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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Lawrence Brown, 91, was arrested in June after an armed standoff with police, who said he was operating a drug market out of his home in order to, according to one officer, "supplement his Social Security income" (Chicago). Dorothy Densmore, 86, was arrested in May for having called 911 20 times in a 40-minute period to complain of poor pizza-service delivery and then biting the officer who came to question her (Charlotte, N.C.). Vera Tursi, 80, who uses an oxygen tank and a walker, was nonetheless arrested in June and charged with running a prostitution service out of her apartment in a low-income project (Lindenwold, N.J.).

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 211th day of 2005.
There are 154 days left in the year.

On July 30, 1945, during World War II, the battle cruiser USS Indianapolis, which had just delivered components for the atomic bomb that would be dropped on Hiroshima, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 316 out of 1,196 men survived the sinking and shark-infested waters.

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Three charged in Lodge murders

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

Three men have been charged for the murders of two Santa Monica residents who were shot during a party at the Moose Lodge in March.

After working on the case for more than four months, Santa Monica Police detectives identi-

fied three alleged gang members and filed the case with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office on Friday.

The DA's office issued arrest warrants for Jose Mojarro, 21; William Vasquez, 25; and Ector Hugo Sanchez, 20. Authorities charged them with the murders of Jonathan Hernandez and Hector Bonilla, two young Santa Monica men shot multiple times on March

5 at the Moose Lodge at 1600 Ocean Park Blvd.

The three suspects are believed to be 18th Street gang members from Los Angeles, according to the SMPD. The three suspects face two counts of murder, with special allegations of gang enhancements and use of firearms during a gang crime, and a third count of assault with a deadly weapon. If convicted, each of the three men could

face life without parole or the death penalty.

Mojarro has been in custody since July 5 for a parole violation related to a battery on emergency personnel. He served one and a half years of a two-year term in the Department of Corrections from July 2003 to November 2004. Mojarro also is in the

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Solitude standing



Nicky Five Aces/Five Aces Photo

Singer-songwriter Suzanne Vega, a former Santa Monica resident, played to the biggest crowd so far this season at Thursday's Twilight Dance Series concert on the Pier. Marc Cohn followed Vega. More pictures on page 13.

Bookworms eating it up

SMC putting wigglers to work in the name of recycling

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — The academic world that is Santa Monica College is home to thousands of worms, and not just the variety who read books.

"Red wigglers," as they are commonly called, arrived at SMC in November of 2001, as part of SMC's recycling program. Kept in a white veritech machine near the bookstore, the 600,000 worms can process up to 150 pounds of food waste each day, creating an odorless fertilizer.

"They eat food, cardboard, wood, bone," said Madeline Brodie, SMC's recycling program coordinator. "We feed them anything that was once living."

Brodie explained that a living plant can be put inside the machine and the worms wouldn't consume it — not until the plant was deceased and began to decompose.

The veritech machine is a white metal structure, resembling a large freezer. It measures 19 feet long, seven feet wide and five feet tall. Fully automated and temperature-controlled, the machine shreds food waste and dumps it into the mass of worms, which eat it.

Three hundred pounds of worms were initially placed inside the veritech machine. They have since doubled in number. The



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Madeline Brodie, recycling program coordinator at Santa Monica College, shows off a handful of the 'red wigglers' that consume cafeteria food waste.

worms have maintained a level population since that growth spurt — approximately 1,000 red wigglers per every pound of moist dirt.

Excess scraps, used in preparing food at SMC's cafeteria, are ground and laid on top of the worms. The vermi-compost, or worm poop, is harvested hydraulically at the bottom of the veritech machine. The worms, preferring

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)



★★★★★ You find that what you say does count — finally. You need to be aware that you come off far more seriously than you intend to, especially with a child or loved one. Let others know you care, perhaps by indulging them. You gain sudden insights. Tonight: Dinner with friends.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



★★★★ You might want to buy a new barbecue or furniture for outside. Invite others over for an evening of fun. Let them bring extra dishes so you don't have to do everything. You get into being the host or hostess with the most. Tonight: Tell your friends how you really feel about them.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)



★★★★★ The Moon in your sign adds extra glitter to your step and actions. Others clearly want to be around you. A parent, older friend or higher-up could stun you with his or her actions. Let your humor and laughter come out. Tonight: What you want could happen.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)



★★★ You might want to take some time out for yourself. Balance your budget and return a key call. Don't take another's words personally. You are a bit off-kilter right now. Your family and home make you feel safe. Tonight: Your home is your castle.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



★★★★★ Aim for more than you have, especially in an important relationship. You'll find the right words to express your feelings. Prepare for an unexpected response. Give this person time to think all this through. Tonight: You are the party.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



★★★ Others look to you for advice or to make plans. You might want to indulge someone close, but he or she might act strangely. Use care with spending and just how much you are willing to pitch in to make another's day. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



★★★★★ Your mind roams. Why not take off and go where you want to be? Some of you might need to make a phone call or touch base with a loved one at a distance. Flex and adjust your plans. You will have a better time. Tonight: Meet a friend halfway.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



★★★★ Someone close will do whatever it takes to get your attention. You might as well allow this person to make the plans, and follow them. You might be surprised by a loved one or a child. Tonight: Just add candlelight.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



★★★★ Let others run the show. You might have a very good time if you let go. Unpredictable matters touch your domestic life. Something you might have suspected or wanted comes out. Tonight: Have a ball.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



★★★ Feeling like your plans have to be about partying and visiting every weekend might not be valid. You probably have something you want to do or complete at home. Perhaps some of you would like to head for the golf course. Tonight: Easy does it.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)



★★★★★ You cannot help but let the child in you out. Others might be delighted by your newfound energy and laughter. Just don't be childlike when handling your funds. You pull the wild card with money. Tonight: Just romp away.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



★★★ Entertain at home if you want. Some of you might rather create space to be spontaneous than organize plans. A child or loved one demonstrates his or her affection through actions. Let the day happen. Tonight: Stay close to home.

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Capturing homeless in a different light

BY WINTER JOHNSON

Special to the Daily Press

The often anonymous and forgotten faces of the local homeless population have been captured, along with their stories and images, courtesy of an organization that helped them get off the street.

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, the Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) embarked on a book project entitled "40 Lives: From Homelessness to Hope." It details the success stories of 40 people who have overcome the challenges of homelessness, substance abuse and alcoholism.

Established in 1963, OPCC is a network of shelters and services for low-income and homeless youth, adults and families, battered women and their children, and people living with mental illness, according to officials. OPCC has eight projects within its facilities that serve 12,000 individuals a year.

In addition to providing emergency services such as food, clothing, showers and bus tokens, the agency's programs are

designed to provide long-term care. The services include case management, mental health counseling, transitional housing and permanent housing with supportive services.

There are between 1,200 and 2,000 people living on the streets in Santa Monica. Homeless men and women are often portrayed as public nuisances, a mentality that the editorial staff of "40 Lives" wanted to counter.

"The book does humanize these marginalized people," said Jamie Diamond, lead editor of the book and a writer for The New York Times. "It makes them seem less 'other' and more 'us.'"

The stories provide a background on each of the interviewed subjects — where they are from, how they became homeless, and their encounters with OPCC. Each portrayal gives specific details about the person's life, including drug use, abuse, alcoholism, and even where they went to the bathroom. Threaded throughout each story is a marked sense of grati-

See 40 LIVES, page 13

CORRECTION — In the July 29 edition of the Santa Monica Daily Press, it was mentioned that JSM Construction, Inc., often builds affordable housing instead of paying "in-lieu" fees. That affordable housing is built off-site of development projects.

Also in the July 29 edition, a story about changing the marathon route to near the beach was inaccurate. The route was approved by the City Council on July 26.



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Sunday is looking like a small surf day along the California coast with just a smidgen of SW energy in the knee-high range.

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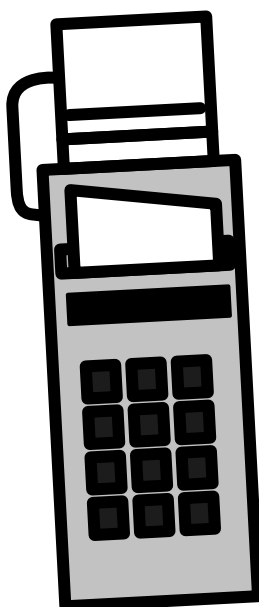
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OPINION

The Q-Line

LEAVE BUSINESSES TO DO THEIR BUSINESS

This past week, Q-line asked:
"Do you support requiring businesses to pay more to provide additional services downtown? Why or why not?"

Here are your responses:

© "No, I certainly do not. This city extorts enough money from the businesses and citizens of Santa Monica to support their pet and secret agendas, few of which benefit the tax-paying citizens. We don't need any additional services downtown, we need the city to be cleaned up. We need the bums and cruds run out of town. Those are the two big, main issues that need addressing. The third is for the police to become more proactive in protecting the citizens from the drug addicts, drunks, crazies, and criminals that have taken over this city."

© "Business assessments are passed on to the consumer. This creates inflation due to the consumer paying extra for assessment and not increased quality of product. Eventually, the consumer pays mostly for costs of doing business, and ends up with an over-inflated product. No assessments, please."

© "I don't think the Santa Monica business owners should pay more just to bring in revenue. They're paying enough. So equalize it among different people that utilize the services of the city, and don't pick on business owners because you know poor people — they have enough to deal with, with the scandalous city in Santa Monica"

© "Why gouge the merchants and make them pay more money when they keep wasting what they're already collecting from them? ... Until then, why should the merchants have to pay more when they're not getting anything for what they're paying now?"

