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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

At a New York legislative committee hearing in May, a Manhattan building owner revealed that he had hired as a lobbyist former U.S. Sen. Alfonse d'Amato to make a single telephone call to the chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Authority regarding a real-estate issue that eventually was decided in the owner's favor and for which he paid d'Amato \$500,000.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The perfect lover is one who turns into a pizza at 4 a.m."

— Charles Pierce



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Councilman's bank records handed to DA

Criminal probe into alleged money mishandling goes to Los Angeles DA

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

The saga of City Councilman Mike Feinstein's handling of \$30,000 in Green Party funds looked like an inside political spat when it began. But now it's up to the Los Angeles District Attorney to decide if he's guilty of misappropriating the money.

Feinstein's bank records, which were seized by police in July after he failed to voluntarily produce them, were handed over to the DA's public integrity division late

last month. LA Deputy District Attorney Richard Ceballos is in charge of the investigation.

Sandi Gibbons, spokeswoman for the DA's office, said this stage in the investigation typically marks the halfway point. Once Ceballos has reviewed all the evidence, he can either file charges, ask for further investigation or drop the case.

"We're looking into it," said Gibbons, adding that property recovered with search warrants typically raises more questions that merit investigation.

Ceballos is on vacation in August, but Gibbons said investigators can work on the case in his absence. She expects to be able to make an announcement in early

September.

Feinstein is accused of depositing party contributions into a private account and using them to fund an unsanctioned Green Party office in Santa Monica.

Despite his repeated promises to Green Party officials to open his bank records and prove he used the funds for Green Party business, Feinstein failed to do so before Santa Monica Police seized them.

Feinstein has insisted all along that he didn't misuse the money and that he's a victim of political jockeying within the Green Party. He didn't return calls seeking comment for this story.

The dispute was brought to a

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Mike Feinstein

Council to ponder proposed homeless shelter

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council on Tuesday is scheduled to decide the fate of a proposed \$10.4 million homeless shelter at Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue.

Ocean Park Community Center, a private, non-profit social service agency, is depending on a \$7.4 million loan from City Hall to buy

the 33,700-square-foot property.

Hundreds of residents and a handful of community groups have come out against the proposed shelter, saying it will leave more than 200 transients per day wandering area neighborhoods, loitering and panhandling.

The city's Social Services Commission, which oversees homeless issues, the Chamber of Commerce's governmental affairs committee, which examines government issues, and

the city's Disabilities Commission, which oversees issues relating to people with disabilities, have all expressed support for OPCC, but do not endorse the \$7.4 million loan.

In their respective votes, the groups echoed the concerns of nearby businesses, schools and residents. They said more research needs to be done.

OPCC already has received \$400,000 from

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Senior citizen crashes into home daycare gate

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

An 86-year-old Santa Monica man drove his car into a fence that surrounds a private daycare on Saturday, then left the scene. No one was injured.

The man, whose identity wasn't released, drove out of the Elks Lodge #906 parking lot at 1040 Pico Boulevard at 10:55 p.m., and into the alley. He then plowed straight into Perviz Esmail's iron gate, which blocks the north side of her home.

After that, he drove east down the alley and abandoned his car. Santa Monica Police found him inside the Elks Lodge a few minutes later.

He was cited for a misdemeanor hit and run. Authorities do not believe alcohol was involved. Police seized his driver's license and paperwork was sent to the Department of Motor Vehicles requesting a review of his driving abilities, said SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega.

The man's white Cadillac hit the gate hard enough to break a nearby gas meter, causing the pipe to leak. Santa Monica fire, police and city workers arrived on the scene within minutes and turned off the gas.

Esmail, who lives on Bay Street, was watching

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

The gate protecting the backyard of a Bay Street home was smashed in by an elderly driver who drove into it Saturday night. (Inset) The gate protects playground toys in the backyard where children play at a daycare facility.



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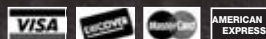
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Often you feel challenged by others — don't. Just remember that there are different points of view on any topic. You draw many to you, as you are unusually desirable and loving this year. You can have what you want if you learn to work with others better. You express unusual creativity and dynamic energy, making anything possible this year. If you want something, you will find the route to it. If you are single, you will meet many different people in your travels. Although you might not want to settle down, your love life perks. Relish the many opportunities, but decide whether you want to continue this lifestyle much longer. If you are attached, your relationship will bloom because of greater sensitivity to each other. AQUARIUS can be challenging.



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Visualize more of what you want. Extremes mark friendships, especially one with a female associate. Renew your thinking on a business prospect by going behind the scenes. Do research and know your facts. You make a stronger impression than you thought. Tonight: Where the gang is.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others look to you for answers, but you could easily be overloaded. Your ability to move a project forward makes you the cat's meow in the office. A boss might be considering you for a stronger position. Discussions need to be kept hush-hush. Tonight: Work as late as need be.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. This person expresses caring and shares important information. How you deal with an ongoing matter could change substantially as a partner reveals much more of what is on his or her mind. Tonight: Take a broad look at what is going on.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Work with an associate directly. You might have a loved one on your mind. Stop and buy a card or make a phone call. Expressing your feelings has much to do with the quality of your interaction. Reorganize a work project if necessary. Tonight: Dinner for two.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Others like what you are about and come toward you. Though you might not understand what needs to happen, you certainly can explore options with those around you. Allow your ingenuity to take a greater role in your work. Tonight: Now for some fun.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Pace yourself, not only taking time to handle work but also to do something quite special for yourself. You bounce back with ease and move forward in a new direction thanks to someone's input. Co-workers chip in. Tonight: Easy does it.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Whatever you do, you go overboard. The tendency to go to extremes comes naturally to you right now. Know when to rein yourself in and say "enough." You get the nerve to have a discussion with a new friend or loved one. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others pull you in two separate directions; of course, you can put a halt to this. Security remains a primary issue with an investment in property and/or with family. Consider others and what they want. Tonight: Be careful with spending, even if you think you can justify it.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your smile draws many. You could easily be distracted by a friend or associate. Could more be weaving into your relationship than you realize? Be realistic about an attraction, but also realize what it might cost you. Tonight: At a favorite spot.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your instincts help you with a major expense that you might be concerned about. Knowing when to put a halt to spending could be very important to your well-being. Another might encourage extravagance. Remember that you can treat someone in many different ways. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ With the Moon in your sign, you are a bundle of energy. Often when you have this type of energy, the issue remains how constructive your energy is. Your natural inclinations play out. Tonight: What would make you happy?



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Knowing when to lie back could be instrumental to what needs to happen right now. A boss wants what he or she wants. Though you might understand him or her, realize that there is no compromising here. Use your instincts with those in power. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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LOCAL

Safe at first



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Santa Monica Daily Press player Nina Stewart runs to first base on Sunday at Memorial Park. The first basewoman from Marina Music missed the catch.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Cops raise thousands for St. Joseph Center

By Daily Press staff

It may be a tough job, but someone has to play golf and raise money for a local charity.

