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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Randy Bailey was on house arrest in St. Paul, Minn., with an ankle monitor that alerts police if he strays more than 150 feet (but also with a little-understood 4-minute delay before notification). Hungry on Aug. 12, Bailey thought he could race to the Burger King (nearly a mile away), yet get back in time. However, the drive-through line moved slowly, and an irate, impatient Bailey allegedly kicked in the restaurant's window before he sped away. Employees got his license-plate number and alerted police, but since Bailey had made it back home in just under four minutes, he claimed to be house-bound and never to have left. However, police soon figured it out and charged Bailey with felony destruction of property.

■ The Christian Retail Show in Denver in August demonstrated, said a Los Angeles Times report, nearly a parallel commercial universe, with hundreds of "Christian" versions of products and services, such as sweatbands, pajamas, dolls, health clubs, insurance agencies, tree trimmers and fragrances ("Virtuous Woman" perfume).

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Paleologus gets 25 to life

Man who murdered 21-year-old Santa Monica woman shows no emotion

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — An ex-con who pretended to be a producer working on a James Bond film so he could lure young women and rape them was sentenced to 25 years to

life in prison Friday for the murder of Kristi Johnson, a 21-year-old Santa Monica woman whose body was found three years ago at the bottom of a ravine in the Hollywood Hills.

Dressed in an orange jumpsuit, his hair closely cropped, Victor

Paleologus sat motionless with his head down as a Los Angeles Superior Court judge rejected a request to rescind his guilty plea and represent himself in another trial.

In an 11-page letter, Paleologus, 44, said his attorney, Andrew Flier, pressured him into accepting a deal

in the middle of trial. The deal spared him the death penalty.

Paleologus will not be eligible for parole until 2031. The plea agreement also prohibits Paleologus from appealing his conviction.

See **PALEOLOGUS**, page 8

Wade a minute



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

A boy on Friday drags his boogie board into the ocean just south of the Santa Monica Pier, an area that consistently has unsafe bacterial levels and is not recommended for swimming.

Fine day at the beach

City can be cited if water doesn't meet clean standards

By staff and wire reports

LOS ANGELES — Regional water quality officials voted Thursday to fine cities surrounding Santa Monica Bay up to \$10,000 a day if the water at their beaches does not meet safe bacteria levels.

The fines will not be immediate,

members of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) said. Cities, including Santa Monica, will be given time to identify sources of pollution and develop strategies to combat the problem before fines are levied.

"Our sincere hope is that the fines will never be necessary to asses

finer," said David Nahai, chairman of the RWQCB, who characterized the fines as an incentive for LA County and its 88 municipalities to clean up their act. "This is not a situation in which the board will simply run out and penalize (cities). But

See **CLEAN WATER**, page 6

Weller said to be 'expressionless,' following crash, according to cop

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — A Santa Monica Police officer on Friday told jurors in the trial of George Russell Weller that he saw no emotion from the then 86-year-old, who moments earlier drove his car through a crowded Farmers' Market, killing 10 people and injuring 63 others.

Officer Michael Rosenberg, an 11-year veteran of the SMPD's Traffic Enforcement Division, said Weller looked "very calm (with) with no expression to speak of" as he stood near his battered Buick LaSabre watching bystanders lift the sedan and pull out a woman trapped underneath. The body of one of the victims, Movsha Hoffman, 78, lay across the hood, motionless.

"He kind of just stood there with the assistance of his cane," Rosenberg said when he was asked by Deputy District Attorney Ann Ambrose to describe Weller's actions following the crash, which occurred in the afternoon of July 16, 2003.

"Was he restrained or roughed-up in anyway?" Ambrose asked.