© "I don't think it should be done. The Bayside District is a non-profit organization. Well, non-profit organizations are just licensed con artists. I mean, what are they going to do with more money? Slap up another geranium or some tacky flags that have been hanging there since Moses climbed Sinai? Whatever they do, it's only going to affect the consumer. Everything they do, the consumer has to pay. I just don't agree with it, whatsoever. I mean, are they going to provide more benches for the bums to sit on? I mean, they pay themselves a big salary, and they don't do a damn thing, except cause more stress for the consumer."

© "Require businesses to pay more? Sure, why not? Go for it. After all, businesses are an unlimited supply of funds, aren't they? So why not soak them, I mean extort them, um excuse me again, tax them to support even more parasitical, deadweight, bureaucratic scum employees."

© "The way to increase revenue is better service. Sure not going to get that from the bloated, quasi-city hall Bayside District. First remove the First Amendment screechers in the middle of the 10 Freeway. Think of a connection to the Santa Monica Place. How about a monorail from Wilshire Boulevard to and around the new Santa Monica Place with a spur to the pier and later to the low-income housing since low-income people won't have cars. They can take the monorail to the Santa Monica Place, which could have a Costco or a Wal-Mart for low-income shopping. Each corner of the Santa Monica Place would have sky ramps crisscrossing so you could eliminate a lot of pedestrian traffic on Second and Fourth streets, thereby increasing the flow through cross-town traffic. For the mall, how about sidewalks that light up when you walk on them? How about a camera obscure day and night to watch the mall activity? How about picture phones so that you can talk to other parts of the mall? How about an electronic bulletin board that you can write anything you want, except gang writing and profanity? How about guessing how many people are in the mall and a computer can give the answer and the closest guess? How about a laser light show at night? Get rid of those stupid dinosaurs and replace them with dolphins and pools of colored water. How about an automatic ticket that guides you to your store destination? How about satellite photography over Santa Monica that you can watch on a large screen in the mall? You need more interactive things to entertain people. Spend money to make a lot of money."

© "Definitely not. I do not support businesses to pay more to provide additional services such as hiring ambassadors to assist visitors and monitor illegal activity in or around the Third Street Promenade. Much of the fun of visiting place like Santa Monica involve people discovering things for themselves. To this end, there is more than ample assistance information made widely available in print, by phone and online for visitors and residents alike. Businesses are burdened enough already. Also, given the shameful extent of camera surveillance and too many unethical Santa Monica police officers, I think it is a bad idea to increase stress levels further in the name of more crime prevention. The police should better focus their efforts on violent and white collar crimes, stop making false arrests and stop terrorizing non-violent drug users and the homeless. No matter how much crime prevention we have, there never seems to be a good police officer when we need one."

Some e-mail etiquette may keep us dialed in



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

With apologies to Tivo and the cotton sweater, e-mail just might be the greatest invention of the past 50 years. You can use it successfully 24 hours a day, it's an easy way to communicate, and you don't have to actually talk to someone if you don't feel like it. But e-mail is not perfect. Volumes have been written about the annoying Spam we get, and volumes should be written about the bad jokes that friends forward to us. But I have some other problems with e-mail and think we all have to agree on some basic e-mail etiquette and rules.

Unless you are positive the person you're writing to knows all the geeky e-mail abbreviations and emotions you know, don't use them. Unless the recipient spends as much time on the Internet as you do, he or she is not likely to know that IOHO stands for, "in our humble opinion," or that 0+ stands for a female. Just write things out. No one's going to LOL at you.

Sometimes I'll send someone an e-mail and I won't hear back right away because the person didn't get the message. Then after a few days, he'll get the message. Where was that e-mail for three days? In Cyberspace, being held hostage by hackers, or is the recipient just ducking me like those who say they never get our phone messages? So, if it's an important e-mail, I think it would be a good rule that once you get the e-mail, you write back and say, "I got it."

If I e-mail you and you don't get back to me for several days, please include my e-mail in your response. Otherwise, I'll probably have no idea what you're talking about. Let's say I wrote you that my wife had the flu, and I also asked what you thought about a movie. If you don't include what I said to you and you write back something like, "Sorry. It stunk," I'll probably e-mail you again and ask what you're talking about, and the whole process will start all over again.

There are no guidelines for when a back-and-forth e-mail communication should end. It's kind of like teenagers on the phone — nobody wants to be the one to say "good-bye" and hang up. A typical exchange of e-mails may be as follows:

Jill: I got the photos. They're great. Thanks.

Judy: You're welcome.

Logically, the e-mail exchange could end right there. But it rarely does. It tends to go on like this:

Jill: Let's stay in touch. Bye.

Judy: I'll write to you soon. Bye.

Jill: If I have any news, I'll write to you first.

Judy: OK.

Jill: Bye.

Judy: Bye.

Things can get even more elaborate when plans are made by e-mail:

Jim: How about lunch next Wednesday?

Bill: Sounds good to me. Mario's at 12:30 p.m.?

Jim: Can you make it 1 p.m.?

Bill: 1 p.m. is fine.

Jim: Great.

Bill: So, is Mario's OK?

Jim: Sounds good.

Bill: OK.

Jim: I'll see you there.

Bill: Right.

Jim: The Mario's on Main Street, right?

Bill: Right. Have a good week.

Jim: You, too.

Bill: Bye.

Jim: So long.

Bill: I look forward to our lunch.

Jim: Me, too.

Bill: What time did we say? 12:30 p.m. or 1 p.m.?

Jim: 1 p.m.. At Mario's.

Bill: I'm writing it in my book.

Jim: Me too.

Bill: Bye.

Jim: See you next week.

Bill: See you at Mario's.

Jim: At 1 p.m.

Bill: Bye.

Bill and Jim spent a long time working out plans that could have been worked out over the phone in a minute or two. So, my next suggestion for a rule is that if an e-mail exchange is longer than four e-mails, STOP! Pick up the phone and work things out more quickly. But if you call, you always run the risk of getting a message like this: "Sorry I missed your call. Please try me on my cell phone." Then you'll have to send them an e-mail to make sure there cell phone got your message.

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COMMENTARY



Piñas envy: Drinking takes some discipline



**EXERCISE
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BY THADDEUS REICHLEY

I just returned from my honeymoon. My new wife and I spent two fabulous weeks exploring French Polynesia. We spent our days lounging under palm trees, swimming in turquoise water and sipping fruity drinks with names like "Tau Tau" which roughly translated means, "a very expensive drink made with cheap rum."

Leading up to the trip, I felt I was in pretty good shape. I had been following a strict training program for several weeks in preparation for the event and was confident that all of my hard work was about to pay off.

I am a triathlete, and am somewhat used to multi-disciplinary training. I regularly juggle the training for three events, all while holding down a full-time job, and trying to maintain a healthy home life. So, training for just two events, namely relaxing and drinking, didn't initially seem like it would be much of a problem. That was until one of my initial training sessions nearly six weeks before the honeymoon.

It was a normal Saturday afternoon. I woke up at 6 a.m., had a cup of coffee and some breakfast and headed to San Vicente and Ocean for a 7 a.m. roll-out with the boys. Seventy miles later I was back home to meet my then fiancé and her best friend for what was to be the first of my "relaxation training" sessions — an afternoon at the beach. We packed up the car with all of the beach essentials. I showered up, grabbed my gear, re-fueled and hydrated, and hopped in the car.

I feel like I know my body pretty well, and was sure that my morning ride had sufficiently tired out my legs, which would allow me to really relax and enjoy the beach. I also figured that my lunch would easily carry me through a couple of hours on the sand. What I did not realize was that when my lovely partner for life says we are "just" going to the beach it is very similar to when I say that I am "just" going for a bike ride. Four hours later, hungry and bored and still at the beach, I realized how naïve I was when it came to the ways of the beach.

My first mistake was in not coming with enough equipment. Following my fiancé's lead, I brought a towel and a book, assuming that I could easily sit and read for hours. Wrong. Forty-five minutes after arriving I was uncomfortably shifting around trying to find a position to read in, and I was already tired of my book. My fiancé and her friend were busy chatting away, and hadn't even opened their books yet. I was in trouble and I knew it. Not wanting to show any weakness, I decided to go for a walk, which killed another 45 minutes. We had been at the beach for a total of an hour and a half, and I was sure that we must be close to the finish. But the competition, as I had come to thinking of my former beach partners, were showing no signs of stopping. Even worse, they seemed to have completely forgotten about me, and hardly even noticed when I returned from my walk.

I managed to make it through this initial training session, and used the lessons I had learned to improve my skills over

the next few weeks, eventually building up to a five-hour session on the Fourth of July. Needless to say, I was pretty proud of my improvement. Unfortunately, my training in the drinking department did not go quite as smoothly.

