling in huge compressors to push the CO2 underground.

"They're putting a lot of money in the ground up there," Boyles said.

But with world crude oil prices hovering between \$50 and \$60 a barrel, the investment should pay handsomely for Anadarko.

"They looked at it and decided it would work when oil prices were in the \$20 range," Likwartz said.

However, CO2 is a limited commodity and whether CO2 injection can work depends on geology, well patterns and a host of other factors.

Carbon dioxide is produced in large amounts by coal-fired power plants, but most of it is vented into the atmosphere. It is a major source of greenhouse gases.

It takes expensive equipment to capture and process the pure CO2 that Anadarko and other companies need in order to flood oil fields.

Exxon Mobil Corp. does have a plant in western Wyoming that produces about 250 million cubic feet of CO2 a day. Anadarko has bought rights to half the amount and the other half is already being sold to other companies, Likwartz said.

"Right now there's nobody else who can get access to any CO2," Likwartz said.

At Salt Creek, Anadarko is injecting 160 million cubic feet a day, recycling 80 million cubic feet for reinjection each day and buying the other 80 million. Half the CO2 injected in the ground stays in the ground and out of the atmosphere.

Anadarko figures it can get at least around 10,000 barrels of oil a day out of Salt Creek until 2035.

"By then maybe someone will have figured out an even more efficient way to get oil out of the ground," Robitaille said.

Erik Molvar, a wildlife biologist with Biodiversity Conservation Alliance in Laramie, said his group applauds projects like Anadarko's in existing oil fields as long as it doesn't mean bulldozing new roads and increasing the number of drilled wells.

"It's a good way to produce more oil and gas without impacts on the environment," Molvar said.

As the company moves through the entire field in sections, it is removing the wood poles and miles of power lines. It is replacing the two-story tall, rusting so-called grasshopper pumps with much smaller wells that consist of a short length of pipe, a solar panel, and boxes with batteries and wiring.

"It's a 100-year-old field and it definitely will be better when we get through," Robitaille said.

Anadarko, which has other CO2 flooding projects in Kansas and Oklahoma, is investing \$160 million in another CO2 project in a formerly abandoned oil field in southwest Wyoming and is looking to start another CO2 project north of Salt Creek.

NATIONAL



Feds bust first drug tunnel discovered on Canadian border

BY GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

LYNDEN, Wash. — The loads of dirt coming out of the boarded-up hut perplexed Canadian border guards. So did the loads of construction materials going in.

Acting on a hunch that the activity wasn't legitimate, the guards tipped off investigators, who found that the hut was a starting point for an elaborate, 360-foot drug-smuggling tunnel beneath the U.S.-Canadian border.

On Thursday, authorities said they have shut down the tunnel and arrested five people on marijuana trafficking charges.

"They were smart enough to build a sophisticated tunnel," U.S. Attorney John McKay said in this border town about 90 miles north of Seattle. "They weren't smart enough to not get caught."

The tunnel ran from the hut on the Canadian side and ended under the living room of a home on the U.S. side, 300 feet from the border.

The passageway was 3 1/2 to 4 feet high and wide, and ran anywhere from 3 to 10 feet below ground, authorities said.

U.S. officials were trying to locate the owner of the house on the U.S. side. "We know who that individual is. We are very

interested in speaking with him," McKay said.

Authorities had been monitoring construction of the tunnel for six months and had allowed its operators to make at least a few trips — all under surveillance — before sealing the passage Wednesday, McKay said.

Although numerous smuggling tunnels have been found on the U.S.-Mexican border, this was the first discovered along the border with Canada, he said.

Canadian authorities learned of the tunnel in February and alerted U.S. officials.

On July 2, U.S. agents entered the home on the American side to examine the passageway. They later installed cameras and listening devices in the home.

"We were in there before it was completed. There was not a day they did anything that we weren't assessing them," said Greg Gassett, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

Francis Devandra Raj, 30; Timothy Woo, 34; and Jonathan Valenzuela, 27, of Surrey, British Columbia, were arrested Wednesday. They were charged with conspiracy to import and distribute marijuana.