Every year the officers of Manos Arriba, a police charitable organization, play golf in Palm Springs in the "Manos Arriba Golf Classic," and every year the proceeds of the event are donated to St. Joseph Center.

The tournament consists of golf, plaques, drawings and prizes. This year \$8,000 was raised for the center's many youth programs.

"All of us with Manos Arriba have important values and ideals," said Salvador Jaramillo, founder of the event. "We can impact the world, if only one young child at a time. We want others to know how they, too, can join in and make all our lives more meaningful."

St. Joseph Center provides emergency services, child care, counseling and employment training to more than 7,500 men, women and children each year on seven sites in Venice, Santa Monica and West LA. For more information, go to www.stjosephctr.org.

LA cops apparently appreciate St. Joseph's too.

Business and community leaders were on hand at the Felicia Mahood Senior Center in West LA earlier this month when LA Police Commission President David S. Cunningham III presented the center with a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Los Angeles Police Department.

The certificate reads in part:

"On behalf of the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Board of Commissioners congratulates St. Joseph Center on its outstanding accomplishment and dedication to the public safety of this city."

Los Angeles Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski nominated the center for the award.



Look for a mix of primary NW wind swell to go along with some background S/SW swell with some minor tropical SSE swell by the afternoon. Most Northern LA spots will see surf in the 1'-to-3' range, best breaks are more consistent on the waist high surf. The South Bay will see mainly 2'-to-3' surf with some bigger sets at best NW/combo spots.

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MONDAY	3:53	-1.1	3:15	2.0	10:22	4.4	9:24	6.8
TUESDAY	4:29	-1.0	3:58	1.9	10:55	4.5	10:05	6.5
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The Q-Line

A proposed homeless shelter at Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue has many residents upset because they think transients will loiter, panhandle and engage in other anti-social behavior in their neighborhoods.

The daytime shelter, which is operated by the Ocean Park Community Center, currently is located at Sixth Street and Colorado Avenue. But OPCC wants to move to a larger facility on the east side.

The agency may have a tough time

getting approval from City Hall since opposition to the idea seems to grow each day.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Should the homeless shelter be moved to the city's east side? If not, where is the best place to put it?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Happy that Main St. market is now quiet

Editor:

About time the city got rid of the loud music at the Main Street Farmers Market. Sunday morning happens to be the most convenient time for me to shop, but I rarely go to Main Street because I am so annoyed with the overwhelming racket from the pop-themed amplified bands. They don't even play good music.

I did complain politely to the city people at the market a few years ago, but they said nothing could be done. Sure.

Why is it that Americans always HAVE to have some noise going?

What is so frightening about silence? Even TV documentaries and news programs run robotic "music" underneath the commentary — sometimes drowning it out. At the Main Street market, why not just shop peacefully among the beautifully-displayed food and produce stands?

S. Meric

Santa Monica

Homeless columnist was way off base

Editor:

(This letter was originally addressed to SMDP regular Monday columnist, Charles Springer.)

Your column of July 28 in the SMDP is rife with inaccuracies and personal attacks. Let me set you straight on some facts.

Homeless people have urinated on my fence, defecated in my alley and in the park where my children play, have harassed me personally on Lincoln Boulevard numerous times, have trespassed on my property repeatedly and are a constant nuisance in the Ocean Park neighborhood. This is a fact, not rhetoric as you claim.

Check with the Santa Monica Police and you'll see the number of times my neighbors and I call for assistance when violent homeless people trespass or cause disturbances in our area. Fact, Charles, not fiction.

I am not a "neo-conservative," I don't exaggerate the truth and money and power have no bearing on my earlier letter or discussion. You claim I don't use my head for "anything but a hack rack" and then drone on about unemployment figures and call me "deluded."

My statements have been about criminal behavior of homeless, not unemployment. You are correct that unemployment figures do not include those who have given up looking and those who are unemployable, but my point has nothing whatsoever to do with unemployment.

You say that gangs are a result of discrimination. May I see your research on this matter? Do you have primary and secondary data to support this thesis? Is this a fact or just your opinion?

You have appointed yourself an authority on facts about gangs and homeless with no credible research to back your claims. You should use your editorial platform for more than opinion if you want respect as a journalist. I suggest you cite a credible study the next time you make sweeping claims about societal ills.

You invite me to "be educated first hand on the life of a homeless person," adding that I am too "elite to come out on the street and learn first hand what they don't

know." The fact is that as a youth, I hitchhiked across this great nation and stayed in homeless shelters. I was doing my admissions interviews at colleges and universities and couldn't afford to fly, drive or take a bus so I used my Yankee ingenuity and used what resources were available to me to better myself. I also worked two jobs through college so I could afford it.

I am not "elite."

You want the elite group to give the homeless "credit for something positive," citing a 16 percent increase in Santa Monica business (a fact one of your "sources" gave you. Can you substantiate this with any data from the Chamber of Commerce or other credible business organization?)

What exactly would the elite credit the homeless with? It seems to me that the government, taxpayers, philanthropists and other concerned Santa Monicans provide the homeless with a great deal: food, clothing, shelter, medicine, job training, refuge, showers and counseling, just to name a few.

What have the homeless provided to those who provide so much to them?

Charles, it is admirable that you defend the rights of those who you deem to be defenseless. As I have said a number of times, it is the criminal activity of the homeless that we the taxpayers should not tolerate.

Dialogue is good, name calling and slander is not.

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Schwarzenegger's resume reads like political roadmap



Gov. Gray Davis is facing a "Total Recall" started by his political "Predator," Congressman Darrell Issa.

I guess he thinks he got a "Raw Deal" and swore to fight like a Bengal tiger to retain the governorship of California. But, alas, it may be his "End of Days" as gov-

ernor because Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his candidacy on the Jay Leno show last week.

The Terminator spoke like a true "Commando," pledging to "clean house" and give the state back to the people. If he wins, I guess it will be the "End of Days" for some of the ones who put their power over the people, as well.

Well let's hope ol' "Conan the Barbarian" has been "Pumping Iron" on the political issues of the day, because he has just become the GOP's front "Running Man," and this arena is full of all kinds of "Red Heat."

Let's hope this does not become just another "Rabbit Test" for him and if he wins he does not feel out of place, like

"Hercules in New York," or that Issa's "Twins" in the Democratic Party don't try to make him "Collateral Damage" with another recall.

Let's hope, if he wins, he becomes the people's real "Last Action Hero," exposes the "True Lies" certain career politicians have told us and is the "Eraser" of these people from the offices they hold at the expense of the people they serve.

Let's hope he deals with the deeply divided Congress like a "Kindergarten Cop" and gets those acting like children to play together nice and get the job done—not just taking their checks and "Jingle All The Way" to the bank at the expense of the taxpayers.