See **WELLER TRIAL**, page 7

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ What appears as excess and perhaps a jolt could totally change given time. You have a way of understanding problems and getting to the bottom of issues, which saves the moment. Use that skill right now. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Sometimes even you put your hoof in your mouth. Getting a problem straightened out won't be difficult if you relax and laugh. Extremes surround you whether you like it or not. Even and steady works, my dear Bull. Tonight: Say yes. A discussion proves to be enlightening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ If you have to think about whether you should do something, you already know the answer. Honor your feelings. Do avoid a grumpy person if at all possible. You cannot win here. Tonight: Balance your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You are the cat's meow, but others still might be very difficult. You might want to mellow out and think before you jump or act up. Sometimes the less said the better off you are. Understand what needs to happen. Tonight: Smile away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Lie back and take your time. You see others in a new light and express a different perspective in the near future. Sometimes what you don't know could be shocking. Note your reactions, but don't judge them. Tonight: Early to bed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Aim for everything and more. You might want to rethink your desires. Extremes mark communication. Listen to what your instincts say about a family member. You need to evaluate your feelings. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Take a stand. Think, study and decide on the most appropriate course of action. You might want to change your mind or head in a different direction. Use your instincts, and you will make the right choice. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Take an overview, and you will be right on target. Don't hesitate to express your feelings, but try hard not to overreact. Sometimes a friend can be very helpful, as this person will point you in the right direction. Tonight: You are personality plus.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Sometimes you need to rethink your decisions, and you will feel more confident. You laugh, and someone else smiles as well. Do understand your limits. Others will then honor them too. Tonight: Private time with someone special.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others react. You might need to sort through what is acceptable and honor who you are. Sometimes you can be overwhelmed by what is happening. You are defining who you are, not only for you but also for the world. Tonight: Say yes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ An easy, relaxed pace works, though you might discover that others would like you to behave or act otherwise. Be true to yourself, and you will be much happier. Tackle key projects. You will feel good about yourself. Tonight: Try relaxing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You will have a tendency to do things differently. Sometimes the Fish must follow his or her own beat. A demanding partner or family member could irritate you. Tonight: Add more romance into your life.

BORN TODAY Musician **B.B. King** (1925), actress **Jennifer Tilly** (1958)

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 2

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / ns

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	F	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	F	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	D	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	C	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	B	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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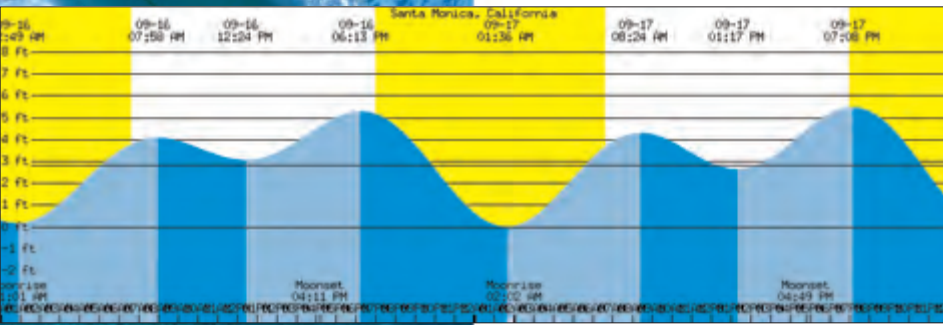
NW should diminish and the southern hemi south swell will be on its way out as well. South facing breaks are looking best for size with waist to chest high surf. West facing breaks are looking similar, although breaks in SD may see some bigger sets early in the morning before the wind swell completely passes to the south.

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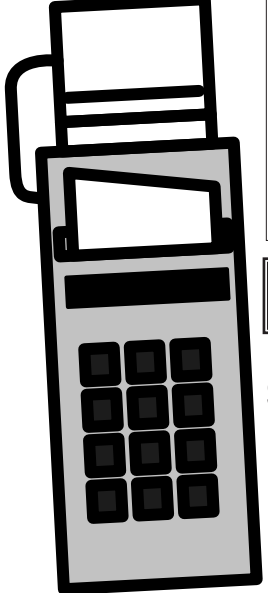
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The QLine

MIDDLE-CLASS BEING RUN OUT OF TOWN BY GREED

This past week, Q-line asked: **“How can city leaders address the apparent exodus of the middle-class in Santa Monica?”** Here are your responses:

“The current city leaders haven’t the slightest interest in reversing the mass exodus of the middle-class from Santa Monica. That has been quite obvious for a long time now. We are turning into a city of the wealthy. Mostly young, upwardly mobile and the dependent lower classes. Let’s see how they all get along. It will be a very strange medley. The only ones gaining are those lucky enough to move away from this twilight zone atmosphere which has become decidedly unpleasant, unsafe and unlivable.”