On July 16, two other people were arrested separately in Washington state for transporting marijuana that had come through the tunnel, Gassett said.

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NATIONAL

Honolulu experiencing high-rise condo boom

BY JAYMES SONG

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Paula Harris remembers driving around Honolulu in the 1970s and admiring all the cranes in the sky.

"They used to say that was the proud bird of the Pacific," she said.

Today the giant steel cranes are back and are quickly changing the city's skyline, transforming parking lots, weed-filled vacant parcels and dilapidated structures into shimmering, luxury condominium towers.

"It hasn't happened since then, so people are really enjoying the moment," said Harris, president of The Harris Co., a Honolulu-based real estate consulting firm.

At least a dozen condo projects within a three-mile stretch of Honolulu from downtown to Waikiki are under construction or in the early planning stages. When completed, the new high-rises will add roughly 4,000 new units to the market, not including the many hotels being converted into vacation "condotel" units in Waikiki.

Despite taking years to build, the new condos have created a flurry of buying, with thousands of people seeking their own piece of paradise. Most developers are now using a lottery system because of the high demand, eliminating the free-for-all and camping out that occurred when it was first-come, first-served.

And there's no blue-light special on condos.

Of the seven new condo projects tracked by The Harris Co. from April to June, the average price for the

smallest units was \$460,714. The average for the largest units was \$2 million. The most palatial penthouse units were priced at about \$4 million.

Besides the nonnegotiable sticker price, buyers will also have to pay hefty monthly maintenance fees that range from \$400 to \$1,200 a month.

"The units are meeting the demands of the buyers," said Harvey Shapiro, research economist for the Honolulu Board of Realtors. "In other words, they are selling. If they were overpriced, they wouldn't sell."

The buyers are putting down the required big deposits without ever seeing the inside of their units for several years. They often are buying based on a vacant lot, the

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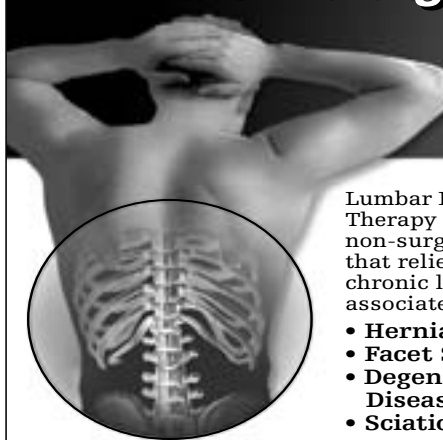


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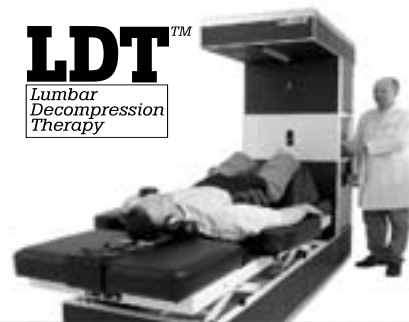
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NATIONAL



Some Hawaiians sliding into ancient and dangerous sport

BY ALEXANDRE DA SILVA

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — As a boy growing up in a poor family on Hawaii's Big Island, Tom "Pohaku" Stone found entertainment barreling down grassy slopes aboard tea leafs and banana stumps.

But for Stone, what began as childhood fun on a natural roller coaster ride has evolved into an academic and cultural journey aimed at reviving the 2,000-year Hawaiian tradition of he'e holua, or Hawaiian lava sled-ding.

He has the scars to show for it.

Wearing just a tank top and shorts and reaching speeds of up to 70 mph on a sled standing only four inches above ground, Stone once ran into a steel post sticking up from the grass during a demonstration in a slope on Maui, tearing an 18-inch gash in his left thigh.

In another crash, Stone broke his neck. It hasn't stopped him.

"You can't even imagine what it's like to be head first, four inches off the ground, doing 30, 40, 50 miles an hour on rock," Stone said. "It looks like you are riding just fluid lava. It's death-defying ... but it's a lot of fun."

It wasn't quite as dangerous when Stone was a kid.