Having been a pretty competitive drinker in college, I, like many weekend warriors, assumed that I could easily return to the form I once had in my glory days. I was so confident in fact that I decided I could wait and begin my training just a week before the wedding, and had planned to use the actual wedding as my main training for the honeymoon. This, I was sure would be more than an adequate amount of time to prepare. Wrong again. I realized that I was in trouble the same weekend that I completed my five-hour day at the beach. Feeling confident and a little cocky I headed to a celebratory barbecue where I was determined to put away several beers in the name of training. I quickly finished a few cold ones and then made the mistake of taking a glass of sangria. I made the same mistake once in an Ironman when I took an unfamiliar sports drink in the beginning of the run. Both times I paid the price. Soon, I found myself slurring my words, and having a little difficulty walking. I realized that there was no way I was making it to the end of the night. It was painfully obvious that I was going to need some serious work on my pacing if I was going to make any big improvements. Unfortunately, I had not left myself enough time. I had no choice. I was going to have to cram in some big training sessions. Luckily, the following weekend was our wedding, and I had several nights of back-to-back training sessions to help me prepare. By the time the wedding weekend was over, I was feeling a little shaky and hung-over, but I was pretty sure that I had put in enough time to make it through the honeymoon without embarrassing myself, or my new wife.

However, honeymoons are like adventure races. There is absolutely no amount of training that can adequately prepare you. I had no idea about the sheer volume of lounging and drinking that you can experience over a two-week period. Some days we were on the beach for multiple three-plus hour sessions. On top of this, I was having drinks with lunch and dinner. And not just beer, there was hard alcohol involved too. This was something I was definitely unprepared for. There were days where all that got me through was the loving support of my wife, and the drive to beat other couples. Let me tell you, the Italians are tough. They were often at the beach an hour before us, and stayed in the bar until well after my wife and I were sound asleep.

Yes, my honeymoon was a rather humbling experience. Still, in the end, I found that I really can enjoy doing absolutely nothing every once in a while. And, that a few weeks of eating and drinking too much can be pretty healthy. Now, as with any endurance event, I am in recovery mode. I think it will be a while before I am able to hit the beach, and I probably won't have a beer for a while. But, I think I will eventually be ready to train for another event — maybe our anniversary?

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Homeowners can get clean sweep

By Daily Press staff

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A bit of TLC for the veterans

By Daily Press staff

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STATE



Census: Nonwhite businesses booming

BY PAUL CHAVEZ
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The number of businesses owned by Asians, Hispanics, blacks and women grew much faster over a recent five-year period than the overall number of businesses, according to U.S. Census Bureau data released Thursday.

Figures from the "2002 Survey of Business Owners" were particularly dramatic in California, which had more businesses owned by women, Hispanics and Asians than any other state.

Despite the rapid growth by nonwhite business owners, experts said a significant gender and racial gap persists nationwide along with a disparity in receipts and payrolls.

The data show the overall number of U.S. businesses increased by 10 percent to nearly 23 million firms from 1997 to 2002. Black-owned businesses jumped 45 percent over that period to 1.2 million, while Hispanic-owned companies increased 31 percent to 1.6 million.

The number of women-owned businesses increased 20 percent to 6.5 million and Asian-owned firms grew by 24 percent to 1.1 million.

Businesses owned by Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders bounded 67 percent to 32,299 businesses.

In comparison, the number of white-owned businesses increased 8 percent to 19.9 million.

The Census Bureau counts Hispanics as an ethnic group that can belong to any race.

One new Hispanic business owner is Rafael Cardenas. The Mexican immigrant started "El Golfiero" a line of golf wear aimed at Chicano golfers, as well as a Web design firm. Cardenas, who operates out

of his East Los Angeles home, uses half of his family's dining room table as an office.

He said his biggest hurdles have been overcoming his bad credit and raising capital.

"My parents never owned a business and I didn't have a business mentality," he said. "It takes a lot more effort. I have friends whose parents had businesses and it was easier for them to slip into it."

Cardenas, 33, a former musician and actor, said he wanted to become an entrepreneur while working for Barrio Planners Inc., which aids aspiring business owners in the East Los Angeles area.

He said he won't abandon his dream of owning his own business and plans to sponsor East L.A. golf teams once his brand is established.

Paul M. Ong, a policy analyst at the UCLA School of Public Affairs, lauded the growth numbers among nonwhite business owners, but said many are mom-and-pop stores that struggle with low receipts and payrolls.

"The big question is how to move up to the next level and have a bigger operation or more than one establishment," Ong said.

He pointed out, for example, that the average receipts for female-owned businesses were only a quarter of that for male-owned businesses.

Melany Dela Cruz, a research analyst at UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, said Asian businesses showed a 13 percent increase in receipts from 1997 to 2002. After adjusting for a 12 percent inflation rate, however, sales remained flat, she said.

The weak sales figures could be a reflection of Asian firms chasing the same dollars as they cater to a growing Asian population, she said.

Scout leader killed, teen is critical after lightning strikes Sequoia Park

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Lightning struck a group of Boy Scouts taking shelter from a summer storm, killing the troop leader and injuring seven others, including a teenager who was declared brain-dead on Friday, according to the boy's grandfather.

Ryan Collins, 13, remained in critical condition Friday at the University Medical Center in Fresno, hospital spokeswoman Mary Lisa Russell said. She couldn't release more details, citing privacy laws, but the boy's grandfather, Bill Collins, said the boy was being kept on a ventilator so that his organs could be donated.

"He's been declared brain-dead," Collins said. "He would never recover or anything else."

The troop's assistant scoutmaster, Steve McCullagh, 29, was killed instantly when the bolt struck at about 4 p.m. Thursday, the Tulare County coroner's office said.

One other injured troop member was being kept for observation at the Fresno hospital, and all the others were treated and released from Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia, authorities said.

McCullagh "didn't even make it off the mountain," Sue Collins said, crying along with her husband and younger son outside

Ryan's hospital room Friday. "It's horrible. It's a fluke."

Six other troop members also were injured by the lightning, which struck at about 4 p.m. Thursday, park ranger Alex Picavet said. She declined to identify them because family members were still being notified.

The scout group from St. Helena, including five adults and seven teenage scouts, had been on a nine-day backcountry hike along the John Muir Trail when a lightning bolt made a direct strike on one of two tarps they had set up in a meadow. Two teenagers grabbed maps and ran for 25 minutes to a ranger station, where five helicopters were summoned to evacuate the group.

Meanwhile, other troop members kept at least one of the injured alive by administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation for an hour, Picavet said. "That's amazing," she said. "It's very difficult. It's probably because of their Boy Scout training."

Scoutmaster Stuart Smith, was among those treated in Visalia. "I'm just not up to talking about it yet," Smith said from his hospital room, where he was meeting with scouts and parents. "It's too raw and too emotional at the moment."

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STATE

STATE BRIEFS

Loads of appreciation for homeowners

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Soaring real estate values boosted property assessments nearly 10 percent to a record \$856 billion in fiscal 2005, the highest rate of appreciation in 15 years.

The county Assessor's Office said Thursday that the sale of homes reassessed under Proposition 13 accounted for \$54 billion of the \$75 billion increase over last year's \$781 billion assessment roll.

"We are a long way from the 2 to 3 percent gains of the 1990s," Assessor Rick Auerbach said. "There probably is a slowdown ahead, but all signs shows a seller's market continuing in the near future and no bursting bubble anytime soon."

Under Proposition 13, home buyers pay taxes based on the assessed value of the home at the time of purchase. The assessment rate is 1 percent and annual increases are a maximum of 2 percent under the proposition.

"The biggest factor is supply and demand. We're not building enough homes in the Los Angeles area, and we have the demand, (in part because) interest rates have stayed low," Auerbach said.

Recycling plant buyer bubbling with enthusiasm

By The Associated Press

OXNARD — An affiliate of the Lawrence Welk Group, a Los Angeles-based music publishing, resort and real estate company, offered the winning \$2.5 million bid for the polluted Halaco Engineering metal recycling plant on 26 acres of Ormond Beach.

The property was auctioned July 14 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Escrow is expected to close in a few weeks, said Marc Luzzato, president of the Lawrence Welk Group.

Luzzato wouldn't disclose the firm's plans for the south Oxnard beach property, but the company's holdings include time shares, resorts and commercial real estate.

"It's a wonderfully located piece of property. It's irreplaceable," Luzzato said. "Our hope is that we can do something that creates a really wonderful asset for the Southern California community."

The now-idle plant is a rusty eyesore on the beach and there are tons of toxic waste in a large slag pile on the property. In 2002, the California Regional Water Quality Board ordered Halaco to clean up the slag pile, and four months later Halaco filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

In a 2003 environmental lawsuit it settled with Channelkeepers of Santa Barbara, Halaco agreed to pay \$950,000 for site cleanup costs and legal fees.

Luzzato said his company has offered to do the cleanup and is meeting with state officials to figure out how it should be done.

"We will do whatever the city wishes to be done on the property. We don't impose any kind of project on anyone," Luzzato said.

The Lawrence Welk Group was formed in 1955 as a family holding company for the big-band leader's estate. Welk died in 1992.

District turns to taxpayers, again

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Board of Education agreed to ask voters to approve a \$4 billion school bond measure on the November ballot.

Superintendent Roy Romer had pushed for Thursday's 6-0 board vote.

It will be the fourth time since 1997 that the school district has gone to taxpayers for help to pay for school construction to relieve classroom overcrowding. Voters have approved more than \$9.5 billion in three previous bond measures.

"This completes a program that we have been waiting 30 years to do. Today we took a step that enables us to remedy 30 years of neglect," Romer said. "It is a historic act. I trust this community will support it and will finish the job they have started."

An aggressive advertising campaign will begin immediately, Romer said.

The measure calls for about \$1.6 billion to be spent building a final round of about 25 elementary schools. A similar amount would be spent on repairs to existing schools.

When completed in about seven years, the building program will have opened an estimated 185 schools and provided enough desk space to end involuntary busing, return all campuses to traditional, two-semester calendars and limit enrollment at middle schools to 2,000 students.