“I remember when the bay area between Palos Verdes and Malibu was without doubt the garden of Eden. Now, it is the garden of e-gad. Where did all this human and automotive traffic come from? Now those who can leave the bay area, do leave. They feel that the high prices set by profiteers is not worth the effort of 40 hours a week, plus overtime to sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic and be robbed of their salaries to reside in overpriced, shoddy-constructed apartment dwellings that is a well-known form of hell, due to landlord greed, compounded by all the other poop one has to go through on a daily basis. Although those who can afford to live north of Montana Avenue and along San Vicente have the best of it. I’m aware they have their problems as well. Still living south of Montana Avenue is pure purgatory. I don’t expect any help from the city bureaucracy. All city bureaucracies sin on a daily basis and fall short of any form of glory.”

“They have to address this problem about the unavailable housing. But what it boils down to is that the city of Santa Monica has made some disastrous decisions that led to more and more condos and apartments going up and putting more traffic into an already unbearable traffic unit. And there is no affordable housing for the working middle-class so that only the wealthy and the bums are able to live here. For what you would pay for a small box with no land here, you can get a pretty nice deal with some land not that far away. I won’t quote the cities but for the same price you can get a whole lot elsewhere. Finally, anyone who spends anytime here sees why they wouldn’t want to invest in any kind of living situation here. The bums have taken over the city and no one seems to know what to do about it and have just created a hell for all of us. You know, how many people have to write letters, have to be mugged, have to be assaulted or encroached upon everyday until something is done with this law-breaking crowd? How many letters to the editor before something has to be done about these people? Does the entire City Council have to be mugged or vomited on, or worse before they do something? You know, November is coming.”

“The city needs to do something about affordable housing for people to live here. We have become a city of transient people, not a community of people who take root and want to stay here. We need affordable grocery stores. We need places to shop, not these yuppie stores that the city insists on having. To get people to come into the community you need to provide and cater to the people and the city of Santa Monica certainly doesn’t do that.”

“The cost of living in Santa Monica is high due in part to high taxes and high fees that the city continually imposes. Also, the influx of thousands and thousands of illegal immigrants has driven down wages of the middle class. Do the city officials want to tackle either of these issues? I think not.”

“If they do not do anything about all these bums, drunkards and noisy bums that harass people all the time, rich people, poor people, middle-class people won’t want to live in Santa Monica. That’s the main thing they should be worried about.”

“Accepting as fact your statement that the average Santa Monica resident lives here only two years and then moves elsewhere, there are many plausible reasons — not the fact that few can benefit from rent control. Many renters view renting as temporary. Their jobs or goals in life may change and they are prepared to move to take advantage of a future opportunity. Many renters hope to own some day, knowing that ownership and equity will provide more long-term security than a pile of rent receipts. Every desirable place to live is expensive. This is an economic fact, despite what city leaders prefer to believe. Rent control, low-growth policies and bureaucratic delays only make housing scarcer and expensive.”

“I think that the mass exodus of middle-class residents is a very, very good idea. I wish they would all mass exit and then we could secure the borders against new ones moving in. If you only stay here two years, then move, landlords can raise the rent some more. So, rent control is being defeated by the very people it’s supposed to support. Rent control was never designed to protect the middle-class. It was for the low-income, old lady on Social Security. And as far as making Santa Monica tick, if you talk to the city, you’ll find that tourism and alcohol sales are the two that make the city tick. Not the middle-, low-income bums living in affordable housing. Why don’t we demolish all the housing south of Olympic and put in high rises for the affluent? I like rubbing elbows with the affluent, not the middle-class people.”