"You would break off a bunch of tea leaves, sit down on it, and skid down the mountain all covered in mud," said Stone, now a 54-year-old community college professor who teaches the ancient Hawaiian sport and gives classes on sled building and riding. "That just became my cultural passion because of the similarities with surfing, but it also became my academic passion."

Traditionally, he'e holua served both as a sport and as a vehicle for Native Hawaiians to honor their gods, especially Pele, the goddess of fire. After reaching the top of a slope, Hawaiians would stand up, lie down, or kneel atop hardwood sleds — often carved from Kauila or Ohia and measuring 12 feet long by 6 inches wide — and speed down the man-made courses of hardened lava rocks sprinkled with grass.

But missionaries who brought Christianity to Hawaii saw the sport as "a frivolous waste of time," Stone said, and its practice ended in 1825, when the last he'e holua racing event was documented.

"They wanted us to work, stop being happy," Stone said.

Stone first heard about the practice, which also took place in other high islands in the Pacific such as Tahiti and New Zealand, through stories told by his grandfa-

ther. His interest in reviving the sport came in 1993, when he wrote a term paper on the tradition for a college class. A year later he had built his first sled and soon he began teaching people how to ride and craft the sleds, which are hand lashed with coconut fiber and weigh between 40 and 60 pounds.

It takes Stone about two weeks, or 24 hours of nonstop work, to finish a sled, and his prices start at \$3,000. He is currently carving a sled for an exposition and another for a restaurant in Kona.

Stone said his solid wood sleds "last forever," unlike today's snowboards and surfboards built on more high-tech, yet less durable materials like fiberglass and foam. For example, the Bishop Museum, the state's largest museum, has an 800-year-old sled on display, he said.

A retired lifeguard and champion surfer, Stone has discovered some 57 rock slides of various lengths across the state, and spent three days with a crew of seven to make a 200-foot repair on a 700-foot course. The only remaining course on Oahu is at Kaena Point, he said, and only two courses are in rideable conditions, both on the Big Island.

Stone said there are only about a couple dozen regular riders, and he is unaware of any deaths or serious injuries among those trying the sport.

Clifford "Pake" Ah Mow got hooked on the sport three years ago as he sped down a trail on the Big Island.

"It's great, unbelievable," said Ah Mow, a lifeguard who patrols Oahu's east and south shores and has sustained "little bumps and bruises" while sledding. "You get the chills."

The upkeep of centuries-old courses and hand carving the sleds from scratch are only some of the sport's challenges.

By the end of 2005, Stone wants to complete a mile-long rock slide on the Big Island and hold the first he'e holua event there in more than 100 years.

He said the biggest challenge is to find a sponsor who would be willing to back the dangerous event, whose judging criteria will include "style, length of ride, and survival ability."

Stone said safety measures like nearby medical care centers are being considered for the tournament the same way Jet Skis assist surfers who run into danger while competing in big waves.

"There's people across the world that want to ride," he said. "Once you do it, you never look back. You want to do it all the time."

Living high life doesn't come cheap

CONDO BOOM, from page 16

model of the building and a sample kitchen or bedroom layout in the condo's sales office.

But that hasn't discouraged buyers.

As of early July, 1,912 of the 2,076 units in the seven projects were in escrow.

Real estate insiders say the high demand for high-rise housing is a result of the strong local economy, low interest rates and the severe shortage of housing in the urban Honolulu area. Before the condo boom, most home construction on Oahu was on the less populated west side of the island in the developing communities of Makakilo, Ewa and Kapolei.

Also, construction of high-rise condos in Hawaii ground to a halt more than a decade ago, when several real estate deals collapsed after the Japanese real estate and stock market bubble burst in the early 1990s.

"So this recent surge is as a result of this pent-up demand, and now the developers can come back in and earn a reasonable profit," said Herb Conley, managing partner of Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties, the largest residential broker in Hawaii.

Besides locals seeking to live in an upscale home in town and invest in a red-hot real estate market, the new projects have also attracted retirees, investors and the affluent from New York to California.

All the projects have reserved at least half their units for owner-occupants, requiring them to live in them at

least a year to weed out speculative buyers.

The condos are going up near restaurants, shops and movie theaters, near the beach and downtown offices. Aside from location, there's another key selling point - spectacular views of the cityscape, lush green Koolau mountains and the deep blue Pacific Ocean.