Let's hope he puts a "freeze" on the

state deficit and on "The 6th Day" he can re-create the image of what politicians are supposed to be, not spoiled like a rich "Junior," but true representatives of the people who vote them into office.

If Schwarzenegger gets elected and he does just what he says he wants to do so far, the voters might be inclined to let him stick around and tell him, "I'll be back" to vote you in again. If he proves to be just another namby pamby politician, it will be "Hasta La Vista baby."

(Charles Springer is a freelance artist and writer who feels like the only person in California that is not running for governor. He can be reached at Chaz_59@yahoo.com.)

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LOCAL

Charges against Feinstein could be filed next month

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head in March, when former Green Party treasurer and councilman Bob Morris sparked the criminal probe.

Morris brought his complaint to police, alleging Feinstein deposited a \$10,000 check that was made out to the Green Party of Los Angeles County into a private account under Feinstein's control.

Morris also lodged a complaint with the Fair Political Practices Committee, the state agency that regulates campaign funding. FPPC officials do not comment on complaints until they are resolved and they've said nothing to date.

During his investigation, SMPD Lt. Mike Beautz interviewed Morris, fellow Green and Santa Monica City Councilman Kevin McKeown and Bill Pietz, a former Green Party member and donor who wrote the \$10,000 check in question.

Though the criminal investigation focuses solely on the \$10,000 check, Los Angeles County Green Party officials have accused Feinstein of taking \$30,000 to run an unauthorized Green Party office at 2809 Pico Blvd.

The search warrant for the bank account, signed June 23 by Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Bernard Kamins,

said the investigation thus far "tends to show a felony has been committed."

The Green Party of California also investigated Feinstein in August 2001 over donations that were made out to the GPLAC but deposited into a personal bank account. The state party urged Feinstein to withdraw from Green Party work earlier this year until he makes public what happened to the money.

He has ignored that request.

Feinstein refuses to say much about the case, but previously characterized the dispute as something of a power squabble over his party role.

During the state Green Party investigation, Feinstein told officials he spent the money on a five-month advance for the local office. But GPLAC officials said the money was never intended for the office and returned checks show the GPLAC paid only \$500 monthly in rent, according to the search warrant. That would mean Feinstein apparently has not accounted for \$7,500.

The \$10,000 check, written in January of 2001, was originally meant to be spent on voter registration, printing of pamphlets and brochures and candidate searches, though Pietz said he left it up to the Green Party's county council to decide how best to spend it.

Shelter would house 55, service 250 transients

SHELTER, from page 1

City Hall to put toward the purchase. A \$200,000 down payment has been made and OPCC has entered into escrow on the property, which would house 55 transients and provide daytime services for as many as 250 people.

If OPCC doesn't acquire financing by Aug. 20, the \$200,000 down payment could be forfeited. However, OPCC will still have until escrow closes on Oct. 3 to secure funding, in case the City Council waits to make a decision.

John Maceri, OPCC executive director, said the shelter has to move from its current location at 612 Colorado Ave., because the Big Blue Bus, which is housed in the same building, is expanding.

Currently, OPCC pays \$4,100 monthly to lease 8,500 square feet. The Big Blue Bus, which is obligated to assist displaced tenants, is asking City Hall for an additional \$1.8 million to give to the agency based on its lease agreement with OPCC.

OPCC also has obtained \$400,000 from LA County mental health and housing funds to help pay for the property. OPCC also has applied for an additional \$900,000 in state and federal housing funds. Whatever portion of the \$900,000 it receives will reduce the loan from City Hall, Maceri said.

Finally, OPCC will have to raise \$799,038 on its own, according to city documents.

Maceri said there has been a lot of misinformation publicized in the campaign against the proposed shelter. Some have said that hundreds of transients will be discharged at the end of the day which will lead to them loitering in nearby neighborhoods — a claim Maceri denies.

"It's been our goal from the beginning to

make sure people have information and hopefully accurate information," Maceri said.

At its current facility on Sixth Street and Colorado Avenue, several transients can be seen loitering around the area when the drop-in shelter is closed.

Maceri said he is disappointed with the Social Service Commission vote but has focused his efforts on the City Council's decision. He said he's encouraged that city staff has endorsed the \$7,397,112 loan.

Santa Monica City Councilman Herb Katz, a resident of Sunset Park who lives near the proposed site, said he plans to fight the project.

"When Social Services votes against something that is a social service, there's something wrong with it," he said. "Anyone who is voting for this, as opposed to against it, is turning their back on a message the residents are sending."

Katz said OPCC should be lauded for the service it provides to the community. But he said the proposed location isn't suited for a homeless shelter because it's near two residential neighborhoods — Sunset Park and the Pico neighborhood, as well as Bergamot Station, an arts facility, and Crossroads School.

He said the project's supporters did a poor job reaching out to nearby residents to inform them of the plans. And lastly, Katz said the \$7.4 million loan, which would come out of City Hall's housing funds, should be spent on permanent housing.

"It's a real rush to judgment and I don't like it," said Katz, who originally asked that the matter be postponed because he will not be at Tuesday's meeting.

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STATE

Minority vintners staking claim to wine country

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

NAPA — Rolando Herrera washed dishes, broke rocks and sometimes slept in his car in his struggle to become a winemaker.

Naming his wine was easy: Mi Sueno, my dream.

Herrera, whose chardonnay was poured at President Bush's first state dinner with Mexican President Vicente Fox, is unusual. Even today Hispanics are more likely to be running tractors than wineries. But, slowly, change is coming as more Hispanics, blacks and Asians stake their claim to wine country.

"We're seeing more doors open," said Sandra Gonzalez, president of Vino con Vida, a wine communications firm specializing in the Hispanic market.

A sign of the new times: Earlier this year a handful of black wine producers formed a trade group, with the goal of raising their profile.

"You do not see many African-Americans here," said Ernest Bates, a member of the newly formed Association of African-American Vintners and co-owner of Bates Creek Winery.

Bates, a neurosurgeon and successful businessman who got a place in Napa about five years ago, didn't find wine country unfriendly, just unaware.

"They're curious that there is an African-American vintners' association; they never believed that there was an African-American market," he said. "Once we tell them that there is a market, there is tremendous interest."

Herrera got interested in the wine business as a teenager when he got a job washing dishes at Auberge du Soleil, a high-end Napa Valley restaurant. It was a lucky break — he and his older brother, Jose, became proteges of the celebrated chef Masataka Kobayashi and later worked for him at Masa's, the San Francisco restaurant he co-founded.

Watching Masa cook, the young Herrera became intrigued by the marriage of wine and food and, in the summer before his senior year in high school, got a job at a vineyard.

By that point the Mexican-born Herrera, son of a farmworker, had lived in the valley for years, but had never seen the inside of a winery. One summer day, it looked like his chance had come when the vineyard manager asked for three volunteers. "My eyes just popped up."