“Your very question perpetuates the lies of (Santa Monicans For Renter’s Rights) and rent control. If you look at the rental ads in this newspaper, you can see our rents are not and never have been higher than the rest of the county. One-bedrooms are going here for \$1,200 to \$1,500. That’s what you’d pay in the hot, smoggy valley or Orange County, where the rents should be much, much cheaper, but aren’t. Rent control has forced landlords to try to get the highest prices for new rentals because they are losing money subsidizing their other tenants. If the middle-class can somehow afford to pay \$1,500 rent in smelly Orange County, they can afford it here in Commi-Monica by the sea.”

“There is an horrendous exodus of low-income people from LA to Santa Monica. Why? Because of the massive low-income housing availability in Santa Monica. How do the buffoons on the City Council deal with middle-class flight? A negative example is by allowing the building of two six-story buildings in the 1200 block of Sixth Street. This will definitely help the traffic flow in the downtown area. No police officer lives where he works. Nurses and teachers make good money. What’s the matter with sacrificing to save some of it for home ownership? Give huge tax breaks to apartment owners to keep rental units on the market. And that strict new condominium building codes making it less desirable to rental units. I am appalled by how fast this city is deteriorating. Only our City Council is impressed with its own ability to ghettoize this town. The council loves the words of its social role model Darth Vader. ‘Impressive, most impressive.’”

The FBI wants you



MODERN TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

I thought about joining the FBI last week. This was not just an idle musing of mine. It actually came about because of a direct appeal from the FBI to me.

I was driving in bumper-to-bumper traffic, and noticed a big ad on the back of an LA city bus that said, “Today’s FBI. It’s for you.” Then it said there were job openings, and if I was interested, I should go online to fbi-jobs.gov. I immediately started to wonder if putting an ad on the back of a bus was the best way for the FBI to find the best people for the job.

This naturally led me to think about the various FBI firings and resignations in recent years. Is it possible that the FBI people who had messed up had joined the bureau after seeing a similar ad on a bus? Had they joined in the same way that others had responded to ads for teeth whiteners, lawyers for those hurt in motorcycle accidents, and bilingual lessons in computer science?

When I got home, I went to the FBI Web site. Within a matter of seconds, a wave of anxiety began to pour over me. It was because I figured that just by logging on, the FBI would know who I was and where I was. And I knew that if this knowledge ever came to light, the president would explain to the public that it was necessary for the government to know the identity of any curious columnist who happened to check out the Web site.

I was interested in knowing how successful the bus ad campaign had been in my area. So I typed in my zip code in the appropriate box, knowing that those simple keystrokes could possibly send the FBI to my house before dinnertime. The next page gave me the address and phone number of my local FBI office. I called them. By this point, I figured I had nothing to lose. They were probably already going over my high school transcript and my most recent grocery receipts.

Unfortunately, a human didn’t answer the phone at the FBI. It was one of those

“press one for this, press two for that” menus. I pressed the appropriate button and left a message identifying myself and saying that I was interested in learning how successful their back-of-the-bus ad campaign had been. Then I left my home phone number. I know, I know.

Nobody from the FBI ever called me back. I’m sure they have more important things to do than return phone calls from a guy who wants to write a column about their recruitment methods. So I went back online and read more about the bureau.

The more I read, the more interesting it sounded. I started thinking that maybe today’s FBI really was “for me.” I wasn’t tempted to give up writing, but I thought maybe they could use some part-time help. I didn’t think I should be out there shooting at people and having them shoot at me, but I thought I could handle an office job. I could be the guy who sticks the pins in the map, or tells the other agents, “Why don’t you look for this guy at his mother’s house?”

But then I saw something on the Web site that disappointed me. To be an FBI Special Agent, you have to be at least 23 and not more than 37 years old.

I met the “at least 23” requirement with no sweat, but the “not more than 37” was another story. This didn’t seem fair to me. There are plenty of smart, capable people over the age of 37, and maybe the FBI could use some of us with more life experience. And how did they arrive at the number 37, anyway?