Conley, who estimates isle residents are purchasing about half of the units being sold at the eight properties, said he doesn't see the demand or prices weakening any time soon despite the addition of thousands of new units.

"I've seen no signs of that adversely affecting what's happening with prices and demand," he said. "The demand seems to be strong enough that we've been able to intake all of these units."

Harris said more wealthy Americans are buying vacation or second homes in the United States instead of investing abroad because of the unrest in the world, such as terrorism.

"The type of person who used to buy a pied-a-terre in Paris, something in London, or an estate out in the Cotswolds, they're not sure they want to do that now," she said. "Consequently, places like Hawaii, South Beach in Florida, San Francisco, L.A., San Francisco ... they're just getting hotter and hotter."

Even real estate mogul Donald Trump has set his sights on capitalizing on Hawaii's strong housing market. Trump has been working on a deal to develop a luxury condominium tower in Waikiki.

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Beyond ramen, beer: Students flock to campus organic farms

BY JULIA SILVERMAN

Associated Press Writer

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Plenty of college kids still subsist on a steady diet of ramen noodles, cold cereal and beer to wash it all down.

Not Nate France. The crop and soil sciences major at Oregon State University here wouldn't dream of following the well-beaten path to the local Carl Jr.'s for cheap, mammoth burgers.

Instead, every Thursday afternoon until the sun sets, France helps till and tend to a pocket-sized, student-run organic farm on a couple of soil-rich acres just outside this western Oregon college town.

"I sowed some corn while it was raining, and then I tamped down the soil too much — it caked up, hard as a brick, and the corn plants couldn't come up," said France, 27, who dreams out loud about farming his own land someday. "This next time, I know to mix manure in. This is like a trial by fire, a way to make mistakes before it matters too much."

In the last decade or so, student-run farms have cropped up across the country, at almost 60 schools in 27 states. Foodies call it the latest sign of the seasonal, regional food movement's influence, even on a collegiate landscape that's virtually paved with Hot Pockets, Pop Tarts and leftover pizza.

Over the past few years, about 200 schools have signed up with farm-to-college programs, which match up local farmers with area universities, according to the Venice, Calif.-based Community Food Security Coalition. The University of Montana in Missoula, for example, allocates about \$425,000 to local meat, dairy and wheat products, about 17 percent of the school's overall food budget.

At Brown University, in Providence, R.I., dining hall purchasers started swapping Granny Smiths and Red Delicious for locally grown Macouns and Pippins. Apple consumption tripled, and the experiment extended to locally grown tomatoes and peaches, milk from Rhode Island dairies and, eventually, a farmers' market that set up shop outside the dining hall.

"I was carrying a flat of local peaches into the dining hall once, it was like having bread at the beach and having seagulls following me," said Louella Hill, a recent Brown graduate who helped organized the on-campus farmers' market. "People were grabbing peaches and eating them before I could get to the fruit bowl."

But student farms, which range from half an acre to 20, turn students themselves into growers.

Some student farmers, like those at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, sell the fruits of their labor at on-campus farmstands, while the bounty from the University of Idaho at Moscow gets parceled out each week to community members who have prepaid for baskets of whatever's fresh.

Some student farms supply their dining halls with fresh produce, while others sell directly to restaurants. At Colorado State University's student farm, what doesn't get sold on campus or eaten by volunteers is donated to local food pantries.

"I, like students, like the social aspects of working in the garden, and being able to connect with other similar-minded people," said Debra Guenther, a Colorado State horticulture research associate who helps run the student farm.

In Corvallis, the fat green fava beans, pearly garlic, broccoli and lettuce harvested on a recent Thursday are for sale the next morning at an on-campus, unstaffed booth; payment is on the honor system and helps support the farm.

This time of year rows of tomatoes and eggplants nod in the sun, waiting for their moment in late August, and a tiny patch of strawberries grows nearly wild — just enough for eating, not for selling. After four hours or so of weeding, harvesting and planting, students have a communal meal.