Herrera was picked and followed the manager — all the way past the winery, to some big piles of rock. Here's your gloves; here's your hammer: Herrera's new job was helping make a wall for the new home of vineyard owner Warren Winiarski, already famous for beating the French with his cabernet sauvignon at a 1976 Paris tasting.

That turned out to be Herrera's second good career move — a few months later, he was offered a job at Winiarski's Stag's Leap winery.

"That's where our dream began," Herrera said. "Who would have thought that someday we'd be able to afford a tank

or a barrel or even grapes?"

Getting into the wine business is expensive, one deterrent to minority entrepreneurs with less access to capital. And, there are cultural hurdles; Mexican food, for instance, is more associated with beer and tequila than wine, ironic since Mexico is the birthplace of North American wine and today Spain and Chile are wine powerhouses.

Still, surveys show only a fraction of the U.S. population drinks wine — annual per capita consumption is about 2 gallons compared to about 15 gallons for countries like France and Italy — and there is a push to reach out to new audiences.

"We've kind of run out of the wine drinkers," said black winemaker Mac McDonald, owner of Vision Cellars in Sonoma County. "If we are to increase sales and market shares, then we need to market to the whole big world."

Black consumers, McDonald points out, buy expensive cognacs and luxury automobiles — this is true of Asian-Americans too — and there's no reason to think they won't buy fine wine, given the right approach.

But so far, the wine industry has been leery of unknown markets.

"The wine guys really have not done that much marketing to the Asian-American population," said Greg Chew, co-founder of DAE Advertising in San Francisco.

Chew helps organize a popular fundraising dinner each year pairing Asian food with wine — the Peking duck with pinot noir was a big hit — and is developing a national association of Asian-American wine consumers.

"The whole idea is to welcome the diverse nature of wineries and viticulture and really to validate the purchasing power of the Asian-American and the Asian segments," he said.

Marketing to new communities can't be done with a sledgehammer approach. Minority winemakers are trying to make good wine — not "black" or "Hispanic" wine. The idea is to use what they know to help get a message across.

"I do have a little knowledge and I want to share that," said McDonald. "Not to say, you got to buy my wine because I'm an African-American, but to buy my wine because it's a high quality."

Among those helping to shatter stereotypes is Vanessa Robledo — under 30, female, Hispanic and president of Robledo Family Winery.

Robledo's father, Reynaldo Robledo Sr., began working in the fields three decades ago as an immigrant farmworker, eventually forming his own vineyard management business and buying land from which the family produces their own estate wines.

"It's fun to see how the industry is evolving," said Vanessa Robledo. "There's quite a bit of change starting to happen and the respect for the vineyard worker is also changing and that's one of my major goals, not only because my father was a migrant worker but I want it to be recognized and I want it to be respected."



Accusations fly between Vegas wedding chapels

BY MICHAEL SQUIRES

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Garden of Love. Chapel of Dreams. Crystal Cathedral.

The names evoke images of love, marital bliss, piety.

But accusations by proprietors of those and other Las Vegas wedding chapels portray a cutthroat industry beset by assaults and death threats — sometimes on the very steps of the Clark County Courthouse.

"We are the wedding capital of the world, and we've got a war zone out there," said Sherrie Klute, owner of the Stained Glass Wedding Chapel and Crystal Cathedral. "We don't need these strong-arm tactics."

Klute has hired armed guards to accompany her to the courthouse, where chapel brokers, ministers and hired hands vie for business from couples just getting their marriage licenses.

Sometimes, the competitors try to outbid one another, passing out brochures or hurling expletives at couples who choose another chapel.

City Finance Director Mark Vincent met recently with chapel owners to discuss concerns that the courthouse crush was tarnishing the industry's reputation. The city is considering tightening some ordinances and parking regulations near the courthouse.

"We all agreed there's a problem out there," Vincent said.

Several officials said the city's handbill ordinance is being widely ignored. It allows the handing out of fliers, but prohibits solicitors from speaking to potential clients or walking them to a chapel.

The city and Las Vegas police have formed a task force to investigate and address the problem, Sgt. Eric Fricker said.

"We have reports from chapels and employees of cars being paintballed, fights, tires being slashed," Fricker said. "The whole thing is bizarre, and trying to get to the bottom of it is difficult."

Some accusations are directed toward a newcomer to the Las Vegas wedding industry, the Las Vegas Garden of Love, and its owner, Cheryl Luell.

She called the accusations false. She said she and her husband, Craig Luell, are too busy running their 7-month-old business to harass competitors.

Cliff Evarts, owner of the 2-year-old Las Vegas Wedding Bureau and Vegas Wedding Chapel, claims Luell and her husband have threatened to assault him

and that Luell's employees have told his clients his ministers aren't licensed.

"She's trying to corner the market through illegal tactics," said Evarts' lawyer, John Curtas.

Luell said she is the one who has been assaulted, screamed at and wrongly accused by her competitors of vandalism and selling drugs.

Competitors, prompted by jealousy over the success of her chapel, are uniting to drive her out of business, she said.

"You want to know how many weddings I did last month? Five-hundred-ninety-four," Luell said. "That's where the problem is. Those people at those chapels used to get more business before I opened."

Klute's husband, the Rev. Stephen Smith, said Luell and Garden of Love employees tried to intimidate him because he began offering services at the Stained Glass Chapel for whatever couples felt inclined to donate to his ministry.

Smith reported to police that on one occasion a man approached him, shoved a pointed object into his back and threatened to beat him up.

He said he was beaten outside his church on a Sunday morning in June by a man who told him to stay away from the courthouse.

Smith said he can't connect his assailant to the Garden of Love.

In another case, a former Garden of Love employee Michael Adrian Joseph said in a signed affidavit that while still employed by the Garden of Love, he witnessed Luell offer someone \$50 to beat up a competitor.

John Zaremba, a former employee of the Stained Glass Chapel and other chapels, was the target of the assault, according to Joseph's account.

"I tried to intercede and talk her out of it," Joseph said in the affidavit, which accompanied Evarts' request for a court order of protection.

Zaremba, 63, who had worked in front of the courthouse for two years when he was beaten up, said the Luells threatened him for two months before the April attack.

Luell denied Joseph's accusations, which she said were prompted by Joseph's anger over being fired. Joseph now works as a wedding consultant.

"With all these accusations, there are no charges, not one ticket, not a battery charge," Luell said.

She pointed to a June 29 police report of an argument between Luell and Klute outside the courthouse as evidence that she is being victimized.

The report said Luell was holding a cell phone trying to call police when Klute scratched her arm reaching for the phone. No summonses were issued and no charges were filed.

"It was unknown who instigated the fight and there were many different stories as to what happened," the police officer wrote in the report.

Klute denied scratching Luell.

Cynthia Dyson, a wedding coordinator at the Garden of Love and former employee of Evarts, who left the Vegas Wedding Chapel on good terms, said Luell was being "crucified" by her competitors.