Brush with the law may burn O.C. teens

By The Associated Press

FULLERTON — Three teenagers were arrested for allegedly setting more than two dozen brush and trash bin blazes in Orange County this month.

"We don't suspect them for any structure fires. We believe they're responsible for shrubberies and trash fires," police Sgt. Linda King said Thursday.

The fires were in Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton and Placentia.

Luis Fernando Hernandez, 19, Mariela Yuriana Camacho, 18, and a 17-year-old boy whose name was not released were arrested Thursday after allegedly starting a late-night fire in front of a Fullerton home.

The boy was released to his parents but Hernandez and Camacho were booked for investigation of arson and were being held at Fullerton City Jail.

The Orange County fires were set late at night or in the early morning in trash cans or trees near businesses and residences, King said. No injuries have been reported. The motive for setting the fires is unclear, she said.

STATE



Carmel crowd tired of lasting impression

BY GARANCE BURKE

Associated Press Writer

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, Calif. — The artists discovered this village in the early 1900s, and put up wooden cottages where they could paint the shoreline and coastal pines. Then the art dealers arrived, with their silky scarves, flute-filled soundtracks and airy showrooms.

For a long time, plein air painters and their patrons co-existed here profitably. But now galleries outnumber artists, and Carmel faces a clash between creativity and commerce that may be painfully familiar to residents in other scenic tourist spots across America.

Today, galleries selling everything from impressionist landscapes to cartoon dog portraits comprise one of every three businesses along Carmel's stone walkways. In all, 105 stores sell art in this town of just 4,081 residents. For a while, the city was approving a new gallery every week.

"People are upset. They can't go to a movie theater. They can't buy socks in this town," said Ross Arnold, who owns the Carmel Drug Store, the only shop of its kind. "You walk down the street and it's gallery, gallery, jewelry store, gallery, gallery."

While residents still talk about Carmel-By-The-Sea as if it were a village, its 1.1 square miles are also a major destination for the global golfing set. So when city leaders labeled the proliferation of galleries a "real and impending threat" late last year and virtually banned any new ones, outsiders took note.

Art may fill a human need, but too much of it threatens the town's finances, said Mayor Sue McCloud — since 2000, the 35 new galleries in town have added only \$500 in sales tax revenues to the general fund.

That's because California tax laws exempt tourists from paying sales tax on purchases they get shipped out-of-state. And whether they're dealing in rare Renoirs or butterfly-shaped baubles, Carmel's art galleries rely almost entirely on outside buyers.

Local governments in tourist destinations from Key West, Fla. to Aspen, Colo. also have found that it's hard to live on art alone, but these and other cities can also bank on the bump in revenue from hotel stays, outdoor sports, nightlife and other goods and services. Carmel is a relative pauper in this regard, since its tiny downtown all but closes down at nightfall.

"People who buy original art tend to be fairly affluent," said Paul Menter, Aspen's finance director. "So while galleries are an important part of the retail mix, they don't generate much tax."

It's a problem many tourist towns encounter, said John Villani, who profiled the village in his book, "The 100 Best Art

Towns in America."

"Artists are always the first to move to places that are seen as undesirable," said Villani. "But once property values go up, it's difficult for a place like Carmel to support creative businesses that are not directed toward feeding or selling objects to the tourists."

Some veteran art dealers have a private, darker fear — that high-end tourists who come for the art scene will soon realize that much of what they see is hardly worth the frame. Their worries seemed confirmed last month when readers of American Style magazine ranked Carmel two stops below Aspen as an arts destination.

Meanwhile, for tourists who come to walk on the beach and don't "give a tinker's damn about art, we were diminishing the diversity of why they would choose to come here," McCloud said.

The near-moratorium approved in November was designed in part to support local artists. New galleries can request business permits only if they dedicate 80 percent of their space to the work of one artist, or if the gallery has a working studio, in use at least half the time its doors are open.

Gallery owner George Stern says the city would do better to limit the number of T-shirts shops and ice cream stores, rather than see art as the enemy.

"I just don't get it," said Stern, a prominent Los Angeles dealer whose gallery was the last to squeeze in before the ban. "The restrictions have the possible tendency of developing a provincial aspect to the work."

In other words, the town should let the marketplace determine which of the many galleries will survive. But even if art is removed from a few prime storefronts, other small business owners might not be able to afford to return. Along Ocean Avenue — where tourists can choose from a seemingly endless supply of look-alike pastel landscapes selling for as much as \$8,000 each — commercial rents have increased to as much as \$30,000 per month, according to real estate broker Peter Baird.

High rents also have been a problem in Santa Fe, N.M., said Michael Carroll, who heads the gallery association there. Santa Fe art dealers have been on the defensive since politicians complained the city's \$200 million art industry was not a good engine for economic growth and didn't produce enough tax revenue, he said.

"We're still battling the image that all we do is sell pictures of howling coyotes," said Carroll.

While few dispute Carmel's success as an international arts destination, local painter Dick Crispo is nostalgic for the town he knew — a quiet artists' colony filled with cheap hamburger joints and art supply stores.

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NATIONAL

Commander thought shuttle woes ‘licked’

BY PAM EASTON

Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Discovery Commander Eileen Collins said from orbit Friday that she was surprised to learn a large piece of foam broke from the shuttle’s external tank despite years of work to prevent such shedding in the wake of the Columbia tragedy.

Collins said she’s confident Discovery, which unlike Columbia wasn’t hit by the large piece of foam, will get her crew home safely.

“Personally, I did not expect any large pieces of foam to fall off the external tank,” the commander said during her first interviews from space Friday morning. “I thought we had that licked.”

Collins and astronaut Andy Thomas described the setback to the program as a disappointment, but said they believe the problem must and can be fixed.

“I don’t think we should fly again unless we do something to prevent this from happening again,” Collins said. “The shuttle is due to be retired eventually, but we’ve got more years in them. ... I’m not ready to give up yet.”

Discovery’s astronauts spent Friday morning unloading 15 tons of supplies onto the space station. They planned to check the shuttle for damage later in the day after NASA said a smaller piece of foam may have hit a wing during liftoff.

“I would say there is no significant damage to the shuttle,” Collins said. “We know we do have some small damage.”

That damage isn’t any different from the beating shuttles often sustain on the way to orbit, she said.

“We are staying focused on the mission and we know we are in good hands with the people on the ground,” Collins said. “I love being in space. It’s magical up here.”

NASA officials have said Discovery does look safe to fly home in a week, but stressed it will be another few days before the space agency can conclusively give the shuttle a clean bill of health.

NASA analysts have identified 11 areas they want astronauts to take another look at. Nine of those areas were set to be examined Friday using the shuttle’s new laser-tipped extension to its robotic arm.

Astronauts Stephen Robinson and Soichi Noguchi were to take a personal look at the other two areas during the mission’s first spacewalk Saturday. It will be the first of three orbital outings.

During the spacewalks, Robinson and Noguchi will replace a gyroscope, which helps steer the space station; try out new repair techniques for the shuttle’s tiles and delicate carbon panels; and install a storage platform on the station.

In television images Friday, Robinson smiled and waved to the camera as he worked weightlessly with Noguchi about the station. They wore yellow plastic hard hats for comic effect. Robinson, with a manual in his hand, wore a hat so tiny it didn’t come close to covering his head.

The lighthearted atmosphere contrasted with days of sobering news. NASA suspended future shuttle flights earlier this week after learning about the big piece of foam insulation, which weighed less than a pound.

It was an alarming repeat of the problem that doomed Columbia in 2003, when a piece of foam knocked a hole in its left wing. The searing gases of re-entry melted the wing from the inside out, causing the spacecraft to disintegrate. All seven astronauts aboard died.

The small bit of foam that may have hit Discovery’s right wing came off about 20 seconds after the large piece, and was from the same general area, deputy shuttle program manager Wayne Hale said. None of the newly installed wing sensors detected anything unusual.

An earlier inspection with the laser didn’t reveal any damage. Camera views during liftoff were inconclusive because the foam tumbled out of sight.

NASA already has run tests showing that if the foam did strike the wing, it would have exerted just one-tenth of the energy needed to cause worrisome damage, Hale said.

“We feel very good about this,” he said.

If the astronauts do find a problem with the shuttle, however, the contingency plan is to consider untested repair techniques that were developed after the Columbia disaster or have the astronauts stay on the space station until a rescue mission can be launched.

“We have always had the option of staying on the space station,” Collins said. “I don’t think that is going to be the case for us.”

NASA said Friday it was trying to come up with ways to leave more water and oxygen aboard the space station than initially planned, given the grounding of its shuttle fleet.

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NATIONAL

Young climber is still modest about her feats

BY MELANTHIA MITCHELL

Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — The climbers who routinely rack up firsts on the world's tallest peaks are an elite group, grounded by memories of those whose lives and hopes were lost on snowy summits.

But the petite woman who just became the youngest person to scale the highest peaks on all seven continents did so almost on a whim.

Danielle Fisher, 20, summited Mount Everest in the early morning hours of June 2, conquering the Seven Summits in three years. The soft-spoken redhead is modest about her feat, but veterans of the sport say she's spearheading a new generation of female climbers.

"I definitely think she's more of an inspiration than she thinks," said David C. Morton, a mountain guide with Seattle-based Alpine Ascents International, which led the expeditions on Fisher's last four climbs.

Fisher has already earned a place in mountaineering history, but seasoned climbers say her energy, enthusiasm and dedication promise greater things. And her accomplishments could spark renewed interest in the sport among women.