But I wasn’t that upset. That’s because I know that those of us over 37 may apply to many other jobs that don’t have age limits. And if this advertising campaign of the FBI’s works out, all of us in that age category may soon see an ad on the back of a bus that will read, “Want a good paying job with excellent healthcare benefits? Just apply to IwanttobePresident.com.”

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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By Daily Press staff

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The event is free and no reservations are needed. Free underground parking is available directly across the street from the church. Visitors are requested to bring white socks to protect their feet from the labyrinth's surface. For those who prefer not to remove their shoes, shoe covers will be provided. First United Methodist Church is located at 1008 11th St. The labyrinth is open to the public on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (last entry 11:15 a.m.) or 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (last entry 3:45 p.m.).

For additional information call Mary Garbesi at (310) 393-8258, e-mail info@santamonicaumc.org or at www.santamonicaumc.org.

Giving kids a Head Start

By Daily Press staff

Parents of preschoolers are getting a late start on Head Start.

Little ones in Santa Monica and Venice can get prepped for their future school years with free Head Start classes. Several preschools are still looking for students to fill Head Start classes for the 2006-07 school year.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Delta Sigma Theta, a nonprofit agency, are seeking to enroll children — ages 3 and 4 — for Head Start, a federally-funded program that provides comprehensive services to poor and low-income children and families.

Households that meet the federal poverty income requirements are eligible for all of the programs. Eligibility may be extended to a limited number of families whose incomes exceed the federal poverty standards.

Head Start programs are designed to nurture and prepare children for success in school. The programs provide early childhood education, health/dental assessments and referrals, healthy meals, mental health counseling and social service referrals. Services also are available to meet the special needs of children with disabilities.

Head Start offers half-day programs from four to five days a week. In some areas full-day programs are available.

Applications will be taken until all enrollment slots are filled at Delta Sigma Theta, 5120 Goldleaf Circle, Suite 270 in Los Angeles or at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, 2808 Fourth St. For more information call (323) 295-2601 or (310) 399-5865.

Forum measures up

By Daily Press staff

With election season around the corner, local issues are at the forefront.

Thus, the League of Women Voters and the Santa Monica Education Fund is co-sponsoring a local ballot measure forum with the Center for Governmental Studies and CityTV on Sept. 19.

The forum — which will cover five local measures that will be on the November ballot — will feature arguments by supporters and opponents of the measures.

Taping will start at 4:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium at the Santa Monica Main Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

The public is encouraged to attend.

CityTV will be making its election programming available with prime time airings on cable channel 16, and on cable channel 75 around the clock, video-on-demand on Time Warner Cable and on its election Web site, www.smvote.org.

Getting spiny at Gladstone's Malibu

By Daily Press staff

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Cities on alert to cut the crap before it hits the Pacific

CLEAN WATER, from page 1

now we have the ability if a particular municipality is not moving with the speed and focus which is demanded."

By incorporating the clean-water standards into the storm water permits of cities within LA County, Nahai said the RWQCB will not be able to enforce them, whereas before, they were merely data.

"By including (the standards) in the permit process, it gives the board tools to control this pollution," Nahai said. "It gives the board the ability to enforce, with the fines basically being our arsenal."

Conservationists hailed the decision as the strongest regulation to protect beachgoers in the United States. They expect it to be the first of many.

"I'm very happy for the future of the county and for future generations that can finally look toward clean beaches," said Tracy Egoscue, executive director of Santa Monica Baykeeper. "This is a trail blazer."

The ongoing effort to clean up the area's bacteria pollution stems out of a larger plan outlined in a 1999 settlement of a lawsuit filed by environmental groups. Government officials and the groups worked out a schedule to set limits on a variety of pollutants that end up in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Those include bacteria, trash, toxic metals and chemical pollutants.

Local government must meet "total maximum daily loads" or limits on those pollutants that make their way into the county's numerous watersheds. Setting and enforcing bacteria limits is the first of about 100 of the pollutant limits that conservationists hope will eventually be enforced.