"It's nice during school to be able to go out and get my hands dirty," said Kevin McAlpin, 22, an Oregon State junior majoring in natural resources who was on his hands and knees weeding a lettuce bed. "It's stress relief."

Some student farms stretch back decades, but the Oregon State one was begun in 2001. Previous attempts to start a farm had failed when students found that gardening was a year-round job, said James Cassidy, an instructor in the soil physics lab, who has become the group's leader.

Now, Cassidy, a former bass player for the '80s dance group "Information Society" who nourished an interest in soil even as group churned out hits like "Pure Energy," is an undisputed garden fanatic.

"It's like working in a kitchen," he said. "Gardening is not a democracy."

Cassidy dreams of planting canola seeds one day to extract oil to make the biodiesel necessary to power a tractor and of expanding the farm by eight more acres.

"Creative people are coming to this," he said. "It gives students an opportunity to put a seed in the ground and see what happens."

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Police kill suspect at London subway station

BY ROBERT BARR

Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Plainclothes police chased a man in a thick coat through a subway station, wrestled him to the floor of a train car and shot him to death in front of stunned commuters Friday. Police said the shooting was “directly linked” to the investigations of the bomb attacks on London’s transit system.

Police later announced two arrests, including one that was the first connected to Thursday’s attacks. A man was arrested in the south London neighborhood of Stockwell and detectives were searching a premises there, a police statement said.

In Birmingham, police arrested a man at rail station and seized at least two suitcases under Britain’s anti-terrorism laws. The Snow Hill rail station in Birmingham, 110 miles northwest of London, was evacuated and cordoned off, police spokesman Will Harpur. It was unclear whether the arrest was connected to Thursday’s attacks.

Two men detained Thursday were later released without charge.

Appealing for help from the public to capture the suspects, police released photographs of four men suspected of launching Thursday’s second wave of terrorist attacks, saying they bore similarities to the July 7 bombings that claimed 56 lives.

Thursday’s bombs partly detonated and contained homemade explosives, police said.

The photos, taken from closed-circuit TV cameras, showed one man wearing a dark shirt with “New York” across the front running through a subway station. Another was shown on the upper level of a double-decker bus, while the other two men were shown at separate subway stations.

The man who was slain by officers at the Stockwell subway station around 10 a.m. “was challenged and refused to obey police instructions,” Police Commissioner Ian Blair said.

“This shooting is directly linked to the ongoing and expanding anti-terrorist operation.”

Police did not provide any more information about the circumstances of the shooting.

Passengers said a man, who appeared to be South Asian, ran onto a train in Stockwell station. Plainclothes police shot multiple times while he was on the floor, witnesses said.

“They pushed him onto the floor and unloaded five shots into him,” witness Mark Whitby told the British Broadcasting Corp. “He looked like a cornered fox. He looked petrified.”

Britain is home to many immigrants from the South Asian countries of Pakistan and India, among others.

Another witnesses, Anthony Larkin, told the BBC that the man appeared to have “a bomb belt and wires coming out.”

Police shouted “Get down! Get down!” he said, adding that “people were panicking and I heard shots being fired.”

Whitby said the man ran onto the train car hotly pursued by plainclothes officers — one wielding a black handgun.

He said the man did not appear to have been carrying anything but was wearing a thick coat that looked padded. Temperatures in overcast London on Friday were in the 70s.

Ordinary police officers in London do not usually carry guns, but some special units do, and armed police have become more common on the streets in recent years.

Service on the Northern and Victoria subway lines, which pass through Stockwell, was suspended, police said. Stockwell is one station away from the Oval station, which was affected by Thursday’s attacks.

Scotland Yard said police were investigating a suspect package at Vauxhall, the next station along the Victoria line from Stockwell.

Muslim leaders expressed concern at the shooting. Inayat Bunglawala, spokesman for the Muslim Council of Britain, said he had spoken to “jumpy and nervous” Muslims since the shooting.

President Bush said Friday the British people “must understand how strongly America stands with them during these trying times.”

Authorities said Thursday’s bombs, placed on three subway trains and a double-decker bus just like the July 7 attacks, had partly detonated and contained homemade explosives. Blair said they “bear similarities” to the July 7 attacks.