"Cheryl is not doing anything but being a businesswoman," Dyson said. "She's very outgoing and she's out there doing her job. They're very intimidated by that."

Amid the accusations, Fricker said it was difficult for police to establish blame.

"There's a lot of 'He said, she said,'" Fricker said. "We don't have many independent witnesses. Most are employed by one chapel or another."

Woody Bowers, assistant security supervisor for Clark County, said more than one chapel was causing problems at the courthouse.

Charlotte Richards, owner of the Little White Chapel and the industry's grande dame, with more than 40 years of experience, said she doesn't rely on business solicited at the courthouse.

She said she thought more than one operator was being aggressive, and said her attempts to get the city to address the problem in the past have been ignored.

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Car accident conjures up memories of market crash

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television when she heard the crash in her backyard.

"It was very loud and we had absolutely no idea what happened," she said, adding that when she went outside to investigate, no one was there. "He left the scene."

Esmail operates a private daycare facility for up to 12 children. Her home is directly across the alley from the Elks Lodge parking lot. The iron gate was pushed within feet of playground equipment in the yard.

Esmail said she was thankful the accident didn't occur when the backyard was full of children.

The accident has conjured up memories of the recent farmers market tragedy, when 86-year-old Santa Monica resident, Russell Weller, plowed through the Arizona Avenue crowd, killing 10 and injuring close to 80 people.

That accident is still under investigation and no charges have yet been filed against Weller. The incident ignited a national debate about senior citizens' driving abilities and whether their licenses should be renewed on an annual basis.



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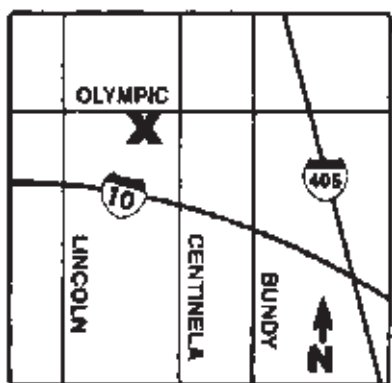
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Environmentalists say Lake Powell should be drained

BY ANGIE WAGNER
Associated Press Writer

TICABOO, Utah — Richard Ingebreetsen bounds out of the boat with boyish enthusiasm, his sneakers splashing through the mud puddles and his voice echoing off the imposing red canyon walls.

"That was a waterfall right here," he says, eagerly pointing to a large rock.

The crackling water ahead beckons him, and he pursues it until he sees the small resurrected waterfall in a bend of the canyon wall. He grins, his excitement barely contained.

"The reason we want to drain Lake Powell is because of that," he says, gesturing to the trickle of water.

It is known as the Cathedral in the Desert — cool canyon walls, a windy stream, sediment-filled puddles and delicate sunlight peeking through slots in the cliffs. For 25 years, it's been under water, and to Ingebreetsen, its beauty is proof Lake Powell can return to its past, before Glen Canyon Dam stopped the flow of the mighty Colorado River.

And it is splendid, this breathtaking glimpse of yesterday, hidden in a cove of the lake, like a secret she guards.

The drought that has gripped the West for four years has sucked so much water out of Lake Powell that it is only a little more than half full. A white bathtub ring stains the canyon rocks, a reminder of just how low the water is.

Ingebreetsen, 47, relishes the ring, and considers it a motive to just go ahead and drain Lake Powell and decommission Glen Canyon Dam.

He believes it would restore the river to its natural state, and says the dam isn't needed anyway.

Try telling that to the 6,800 residents of Page, Ariz., a tourist-dependent town that city officials say would cease to exist if there was no lake. Folks there, and other lake supporters, say Ingebreetsen is nuts.

Shared by Utah and Arizona, Lake Powell is the country's second-largest man-made lake at more than 186 miles long. Its shoreline of more than 2,000 miles could easily stretch along the entire West Coast of the contiguous United States.

Some 2.5 million visitors a year come to fish, boat, sunbathe and explore canyons and alcoves. In the process, they pump \$400 million into Utah and Arizona.

And it's those visitors who keep the city of Page running.

Page began as a town to house workers for nearby Glen Canyon Dam. The dam, authorized by Congress in 1956 and storing water by 1963, is the dividing point of the Upper Basin and Lower Basin of the Colorado River.

When the dam was created, so was Lake Powell, though it would take 17 years to reach its full pool level of 3,700 feet above sea level. Today, the dam provides power to 1.7 million people in six states — Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico. After leaving Lake Powell, water gushes through the Grand Canyon to Lake Mead in Nevada, where it is dispersed to Arizona, California, Nevada and Mexico.

Just past 8 a.m. this day, Joan Nevills-Stavely unlocks the door to the Page-Lake Powell Chamber of Commerce and

Visitors Bureau. Already, a few tourists have peered in the dark windows, looking for information on the town and the lake. A few doors down, Doug Boston is overseeing paint mixing at the True Value hardware store he owns with his two brothers.

It's a quiet town, full of mom-and-pop businesses and longtime residents who enjoy living in Lake Powell's back yard in far north-central Arizona. Nevills-Stavely, 66, the chamber's executive director, has been here 27 years, but the city also attracts the young; the average resident's age is only 35.

"I love it here," Boston said. "It's really the only place I've known."

At the mention of Ingebreetsen's name, Nevills-Stavely moans and rolls her eyes as she sits behind her desk in her turquoise necklace and matching bracelet and ring.

"They say, 'Wow, wouldn't it be fabulous if the dam wasn't there!' It's such a narrow outlook," she said. "You just can't pick up an idea or a dream like that and go full-steam ahead without regard to what the consequences would be."

Page relies exclusively on the lake and dam for its water and power; the town has no other water source. Ingebreetsen suggests the town could just get its water from the Colorado River.

But residents say it's not hard to predict what would happen to Page if environmentalists like Ingebreetsen have their way.

It would become a ghost town.

"They have their dream, and we live with the reality," Nevills-Stavely said.

The movement to get rid of the dam and drain the lake has been around for years, but now is getting more attention as the drought continues to inch down the water level, now down about 89 feet. Last spring, the level dipped to its lowest since 1973, and the Bureau of Reclamation expects the water to continue dropping this summer.

Ingebreetsen, president of the Glen Canyon Institute, has been against the dam ever since he visited Lake Powell as a Boy Scout, then returned 10 years later to see canyons overtaken by water.

An emergency room doctor in Salt Lake City and a professor at the University of Utah School of Medicine, he founded the institute in 1995, and has made his anti-Lake Powell views his personal crusade.

"It's just my holy grail," he said, proudly wearing his khaki "Damn Dam" hat as he rides in a boat over the choppy waters of Lake Powell.

Ingebreetsen argues that the lake is inefficient, losing 1 million acre-feet of water a year due to evaporation and bank seepage; the government's estimate is a loss of about 825,000 acre-feet a year. An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons.