"She takes the initiative and she'll help out. She'll be a team player. She has what it takes to be a real mountaineer," said Christine Boskoff, who climbed the north

ridge of Mount Baker with Fisher in 2004.

"I think a lot of young girls will see her and she'll be a great role model for them," she said.

Boskoff in 1997 was the first American woman to summit 27,940-foot Lhotse, the world's fourth highest peak in the Himalayas. But her successes haven't made her a familiar name outside the world of climbing.

The same is true for Junko Tabei of Japan, the first woman to reach the top of Mount Everest, and Fanny Bullock Workman, who set a world climbing record for women in 1906 when she reached the top of Pinnacle Peak in Nun Kun Massif in Kashmir.

With the feats of many female mountaineers ignored or overshadowed by those of their male counterparts, women have been slow to take up the sport.

As owner of climbing outfitter Mountain Madness in Seattle, Boskoff, 37, often leads mountain expeditions, and she still doesn't see many women in her groups.

Some are deterred by chauvinism. Boskoff herself is often mistaken for a client while she's guiding, she said.

Others are turned off by the physical requirements of the sport, like carrying 50 pounds or more of gear.

"It's our culture, women are taught to still be more delicate and trussed up. Mountaineering really doesn't allow you to do that," Boskoff said.

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LOCAL



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Marc Cohn (at left) applauds the summer’s largest crowd that gathered Thursday night to listen to music performed by him and opening act Suzanne Vega. Bassist Jennifer Condos is plays in the background. Hundreds watched Thursday’s free show from the beach (center) next to the Santa Monica Pier. An enthusiastic fan (right) draws security attention at the outdoor concert. She was asked to sit down after the crowd, seated behind her, grew tired of her dancing, cheering and carrying on.

Gang members stand accused

LODGE MURDERS, from page 1

process of being deported, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

Sanchez and Vasquez are still at large, according to the SMPD. Sanchez, who police say also is known as Eric Nunez and “Enemy,” was released in January of 2005 from the Department of Corrections after completing more than two years of a three-year prison term for robbery.

Vasquez, who police say also is known as “Crook,” doesn’t have a prior criminal record listed with the state or county.

Jane Robison, spokeswoman for the DA’s office, said an arraignment date for Mojarro hasn’t been set.

Nearly 70 witnesses to the shooting, each of whom were attending a birthday party at the Moose Lodge, said more than a dozen shots were fired by the suspects, who allegedly opened fire on Hernandez and Bonilla after an altercation.

Bonilla was shot multiple times in his torso and head, while Hernandez suffered more extensive wounds to his torso, head and buttocks, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner.

A third victim, who witnesses said threw a chair at the gunmen in an attempt to stop the shooting, was shot in the leg and released from St. John’s Health Care Center two days later, according to authorities. The third person’s identity has not been released. He apparently didn’t know Bonilla or Hernandez.

According to Internet articles, the 18th Street gang was formed in the 1960s around the Rampart area of Los Angeles. Some criminologists say 18th Street is the most violent street gang in LA. It is reportedly the largest and fastest-growing street gang, comprised of several smaller groups throughout the county, with some estimates ranging between 8,000 and 30,000 members, many of whom are illegal immigrants.

18th Street gang members are reportedly identified by the “666” tattoos that add up to 18 — the number of the



JONATHAN HERNANDEZ (LEFT)



HECTOR BONILLA (BACK, RIGHT)

gang’s name. Experts attribute a higher level of organization to the gang, in part because of close ties to Central and South American drug cartels.

Advocates hope book will snap stereotypes

40 LIVES, from page 3

tude for the programs and people in OPCC.

“Please make sure to say that there were two women at OPCC who literally saved my life,” said Claire Sullivan. “They were kind, caring, understanding and helped me maneuver through everything it takes to get the things you need to build up your life again.”

“I prayed to the good Lord to put me some place where I could stay for longer than five minutes at a time, some place where I fitted in,” remarked Muriel Bouffard. “They haven’t kicked me out yet.”

The photography also reflects the specificity of the writing. Through the process, photographer William Short would take a photo and then consult with the subject. Each individual is within a medium of their own choosing, or one that reflects their interests, Short said.

Mary Phillips’ picture was taken with her standing in front of lifeguard tower 22 on Santa Monica Beach — where she used to sleep. Isaiah Ortiz, a formerly homeless man who got his first job in 20 years as a janitor at

OPCC, is now an outreach counselor for OPCC. He is pictured standing with the beach in the background, one of the many places he searches for homeless individuals.

Short’s goal was to capture subject photographs that would reflect an image differing from the stereotypical portrayal of a homeless man or woman.

“I always said that if a I did a project on homeless people, I wanted to approach it from a different angle, and not victimize them a second time,” Short said. “I wanted them to have dignity, confront the viewer, and come across in a self-assured way.

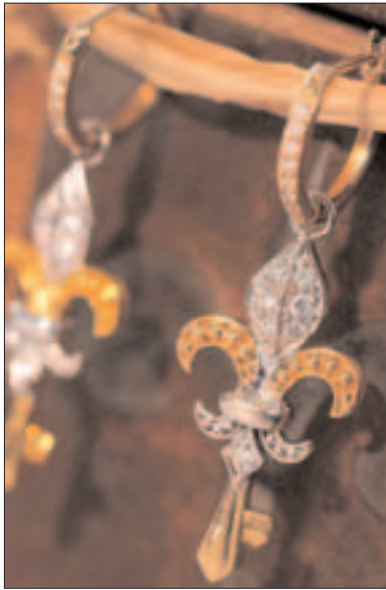
“The way that most people interact with the homeless is seeing someone on the street with their hand out, but we wanted to show a different side of who these people were,” added Short, who has volunteered his photographic skills for OPCC for 10 years, doing work for their newsletters, events and Christmas family portraits. “Each person was looking directly into the camera, which was very confrontational.”

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LOCAL

Facing up to it



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Sixth-graders Georgia Trester (left) and Jordan Johnson proudly show off their handcrafted face masks on Friday at Bergamont Station, as part of the Culminating Exhibit and Reception for Rosie's Girls, named after Rosie the Riveter from World War II fame. The program for girls 6th grade thru 8th grade, aspires to build confidence through the learning of trades.

Waste not, worms not

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moist dirt, stay on top.

The \$80,000 veritech machine was paid for with \$30,000 in college funds, \$25,000 from the Esper A. Petersen Foundation and \$25,000 in grants through City Hall. It costs \$40 in electricity per month to operate. One SMC grounds-keeper spends two hours per day handling scraps and fertilizer. Students also help operate the machine.

Tom Corpus, SMC's grounds supervisor, said the fertilizer produced is helpful because it acts as a repellent for white flies, a nuisance to landscaping.

Although the veri-composting contributes to SMC's recycling program, it is a small component, accounting for 1 percent of the college's diverted waste. Last year, the project created 2.7 tons of fertilizer.

"It is an educational tool, and we have further to go," Corpus said.

SMC, which has one of the top recycling programs for community colleges in California, has been diverting much of its waste since the early 1990s, officials said. The college, which recycled 75 percent of its waste as of 2001, far exceeded state mandates requiring it to recycle 25 percent of its waste by 2002 and 50 percent by 2004.

Last year, the college generated 10,616 pounds of garbage, recycling 9,024 pounds, or 85 percent. SMC officials said they are striving to ultimately become 100 percent waste-free.

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LOCAL

Down with OPCC: Book touts success

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OPCC officials thought it worthwhile to talk to a few of the volunteers, showing that homeless individuals and the organization's staff alike have been affected by OPCC's programs.

Volunteers and program graduates were not the only ones who spoke of gratitude. The book's staff emerged with a story to tell as well, of how working on the book changed their outlook on their own lives.

"This project confirmed to me that I need to do more community-oriented things," said Billy Johnson Jr., contributing writer and music director for Yahoo! Music. "Just participating in this project told me that 'yes, I have more responsibility to be involved in the community.' It was compelling."

The OPCC Public Relations Committee began the project in 2003, and published it this past May. At the groundbreaking ceremony of OPCC's new facility on May 26, the book was presented to the public. Photos from "40 Lives" were on display, and speakers included individuals who were once homeless and received support from their participation in the shelter.

Plans for "40 Lives" have not stopped with its publication. All proceeds from the book are going to OPCC, and the book is currently available on the OPCC Web site. In continuation of the fundraising effort, the OPCC public relations committee has plans for dramatic readings and photography exhibitions with the prints from the book. All proceeds from the events benefit OPCC.

"It's a cliché to say, 'It's inspirational,' but it really is," Short said. "A project like this is so valuable, and it has so much to say about the human condition."



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Guests attending a reception to celebrate the groundbreaking of Ocean Park Community Center's new homeless shelter facility in May take a gander at the portraits of individuals who have been helped by the nonprofit organization. Forty formerly homeless people are profiled in a new book entitled 'From Homelessness to Hope: 40 Lives.'

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Fire deaths raise scrutiny of mom who's lost four children

BY MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press Writer

OZONA, Texas — Crockett County sheriff's deputies were accustomed to getting calls about disturbances at the corner of Peach and Willow streets.

Fights. Loud music. Drinking. Shouting. This time the reports of screams were different. They were from children. A house trailer there was on fire.

By the time firefighters responded to the April 11 blaze and put out the flames, the two-bedroom mobile home was gone. So were 10-year-old Felipe Villarreal and his 5-year-old sister, Belia Cardenas.