Investigators searched for fingerprints, DNA and other forensic evidence connected to Thursday’s attacks, and Blair said his force was facing its “greatest operational challenge ever.”

The devices were either small or faulty, and authorities said the only person who needed medical attention was a person suffering an asthma attack. But Blair said the bombers’ “intention must have been to kill. You don’t do this with any other intention.”

The attacks targeted trains near the Oval, Warren Street and Shepherd’s Bush stations. The double-decker had its windows blown out on Hackney Road in east London.

The three affected subway stations remained closed Friday, and service was suspended on all or part of several lines.

A statement posted Friday on an Islamic Web site in the name of an al-Qaida-linked group claimed responsibility for Thursday’s attacks. The group, Abu Hafs al Masri Brigade, also claimed responsibility for the July 7 bombings. The statement’s authenticity could not immediately be verified.

Experts say the group has no proven history of attacks and said it had claimed responsibility for events in which it was unlikely to have played any role, such as the 2003 blackouts in the United States and London that resulted from technical problems. In recent months, it also has threatened to strike in Europe if countries there did not withdraw troops from Afghanistan and Iraq.

London newspapers reflected the city’s volatile mood.

“Britain will not be beaten,” vowed a front-page headline in the Daily Express.

“Is this how we must now live?” asked the Daily Mirror over pictures of the attacks’ aftermath.

The Independent had a similar photo montage and the words: “City of Fear.”

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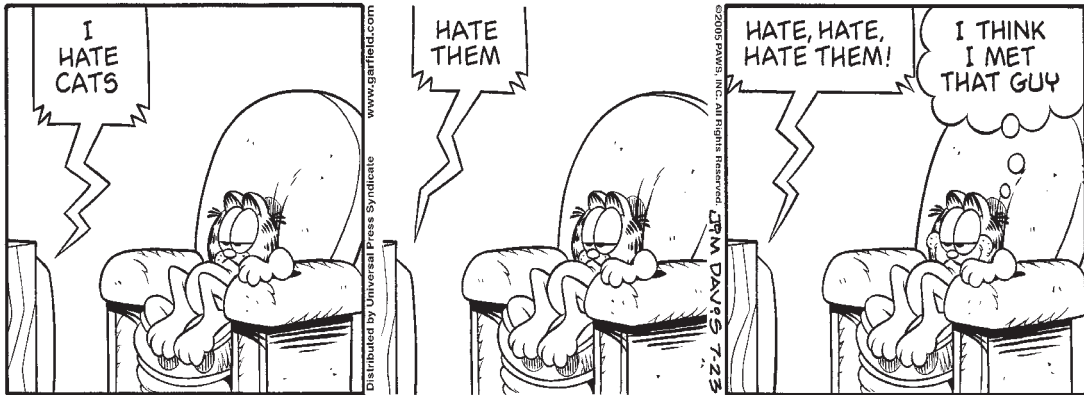
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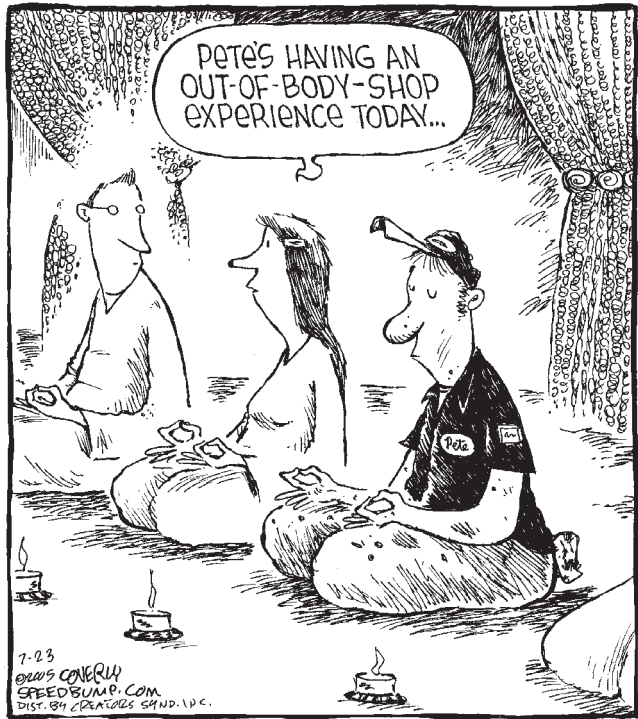
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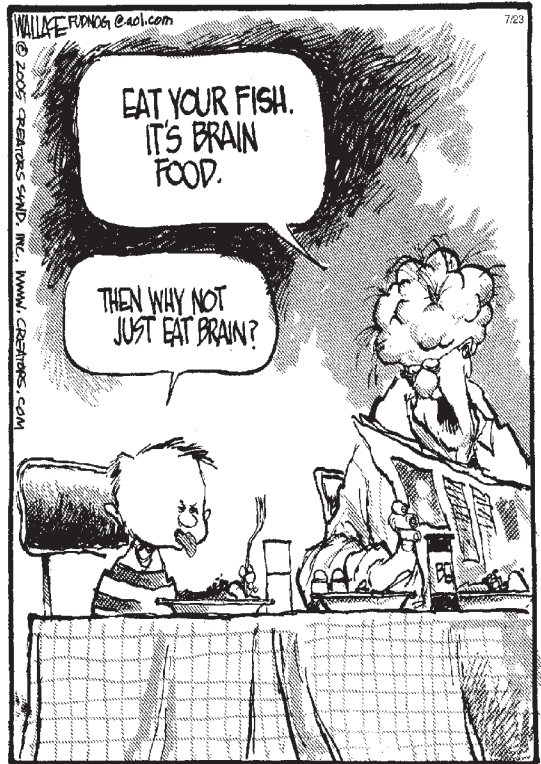