The Bureau of Reclamation counters that the lost water is just the cost of doing business.

"That's a nonissue," said Barry Wirth, spokesman for the bureau's Upper Colorado Region. "All bodies of water on the planet have evaporative losses."

Ingebreetsen claims that each day, the Colorado River dumps 30,000 truckloads of sediment into Lake Powell, something

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Sediment is ruining natural environment, some claim

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that will eventually clog the dam so much that it will have to be decommissioned.

While the government acknowledges sediment enters Lake Powell, a 1988 study found that it would take more than 700 years for sediment to fill the reservoir, Wirth said.

"We know that that reservoir is going to be there for many hundreds of years to come," he said.

Ingebrechtsen's group has raised \$2 million, and he and some of its 2,000 members spend time lobbying Western congressional delegations, and taking their message to schools, Chambers of Commerce, civic groups and water users.

Other environmental groups support Ingebrechtsen, and agree the dam never should have been built. The Sierra Club has given Ingebrechtsen's group several thousand dollars, and occasionally, the two groups along with another environmental group — Living Rivers — share resources and information.

"It's a matter of what was lost. It basically destroyed a living river," said Bruce Hamilton, national conservation director for the Sierra Club.

Environmentalists say the silt that covers the natural canyon causes ecological damage downstream, sediment erodes beaches and changes the natural habitat of the area and the dam has completely destroyed the quality of the Colorado Delta.

"I don't know if you can hang all the issues of the Colorado Delta on a dam that's hundreds and hundreds of miles away," Wirth responded.

The Bureau of Reclamation doesn't dispute that sediment and silt has caused damage, but the government is experimenting with water flows to reduce sediment build-up and rebuild beaches. It is also working to disrupt spawning of trout to reduce the number of fish and increase the quality for better fishing. And, the government is trying to save the endangered humpback chub by reducing the competition: trout.

Wouldn't it be wonderful, Ingebrechtsen said, to see Glen Canyon restored and returned to its past, when the Colorado River flowed freely and visitors could see Indian ruins, bridges and canyons? Already, the drought is uncovering the tops of bridges that haven't been seen for years, he said.

Steve Ward doesn't buy any of that talk. "That's a complete falsehood," he said, sitting at an umbrella table at the Wahweap Marina in Page. "There's no significant arches being exposed. There are no Indian ruins remaining."

Ward is just as passionate as Ingebrechtsen, but he wants to save Lake Powell, and as the president of Friends of Lake Powell, he works to counter the environmentalists' efforts.

Ward argues that Glen Canyon would never return to the way it once was. And, he said, taking away the dam would also take away the Navajo Generating Station, which provides power to four states — Arizona, Nevada, California and Colorado — and is the largest employer in Page.

Page has the government on its side. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner John W. Keys has said the government has no plans to study decommissioning the dam and draining Lake Powell. He

bluntly dismisses the idea, declaring: "That's never going to happen."

Congress would have to approve decommissioning, but with Republicans in control, even the environmental groups admit the chance of Congress studying the issue is slim. They have struggled to find political leaders in favor of the plan.

In 1997, at a hearing before two House subcommittees, representatives of Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Colorado testified against the plan. That was the only hearing ever held on the issue. The governors of Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California either oppose or ignore the effort.

Robert Glennon, a law professor specializing in water policy at the University of Arizona, doubts decommissioning would ever happen.

"If the states are united in opposition to this, it's hard to believe that Secretary (Gale) Norton is going to push it," he said.

Wirth said Lake Powell is doing what it was designed to do: provide the water supply for delivery to the Lower Basin.

"You've got 3 million or so people in seven states depending entirely or in part on the Colorado River. You've got to have water in storage to accommodate that," he said. "It's a critically important facility."

Ingebrechtsen claims Hoover Dam could take up the slack if Glen Canyon Dam was decommissioned, but Colleen Dwyer, spokeswoman for the Bureau of Reclamation in Boulder City, Nev., said that isn't possible.

"I think people like to simplify situations. One will not merge simply into the other that easily," she said. "All the power from Hoover is already allocated to specific agencies."

That hasn't stopped Ingebrechtsen.

His goal, along with the Sierra Club's, is to get Congress to authorize an environmental impact statement. The Glen Canyon Institute is preparing a lawsuit that Ingebrechtsen hopes will force the government to conduct a study.

Ingebrechtsen would like the lake drained and the dam decommissioned within 20 years.

Living Rivers has a more immediate goal: it wants it done by 2008.

It's another searing hot, summer day on Lake Powell, and Bert Revere and his bird Kooks are enjoying the water from the deck of Revere's houseboat docked at Wahweap Marina.

"Can you imagine what this would be if they drained it?" he asked. "It'd be a mud hole."

Revere, 64, of Sedona, Ariz., and his fellow boaters can't figure out why anyone would want to drain their playground.

Residents up the road in Page are just angry. They think of the environmentalists as intruders, well-funded groups that advocate draining Lake Powell with no regard to the consequences — lost jobs, lost revenue and a town that would fade away.

"They're not thinking what it would do," Nevills-Stavely said. "It's the mystique of having Glen Canyon Dam destroyed."

Ingebrechtsen is sympathetic, but relentless.

As the boat turns around a bend in the lake, Ingebrechtsen spies another hint of the past: a bridge underwater, its top barely visible when the water laps against it.

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WORLD BRIEFLY

Hamas supporters urge revenge

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Clamoring for revenge, thousands of Hamas supporters Saturday buried two militants killed in an Israeli raid, and a senior Palestinian official urged the United States to intervene to prevent the unraveling of a six-week-old truce.

The militants and an Israeli soldier were killed Friday when troops raided a bomb lab in a West Bank refugee camp, sparking a gunbattle. A Palestinian stone-thrower also was killed by troops.

At their funerals in the West Bank city of Nablus, masked gunmen fired in the air, and mourners waving Hamas flags chanted slogans demanding retribution.

The Web site of Hamas' military wing, Izzedine al Qassam, called on militant cells to exact "a quick response to this crime to teach the enemy a deterrent lesson."

Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas spokesman in the Gaza Strip, said the statement "doesn't need any explanation. It means they will retaliate."

The group's leaders, however, stopped short of saying the incident would wreck a cease-fire declared June 29 by Hamas and other militant groups.

Terror network larger than first thought

By The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Even as a top Bali bomber awaits execution and Indonesia basks in world praise for firmly tackling terrorism, investigators say they are confronted with a network of terror far wider than previously imagined.

A devastating blast at the Marriott Hotel in Jakarta two days before the bomber's sentencing has reinforced a suspicion that Islamic militancy in the world's most populous Muslim country is taking on new, more dangerous dimensions.

Jemaah Islamiyah — the al-Qaida linked Southeast Asian terror network blamed for both the Bali and Marriott attacks — is employing methods previously unheard of in Indonesia: a loosely defined command structure, individual cells operating independently of each other and a willingness to commit suicide.