The siblings' deaths were the first home fire fatalities in some 60 years in this West Texas town of about 3,400. But they pushed to four the number of children Sylvia Villarreal Cardenas, 37, has lost, renewing questions about whether the mother of nine could have been responsible for their deaths or if she is just the unfortunate victim of terrible tragedies.

"All of these children died under suspicious circumstances while in the care of their mother," Lynn McFadden, a Child Protective Services caseworker, wrote in an affidavit submitted in June to State District Judge Brock Jones. "The only children of Ms. Cardenas that are still living are those who are not in her care."

The death of Cardenas' infant son, Raul Palacio, was investigated in 1985 after it appeared he choked on a pacifier while left unattended in a vehicle. No charges were filed.

In 1989, Cardenas told authorities that her 2-year-old daughter, Juanita Palacio, died when she choked on a glass of water and drowned. CPS officials determined the girl had been physically neglected and placed two other children in the home with relatives of their father.

Cardenas was later indicted for murder in her daughter's death. While awaiting trial, she delivered another child. CPS took custody of little girl, who was later adopted.

Cardenas was acquitted after a weeklong trial in 1992, despite video testimony from her then 7-year-old son that hinted his mother may have drowned his sister in a bathtub. Cardenas' attorney argued the case was based on speculation.

She gave birth again the following year, and, again, child welfare officials took the child away because of neglect. The infant boy was later adopted.

Cardenas was pregnant at the time of the trailer fire. She delivered her ninth child on June 28, and CPS placed the girl in foster care before Cardenas left the hospital.

Cardenas, described as a divorced waitress with a history of prescription drug use, told a physician at the hospital: "I am going to keep having children until CPS lets me keep one to raise."

On a recent July day, no one answered the door at Cardenas' mother's house, where Cardenas now lives. A car covered with tarps was parked in an unkempt front yard littered with a couple of old car batteries, an old barbecue grill and an infant swing. In the concrete walk leading to the padlocked front door appeared to be the handprints of children, along with names and dates scratched in when the cement was wet.

The house is next to where Cardenas' trailer once stood. An extension cord was strung from the house to provide electricity, but authorities aren't sure if that's what caused the fire, said Steve Kenley, the county fire marshal.

"As far as the fire is concerned and what started it, we're pretty well stymied," Kenley said.

Cardenas told authorities she burned candles occasionally to provide light and while she asked Felipe to not use them, she had found candles in the children's bedroom.

State arson investigators used a dog trained to find accelerants to sniff through the charred trailer, but results were negative, forcing Kenley to rule, at least for now, the cause of the fire as unknown.

Authorities are still awaiting autopsy results on the children. District Attorney Laurie English declined to discuss case while the investigation was pending.

The woman's past, however, "makes you nervous

about the whole thing," Kenley said.

Cardenas' behavior, both before and after the fire, has left many puzzled in her predominantly Hispanic neighborhood south of Interstate 10, which divides Ozona, about 200 miles west of San Antonio.

"Her demeanor was not like I would be," said Gracie Delgado, 36, who lived at the other end of Peach Street at the time of the fire. "She was just sitting, staring, not hysterically crying. But maybe that's her way."

Authorities are still awaiting autopsy results on the children. District Attorney Laurie English declined to discuss case while the investigation was pending.

Others in the neighborhood said much the same.

"The only thing I saw that was strange was she didn't cry," said Joanna Dominguez, a 23-year-old mother of four who lives in a mobile home directly behind Cardenas' property.

The day after the fire Cardenas stunned the people at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church by demanding an immediate funeral. The bodies of the children hadn't even been released yet to a funeral home.

The church pastor, Rev. Serafin Avenido, was out of town and wouldn't return until the following day. Cardenas wanted the service immediately upon his return, he said.

Tammy Linseisen, a clinical assistant professor at the University of Texas School of Social Work, said Cardenas could be exhibiting defiance and immaturity, like someone who is "stuck at about 15." She said it's likely Cardenas had difficulties in her own childhood and home life, even though she has no direct knowledge of that.

"It's more common than I wish for it to be," said Linseisen, whose duties over 16 years of experience include training students for social work. "We see a lot of chronic neglect that we have not found the right answers for, where these folks stay in the system or keep coming back in the system."

Cardenas is also one of nine children. Several of her siblings, according to CPS, are in jail and have been the focus of child welfare investigations involving their own children. It's some of Cardenas' brothers, who still live with their mother, who have caused problems in the neighborhood and led police to make repeated calls to the family's home, neighbors said.

Dominguez described Cardenas as a good mother to fourth-grader Felipe, who loved drawing and baseball, and Belia, a kindergarten student who was the spunkier of the pair and already interested in cheerleading.

Delgado added that Cardenas was vigilant about making certain school officials were aware that Felipe had his medication and inhaler for asthma, or being sure to inform them if there was a change in the routine for transportation to or from school.

Still, in the affidavit seeking removal of Cardenas' latest child from her care, the CPS caseworker noted Cardenas' recollections of the trailer fire "contain several inconsistencies and has raised suspicions."

The brother and sister were buried together in a single coffin at an Ozona cemetery, next to their deceased siblings.

Raul's grave is marked with a tombstone that includes a concrete angel flanked by containers for flowers. One of the flower pots is cracked. Juanita's grave has a foot-tall cross made from steel rods, but does not carry her name. On the grave of Felipe and Belia, bordered by artificial flowers, are two rocks. On one is the word "Love." On the other, "Peace."

"She didn't want them killed," said Caterino Villarreal, 63, a cousin to Cardenas' mother who lives across the street from the family. "At least I don't think so. It was just an accident."

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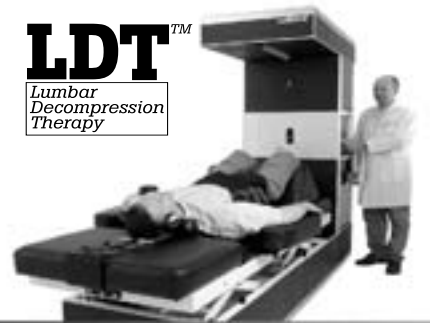
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Grapes of math: 7th wine region for state

BY SHANNON DININNY

Associated Press Writer

YAKIMA, Wash. — A hilly tract of land on the Columbia River's north slope, affectionately called the Horse Heaven Hills, will be the state's seventh federally recognized wine grape-growing region.

Known as American Viticultural Areas or appellations, such designations recognize a region's distinct climate and soil features.

Wineries and grape growers in the 570,000-acre Horse Heaven Hills submitted an application for recognition in 2002. The U.S. Treasury Department's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau approved the appellation request, effective Aug. 1.

Such approval is a significant achievement for the state's wine industry, because it allows vintners to distinguish wines produced in the region and allows consumers to easily identify those wines, said Robin Pollard, executive director of the Washington Wine Commission, a promotional state agency funded by fees on member wineries and growers.

The recognition also speaks to the degree of development and sophistication of Washington's wine industry, she said.

"Diversity, that is really one of our state's greatest assets," she said. "It just gives us yet another tool to help raise awareness in terms of what makes Washington wines so special."

Washington state is the nation's second-largest producer of wine, after California. More than 300 wineries, 300 wine grape growers and 30,000 vineyard acres support the \$2.4 billion annual industry.

The federal government already has recognized the state itself as an appellation and six appellations inside the state, the last being the Columbia Gorge in 2004.

The Horse Heaven Hills is located above the only sea-level passage through the Cascade Mountains, linking growers there to both the marine environment of the Pacific Ocean and the semiarid desert

of Eastern Washington.

Its warmer temperatures than some areas of the state, such as the Yakima Valley appellation, make the Horse Heaven Hills ideal for such varieties as merlot and cabernet sauvignon. At the same time, vintners are finding success with some white wine varieties as well, such as chardonnay and riesling, said Kevin Corliss, director of viticulture for Ste. Michelle Wine Estates.

In addition, cool breezes that blow across the plain reduce the risk for disease and pests and create balanced fruit that is not too sweet or acidic, he said.

"The list of what can be grown probably is a long ways from ended. It's still to be determine as we learn more about the region," Corliss said. "As the region matures, I think you'll continue to see people describe the area, and want to be able to tell their consumers about their wines."

Winemakers often seek blocks of grapes that will provide a different taste, because of the soil, temperature or other climate features. True wine aficionados know exactly where the wine that touches their palate is produced — down to the hillside.

That the Horse Heaven Hills sits entire inside the already-recognized Columbia Valley appellation speaks to growers and winemakers drawing even further distinctions for their products, Corliss said.

The region currently includes four wineries, and more than 20 vineyards produce grapes for some of the state's premier wineries, according to the Washington Wine Commission.

Even the name for the region is unique.

In 1857, a central Washington rancher followed the tracks of his escaped horses up a steep mountainside to find them munching bunch grass atop a beautiful upland plain.

As the story goes, James Kinney proclaimed, "Surely, this is horse heaven." More than a century later, the name for the region still stands.