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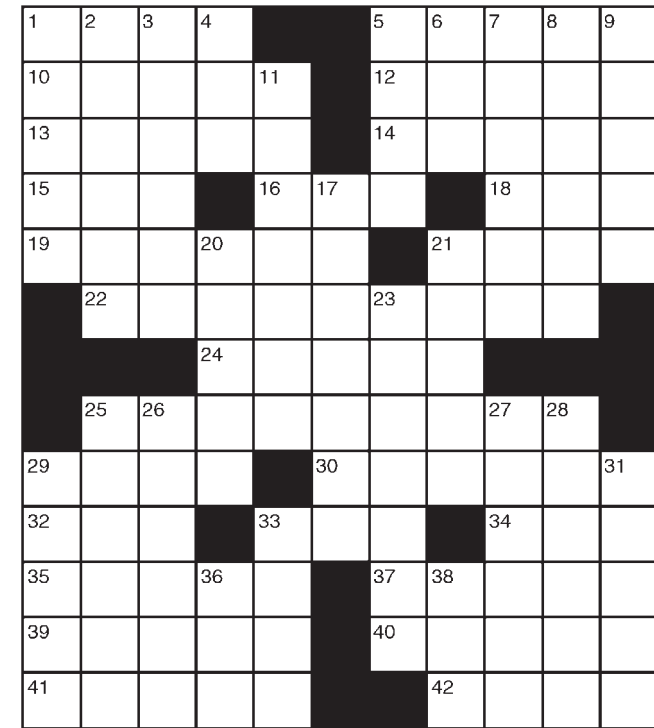
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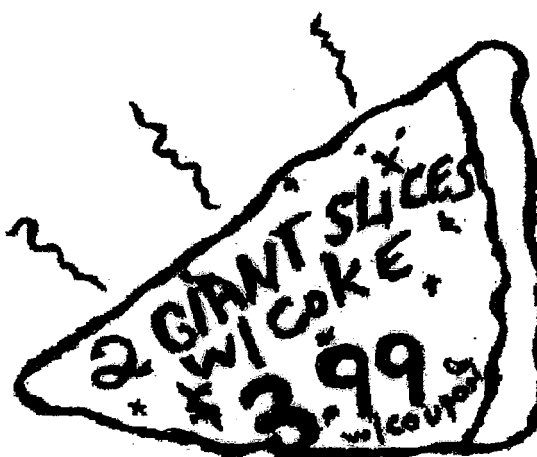
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