Investigations into bombings blamed on Jemaah Islamiyah have also exposed links between Islamic militants in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and Singapore.

"Security in the region is under threat," said Arturo Lomibao, the Philippine chief of intelligence.

On Saturday, Indonesia's defense minister Matori Abdul Djalil said the perpetrators of the Marriott blast that killed 10 and injured 150 people trained with al-Qaida in Afghanistan and Pakistan. There are many more Jemaah Islamiyah operatives still on the loose in Indonesia, he added.

Athens under construction for Olympics

By The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — On a hillside where gypsies used to live outside this ancient city, a concrete maze of buildings is taking shape as workers scurry to finish the dusty road leading to it.

By this time next year, it's supposed to be home to 17,300 Olympic athletes and officials. For now, it's a work in progress, much like everything around Athens.

Throughout the city, cranes litter the sky, roads are torn up and construction stops and starts in fits. Greece is teetering toward the 2004 Summer Olympics with a \$5.1 billion makeover of the birthplace of the modern games.

There's a spanking new airport, a new subway system complete with archaeological displays, and miles of freshly paved roads. A light rail system is being built, and stadiums and arenas seem to be under construction everywhere.

Nearly everything is late, after years of delays. But

the Greeks are confident it will all be completed by the time the Olympic cauldron is lit next Aug. 13.

Teamsters endorse Gephardt

By The Associated Press

DETROIT — Democratic presidential hopeful Dick Gephardt accepted the Teamsters union's formal endorsement Saturday in the union stronghold of Michigan before moving on to rally Teamsters in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Standing in a grassy area close to Teamsters Joint Council 43 headquarters near downtown Detroit, the Missouri congressman told several hundred Teamsters holding Gephardt signs and American flags that he is the best candidate to bring back jobs lost under President Bush.

"The president has made the economy a mess," Gephardt said. "In 24 months, he's turned everything on its head."

Gephardt said he worked in the House with former President Clinton to balance the federal budget and help create 22 million jobs. Now, he said, "America's working families are in trouble."

Gephardt unofficially won the Teamsters' endorsement on Aug. 1 and hopes Saturday's rallies will help him gain some ground in the nine-way fight for the Democratic nomination for next year's election.

At a stop in Iowa, Gephardt's voice cracked and eyes welled with tears as he said the Teamsters endorsement was a special one to him because his father, a milk truck driver, had been a Teamster.

College students found in Florida

By The Associated Press

LOWELL, Mass. — Two college students who vanished from Cape Cod last month have been found safe and sound in Florida, leaving family members relieved but still baffled by the two-week mystery.

The family of 21-year-old Justin Gouveia of Lowell heard the news late Saturday morning as they were passing out leaflets in the Yarmouth area, where the couple was last seen.

"We talked to him, we heard their voices, we told them we love them and we'll just wait for them to come back," Leanne Gouveia, Justin's mother, said at a news conference later Saturday.

Justin Gouveia and Danela Alfaro-Lopez, 19, of Dearborn, Mich., both Michigan State University students, last were seen leaving a bed and breakfast in Yarmouth on July 26. They were expected to join Gouveia's family in Maine the following day but never showed up.

The two were found Saturday morning at the InTown Suites, an Orlando-area hotel, according to Elise Camille, a spokeswoman for the Orange County, Fla., sheriff's office.

Camille said an officer doing routine license plate checks in the hotel parking lot called in the couple's plate number. Two hours later, when the car was confirmed as missing, police returned to the hotel, where they found the couple in the process of leaving.

Thousands protest Republican agenda

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Thousands gathered Saturday to rally against a Republican push to redraw state congressional lines and in favor of the Democratic state senators who fled to New Mexico to scuttle the effort.

"The people of Texas said 'no' once (Republicans) started drawing the maps," said protester Ginger McGilvray. "They said 'no' with a strong voice and they didn't listen. So here we are, standing out here ... to show that we mean it."

Despite muggy temperatures that neared 100 degrees, between 2,000 and 4,000 protesters rallied at

the Capitol and cheered relatives of the 11 Democrats holed up in an Albuquerque hotel. Their absence has brought the Senate to a standstill because the 31-member chamber needs two-thirds of its members present to conduct business.

Several protesters chanted "Recall Rick," referring to Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who has called two special sessions to take up congressional redistricting. The first effort failed after House Democrats fled to Oklahoma.

Federal judges drew the current boundaries after lawmakers failed to come up with their own map in 2001.

Democrats argue they are not constitutionally required to redraw the lines, and that proposed maps would disenfranchise minorities and rural Texas.

Ginsburg to celebrate 10 years on bench

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is all business during the court's public sessions. She zeroes in on lawyers who haven't done their homework and her careful, reedy tone can quickly undercut some of her more flamboyant colleagues on the bench.

A few in the courtroom, however, briefly see a very different side of the Supreme Court's second female justice, whose 10-year anniversary on the court is Sunday. Female lawyers taking their oaths as members of the Supreme Court Bar often see a broad grin on Ginsburg's thin face when they rise for an introduction to the court.

Ginsburg gained national prominence arguing, and winning, women's rights cases before the Supreme Court and elsewhere. She was a long-serving federal judge when President Clinton picked her as his first Supreme Court appointment in 1993.

The first justice chosen by a Democratic president in decades, Ginsburg votes most often with the court's more liberal wing. That means she frequently is on the losing side when the court splits 5-4 along ideological lines.

Ginsburg, 70, has emerged as a quiet peacemaker on the court, a liberal whom conservatives on and off the court can admire, said Douglas Kmiec, a conservative constitutional scholar at Pepperdine University's law school.

Ginsburg usually sticks to the narrow meaning of laws and tries to keep the court's nose out of problems that can be solved elsewhere, Kmiec and other law professors said.

Bush: Remove obstacles to oil development

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has directed federal land managers to remove obstacles to oil and gas development in parts of five Rocky Mountain states.

New policy directives issued to Bureau of Land Management state directors give the officials tools to implement the administration's long-standing goal of opening the Rocky Mountain West to increased exploitation of oil and gas resources.

BLM field offices in Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico will have until the end of the year to evaluate whether restrictions on oil and gas development can be removed.

BLM Director Kathleen Clarke said the policy directives "will further our agency's efforts to ensure a reliable supply of affordable energy, as called for by the president."

"Our overall objective is to ensure the timely development of these critical energy resources in an environmentally sound manner," she said in a statement last week.

Environmentalists say the policies are another step in White House's efforts to favor energy development over protection of wild lands.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Aguilera concert halted after equipment accident

By The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A sold-out concert by Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake was canceled after sound and lighting equipment fell while being raised to the ceiling.

About 30 people managed to get out of the way as a large steel rigging structure used to raise the gear buckled and collapsed Saturday, authorities and members of the stage crew said.

Authorities said three people were slightly injured. Two were treated for cuts and bruises.