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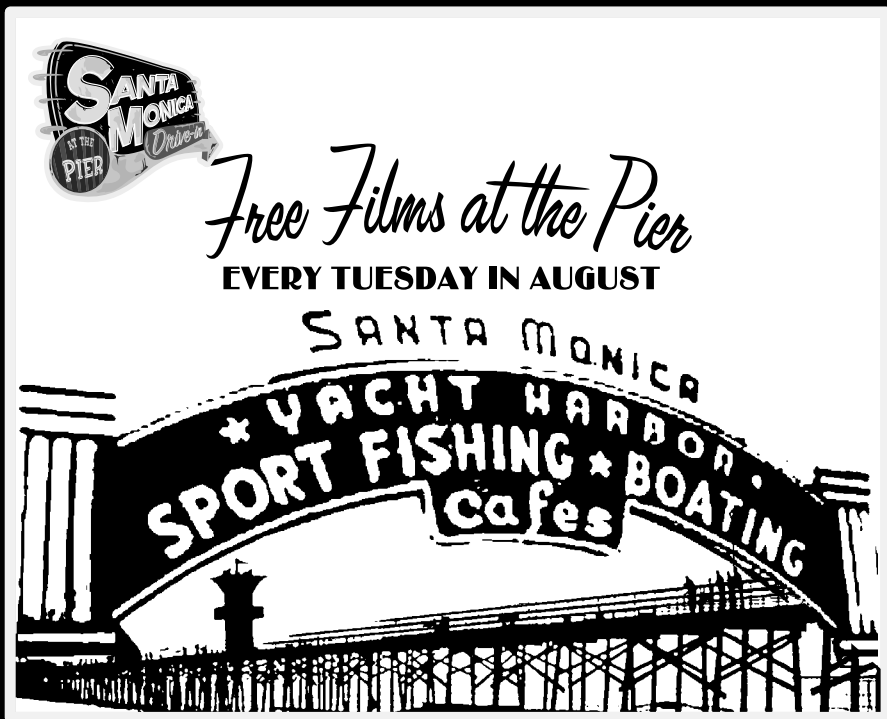
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America's pastime, as played in the past

BY ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Long before Kenny Rogers shoved two cameramen, an angry outburst of "Blame my buttons!" could cost a base ball player a half-dime fine.

And had Rogers played back in the 1860s, he would have been called a hurler. Opposing batters, called strikers, would have let him know which pitch they preferred.

Every year, base ball — the precursor to modern baseball — is re-created at the Vancouver National Historic Reserve in southern Washington near the Columbia River.

Similar vintage games, and even entire leagues, are cropping up around the country, harkening back to a day when the game was charmingly innocent — albeit scrappier. One reason? Gloves hadn't been invented yet.

The game was played in the 1860s by troops stationed at the U.S. Army's Fort Vancouver, later renamed the Vancouver Barracks, according to documents at the historic reserve, part of the National Park Service.

The idea was to give the soldiers a break from tedious garrison duty.

"Knowledge of base ball was spread by soldiers during the Civil War," ranger Doug Halsey said. "When the soldiers came home, they brought base ball with them."

On a recent balmy evening, a group of Fort Vancouver rangers and volunteers re-enacted the game for cranks — or fans, as they were known back then. Ladies in hoop skirts sipped tea as the 1st Oregon Volunteer Infantry took the field against the Vancouver Occidentals.

Bill "Fair Call" DeBerry served as umpire, proclaiming "One man dead!" after the first out. A brass band played between innings.

Because the players didn't wear gloves, a fly ball could be caught on the first bounce and still be counted as an out. Hurlers politely asked each striker, "Where would you like it, sir?" and then delivered an underhanded pitch.

A strike was called only after a swing and miss. There were no balls, and consequently, no walks. After one striker was thrown out "legging it" to first, he politely shook hands with the first base tender in a show of good sportsmanship.

Despite a late rally by the Volunteers, the Occidentals won 10-8. With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, the Occidentals' behind (that's a catcher in today's terminology) ran up the first base line imploring the cranks to cheer.

Nick Peck, who works for the Bonneville Power Administration, served as the scoreboard keeper, dressed in a dapper suit and hat from the period. He has been involved with the vintage re-enactment since it started five years ago.

"We just love being a part of living local history," he said. "It's a way of bringing history to life and to share it. And it's just fun."

Way off base

By The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Here is some of the lingo used by 1860s base ball players, and the modern-day translation:

Ballist: ballplayer.

Hurler: pitcher.

Striker: batter.

Behind: catcher.

Captain: manager.

Ace: run.

Muff (or muffin): error.

Garden: outfield.

Hot Corner: third base.

Short Scout: shortstop.

Tender: baseman.

Cranks (or rooters): fans.

Leg it: run.

Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard also came out for the game.

"Every year I throw out the first ball. For some reason they have yet to ask me to play," joked Pollard, a former commander at the barracks when he was in the Army.

There are an estimated 150 vintage teams scattered around the country. A 12-team league plays in New England, while the Bay Area Vintage Base Ball League in Northern California is looking to expand.

Different teams play by different rules, based on the year being re-created. The generally accepted guidelines come from the National Association of Base-Ball Players.

Steve Gazay is president of the startup Bay Area Vintage Base Ball league, which plays by 1880s rules — players pitch overhanded and wear gloves. The league has two teams and is in the process of adding a third.

"No sunglasses. No earrings. No watches. We try to block out any logos on the shoes," Gazay said. "We want to make it as authentic as possible."

The game is appealing to many because of its purity. This was America's Pastime before million-dollar contracts, the steroid scandal, and, most recently, Rogers' run-in with the cameramen that led to criminal charges and a 20-day suspension for the Texas Rangers pitcher.

In fact, the rules prohibited cursing, spitting and arguing with the umpire. It was customary to applaud for the opposing team for good plays. "Blame my buttons!" was the equivalent of "fiddlesticks!" and could garner a fine depending on the emotion with which it was said.

"It was very much a gentlemen's game, it was a genteel game," Halsey said. "It was played just because you loved to play the game."

The most interesting aspect of vintage base ball? Something that would never fly in modern times, Halsey said.

"One of the rules was that you can absolutely never, never accept money to play the game," he laughed.

Fort Vancouver will host another vintage base ball exhibition on Aug. 20.

Some of the lingo used by 1860s base ball players

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INTERNATIONAL

Hussein is questioned about his role in Shiite crackdown

BY BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein was called to a hearing where he was questioned about repression of the Shiite uprising in 1991, which erupted after U.S.-led forces drove the Iraqi army out of Kuwait, the chief investigative judge said Friday.

In ongoing violence, two Marines were killed by insurgent gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades in western Iraq, prompting U.S. jets to pound insurgent positions with high-tech bombs, officials said Friday. A U.S. soldier died in central Baghdad after a single-vehicle accident. The deaths brought to 11 the number of U.S. troop fatalities in Iraq this week.

A suicide attacker detonated an explosives belt in a crowd of Iraqi army recruits in the town of Rabiah near the Syrian border, killing at least 25 and wounding 35, a police general said.

Officials said the attack occurred in the midst of recruits who were training in a security-controlled area and that some of the guards may have knowingly allowed the attacker to enter. The United States has placed new urgency on training Iraqi soldiers and police to assume greater security responsibilities so U.S. and other foreign troops can begin going home next year.

Saddam was summoned Thursday, and answered questions alone during the 45-minute hearing, said Judge Raid Juhi of the Iraqi Special Tribunal, set up to try the former dictator.

Juhi said he expects to conclude the criminal investigation into Saddam's alleged crackdown against Shiites in southern Iraq, as well as his campaign in the late 1980s to force Iraqi Kurds from wide areas of the north. A trial date for the former dictator will be announced in the coming days, Juhi said.

Saddam is expected to stand trial in September for his alleged role in the 1982 massacre of Shiite Muslims in Dujail north of Baghdad. It will be the first of what are expected to be about a dozen trials involving Saddam and

his key henchmen.

In Baghdad, a car bomb exploded near a joint U.S.-Iraqi patrol in the dangerous Dora neighborhood, police reported. At least three civilians were wounded but casualty reports were incomplete, police Lt. Thaer Mahmoud said.

A U.S. military statement said the two Marines killed belonged to Regimental Combat Team-2 of the 2nd Marine Division and were killed Thursday by small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire in a village west of Haditha about 170 miles west of Baghdad.

The Marines reported killing nine insurgents, five believed to be Syrians, during an engagement Thursday in the same small village.

Jets from the 2nd Marine Air Wing dropped three laser-guided bombs and one global positioning system guided bomb on three buildings used by the insurgents as firing positions, destroying all three of them, the statement added.

A U.S. soldier assigned to Task Force Baghdad was killed in a single-vehicle accident late Thursday.

Following a rash of attacks and abductions of diplomats in Iraq, the Philippine Embassy in Baghdad has relocated its employees to Amman, Jordan, Philippine Foreign Undersecretary Jose Brillantes said.

"We continue to maintain our diplomatic ties with Iraq," Brillantes said. "The embassy in Baghdad remains open and the diplomats in Baghdad are in Amman for security reasons occasioned by the recent kidnappings of diplomats."

He said the Filipino diplomats will be in Amman "for an indefinite period of time." It was not clear if all of the embassy's Filipino staff have relocated.

Iraqi militants last month freed Filipino accountant Robert Tarongoy after almost eight months in captivity.

Tarongoy, 31, was the second Filipino known to have been taken hostage in Iraq. Truck driver Angelo de la Cruz was freed last year after the Philippine government granted the militants' demand for the early withdrawal of its small peacekeeping contingent from Iraq.

On Thursday, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq said the military is considering offering protection to foreign diplomats in Baghdad after al-Qaida agents killed three Arab envoys this month.

"Coalition forces ... are planning to look at this problem and see what could be done to fix the security for the diplomats," Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said.

He spoke a day after al-Qaida in Iraq announced it had killed two Algerian diplomats because of their government's ties to the United States and its crackdown on Islamic extremists.

Chief envoy Ali Belaroussi and diplomat Azzedine Belkadi were kidnapped outside their embassy in Baghdad. Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility.

The group also claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of Egypt's top envoy and the attempted abduction of two other Muslim diplomats in a campaign to undercut support for the new Iraqi government within the Arab and Muslim world.

The United States is gambling that political progress will help curb the insurgency by luring away Sunni Arabs, who account for most of the rebels. Key to the strategy is preparation of a new constitution which must be approved by parliament by Aug. 15 and submitted to the voters in a referendum two months later.

On Friday, key members of the committee writing the charter said they have almost finished the draft and expect to submit it to parliament by the end of the month.

The committee did not meet Friday but discussions will resume Saturday, the members said.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military said it captured a cell leader of the notorious al-Qaida in Iraq terror organization.

Ammar Abu Bara, alias Amar Hussein Hasan, was arrested Wednesday in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, by troops of the Army's 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, a U.S. statement said.

The statement said Abu Bara was taken into custody during a cordon and search operation in a neighborhood in northern Mosul. Abu Bara replaced Abu Talha, former terror cell leader for the Mosul area who was arrested last month, the statement added.

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INTERNATIONAL



Raids snag suspects wanted in bombings

BY JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Raids in London and Rome on Friday rounded up the last of the four suspected attackers from the failed July 21 transit bombings in Britain, officials and media reports said.

Two of the suspects were picked up in west London following raids by heavily armed police, the reports said. London police did not confirm their identities.

Italian police in Rome arrested Osman Hussain, a naturalized British citizen from Somalia, as part of an ongoing investigation in the bombings, said Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisanu.

Police said they raided two residences Friday in west London and arrested two men at one address and one at another, a Metropolitan Police spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity.

So far, about two dozen people have been arrested in connection with the attacks last week in which bombs in backpacks failed to detonate on three subway trains and a double-decker bus. Those attacks caused no injuries, unlike the July 7 attacks in London that killed 56 people, plus the four suicide bombers.

The police operation was carried out in at least two locations in Notting Hill about a quarter-mile apart.

Britain's Press Association said one of those arrested was believed to be Muktar Said Ibrahim, 27, who allegedly tried to blow himself up on a double-decker bus in east London.

Ibrahim, also known as Muktar Mohammed Said, came to Britain in 1990 from Eritrea.

The second suspect arrested in London is believed to have been responsible for the attempted bombing near Oval Tube station, Press Association said. He was pictured running from the Oval Street subway station wearing a "New York" sweatshirt.

Another of the four, Yasin Hassan Omar, was arrested Wednesday in Birmingham in central England.

Sky News broadcast video of two men in light blue body suits designed to preserve evidence leading away a man in a white bodysuit, shielding his face.

A witness told The Associated Press that a man wearing what appeared to be a bus driver's uniform was led away by police in handcuffs.

The witness, Osama Ahmed Ali, saw a Somali man whom he recognized as a bus driver.

"He was in a purple-and-yellow bus driver uniform," said Ali, 16. "I've been on a bus with him a couple of times."

Police also arrested two women at the Liverpool Street train station in central London and evacuated the area. The women were pinned to the ground in a raid.

One woman is believed to have been in a line for the Stansted Express, which goes to one of London's airports, when she was pushed to the ground by police.

The two women were arrested at 1:54 p.m., British Transport Police said. The police were searching a number of suspect packages in the station.

Earlier, police were involved in a standoff with at least one man in an apartment, pointing assault weapons and pistols at the home, a witness said. Police wearing black balaclavas and body armor surrounded the building.

Sky News broadcast images of police surrounding a red-brick apartment block as they shouted instructions to a suspect inside. Authorities screamed to a man named "Mohammed" to take off his clothes and exit the building, according to a witness identified by the station as Lisa Davis.

Police went door to door in the chic neighborhood, famous for its weekend street market, and told people to evacuate.

"I heard six loud bangs, which I found out from a policeman were stun grenades I believe, and then I heard two shots," witness Patrick Ball said. "The noise that I heard was an extremely loud bang."

The area is near west London's Little Wormwood Scrubs park, where police on Saturday found a dark backpack containing a fifth bomb connected to the July 21 attack.

Two small explosions in the area could be heard on video broadcast by Sky News. Helicopters buzzed overhead and police cordoned off a number of streets, and said one person had been arrested. A witness told CNN she saw several people being taken into custody.

The 24-year-old Omar, who was seized in a dramatic raid by anti-terrorist officers using stun guns, is a Somali citizen with British residency. Omar, suspected of attacking the Warren Street subway station, was being questioned at a top-security police station in London.

A police watchdog group investigated the killing of a Brazilian electrician by police, who believed he was a suicide bomber.

Investigators from the Independent Police Complaints Commission appealed for witnesses who were at Stockwell subway station in south London on July 22, when Jean Charles de Menezes, 27, was shot eight times — including seven times to the head.

Menezes' funeral is being held Friday in Gonzaga, Brazil, where he was born. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, leader of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, will attend a Mass for Menezes at Westminster Cathedral in central London Friday evening.

One of the Tube stations closed after the July 7 attacks reopened Friday. Several bouquets of flowers lay at the entrance to the Edgware Road station in a tribute to the seven people killed there. Passenger numbers were visibly down.

"I felt a bit nervous coming through the tunnel just then and this morning my mum gave me a look as though she was never going to see me again," commuter Jasmine Chandhoke, 22, said. "Everyone was being incredibly vigilant on the train, checking each other's bags."

Scotland Yard police headquarters declined to comment on the arrest in Zambia of a British man sought in connection with the July 7 bombings.

British investigators reportedly believe Haroon Rashid Aswat, 31, had been in telephone contact with some of the four suicide attackers who carried out the July 7 attacks. Aswat told investigators he once was a personal guard for Osama bin Laden, Zambian security officials said on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak publicly.

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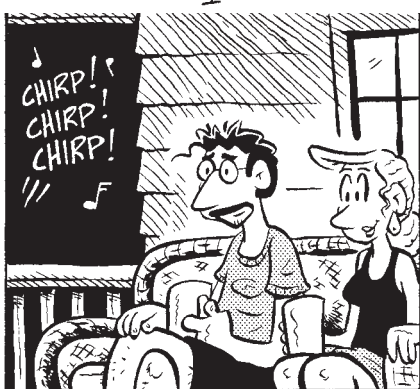
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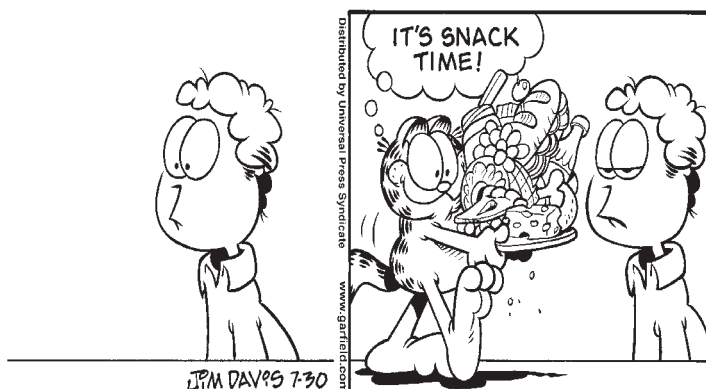
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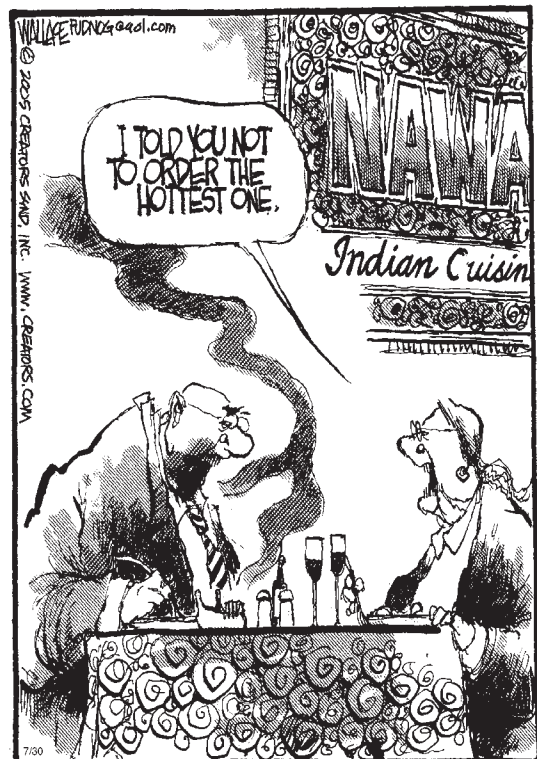


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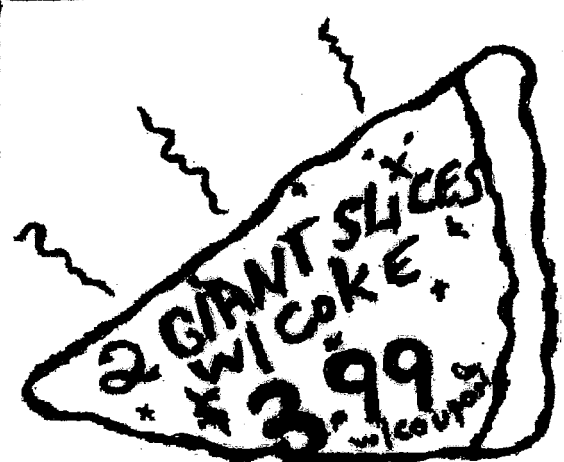


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