Neither Aguilera nor Timberlake was in Boardwalk Hall at the time of the accident. It was not immediately known what caused the collapse. Federal, state and local officials were expected to investigate.

Fans arriving at the hall's box office were dismayed at the cancellation.

"I'm so sad," said Michelle Ackerman, 14, of Fairfax, Va., who had come with her mother and a friend.

The singers were scheduled to next perform Monday at Albany's Pepsi Arena.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — Actor-director Kevin Costner brought Hollywood glitz and glamour to Wisconsin with a fund-raiser and pre-screening of his new Western, "Open Range."

Costner teamed with plumbing ware businessman Herbert V. Kohler Jr. for the event Saturday night, which included a Western-themed barbecue at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center.

Kohler, who met Costner about a decade ago at a charity golf outing, appeared in six scenes of the Disney movie as "Cafe Man." He said the fund-raiser was Costner's idea; the event collected \$160,000 for the Kohler Arts Center and the Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts in Sheboygan.

Costner made "Open Range" for \$26 million, taking no salary, shooting in Canada and raising all but \$10 million of the budget himself.

"People wanted to make this movie, not for a lot of money, but they still wanted to make it," he star told Time magazine, on newsstands Monday.

Costner, 48, directed "Open Range," which also stars Robert Duvall and Annette Bening. The movie is set to open nationwide Friday.

It's his third Western and third directorial effort. In 1990, he directed the Western epic "Dances With Wolves," which collected critical praise, seven Oscars — including best director and best picture — and \$184.2 million at the U.S. box office. He also directed 1997's less successful "The Postman."

LAS VEGAS — It was somewhat of an unusual setting for a Robert Goulet performance.

At the federal courthouse in downtown Las Vegas, Goulet sang an a cappella version of "God Bless America" during a naturalization ceremony for 53 new citizens — including his wife.

"I was more nervous for her. This was so important to her," Goulet said

after Friday's ceremony.

Vera Goulet, 56, who married the singer in 1982, was one of two new citizens who spoke during the ceremony.

"I am so proud, and I am so honored, as I know all of you are, to be an American," she said. Vera Goulet and her mother fled the communist regime in the former Yugoslavia in 1959.

Robert Goulet, 69, took his turn behind the lectern and joked: "My wife told me last night she can't wait to become a citizen so she can make a citizen's arrest."

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Singer Willie Nelson says he thinks 11 Democratic state senators from Texas who have been holed up in New Mexico to block a legislative quorum on congressional redistricting are heroes.

Nelson invited his fellow Texans to Saturday night's sold-out concert at the Isleta Casino and Resort in Albuquerque.

Two of the senators, Gonzalo Barrientos and Mario Gallegos, took Nelson up on the offer and met him backstage.

"We're your outlaws, buddy," Barrientos said.

The Democrats left Austin two weeks ago after Republican Gov. Rick Perry called a second special session to address congressional redistricting.

"I think they're great," Nelson said. "I think they're heroes and we're all very proud of them."

When House Democrats trekked to Ardmore, Okla., in May to protest the same redistricting issue, Nelson sent them whiskey, red bandannas and a note saying: "Way to go. Stand your ground."

COMSTOCK, Neb. — A 70 mph wind gust came out of dark clouds but with little other warning, blowing equipment, scaffolding and lights off an outdoor stage that one minute earlier was crowded with about 40 people.

"To look at that stage, it is just totally amazing not a soul was lost," Henry Nuxoll, co-organizer of the concert weekend called Godstock, said Sunday.

The band Pillar had just finished their set and had been off the stage only one minute when the wind hit Saturday, he said.

The surprise wind gust swept over the crowd of more than 3,000 people and blew the stage away from the audience, backward into nearby power lines.

Some of the power lines on the Second Wind Ranch were severed, Nuxoll said, but a fuse blew five miles away and the lines were not live when they hit a couple of stagehands, Nuxoll said.

"That could have been as devastating as anything," Nuxoll said.

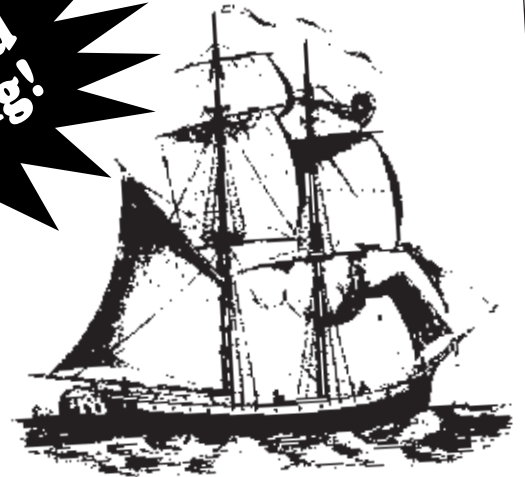
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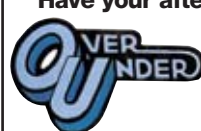
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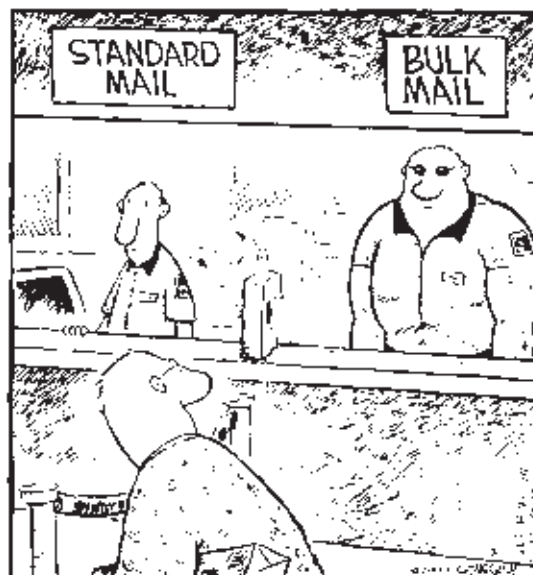
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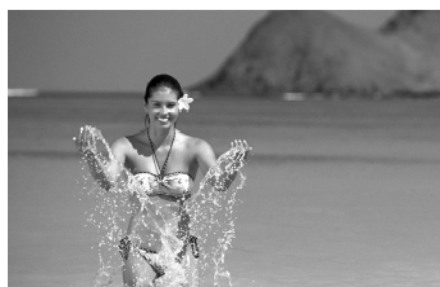
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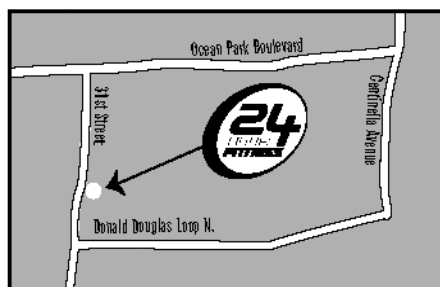
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