The limits adopted by the board set a standard at zero, meaning no beach can exceed the TMDLs during dry summer months. Standards for wet summer months, wet weather and dry weather months will go into effect after 2009.

During the 13-hour board meeting, LA County was repeatedly admonished by water control board members. County officials have said they support the clean water standards and have spent \$20 million on diversion, but were accused of trying to delay the decision.

Attorney Howard Gest, the county's attorney, asked for 16 hours to give his presentation, eventually testing Nahai with his long-winded arguments.

"I think you're trying to drag this out, to waste time and delay this and I don't know why," Nahai.

Among the residents who pleaded with board members to save local beaches included an aging surfer who had lost his right ankle to a staph infection and a 14-year-old aspiring marine biologist whose mother won't allow her in the ocean because of pollution.

lution.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger also weighed in, sending a letter urging the board to enforce the standards and "demonstrate your strong commitment to protecting beach water quality." The governor cited a UCLA study showing that 1.5 million beachgoers get sick from swimming in LA and Orange County every year, which costs local hospitals millions of dollars.

Although it's been seven years since the federal consent decree, many of the beaches still aren't clean.

The 13 cities that encircle Santa Monica Bay were given until this summer to do something about the bacteria pollution streaming into the waters. The rule applied to the 44 beaches that stretch from the Los Angeles-Ventura County line to just south of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Some of the areas' most famous beaches including Malibu's legendary surf spot, Surfrider Beach, repeatedly received poor grades in Heal the Bay's annual beach report card. Last summer, the group found that 37 percent of the county's beaches were frequently unsafe for swimming.

Throughout the state, local governments have been required to post signs warning visitors about water quality problems, but often have not been required to fix the problem.

Most contamination happens during

winter when heavy rains overload storm drain and sewage systems, washing waste directly into the sea, officials said. Swimming in such waters can cause gastrointestinal, respiratory and other illnesses.

"Southern California is defined by many things — Hollywood, palm trees," said David Beckman, an attorney for the National Resources Defense Council. "But certainly the beach and the fact that in the 21st century people can't go to the beach without assurances they won't get sick or skin rashes isn't worthy of our society."

Nahai said Santa Monica should be protected from fines given its strong record of environmental stewardship, as well as the millions of dollars spent on diverting urban runoff and other sources of pollution.

"The city of Santa Monica is definitely an ally and a good partner in the efforts to reduce bacteria counts at the beaches and has occupied a leadership position in so many ways," Nahai said. "We only wish other cities would follow the lead of Santa Monica."

That said, Santa Monica doesn't have a free-pass to discontinue efforts. Nahai said the city has received a notice warning that bacteria levels must be lowered at certain beaches.

(Santa Monica Daily Press Staff Writer **Kevin Herrera** contributed to this story.)

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LA judge dismisses SM resident from jury

WELLER TRIAL, from page 1

"No ... His demeanor was just calm," said Rosenberg, who described the scene at the market as one of chaos, where victims lay on the ground moaning, some crying out for help. "He wasn't making any comments. He was just standing there quietly with one of the detectives."

Weller, 89, has been charged with 10 felony counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. If convicted on all counts, he faces a maximum sentence of 18 years in prison.

By calling Rosenberg to the stand in what was the fourth day of testimony, Ambrose sought to strengthen her claim that Weller, who was not present in the courtroom, did nothing to stop his car from careening out of control, and in fact, maneuvered it so that he never came in contact with any parked cars lining the street, only unsuspecting shoppers.

Ambrose has not accused Weller of deliberately aiming his vehicle at pedestrians, but in her opening statements, the prosecutor said two witnesses will testify that they heard Weller say immediately after the accident, "If you saw me coming, you should have gotten out of my way."

Witnesses said earlier this week that shortly before the accident at the Farmers' Market they saw Weller rear-end a gold Mercedes-Benz at Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue, just yards from the market's entrance. From there, Weller quickly maneuvered around the car in what looked like an attempt to flee the scene.

Weller's defense team contends that Weller, who appeared in court earlier this week in a wheelchair, accidentally pumped the gas pedal instead of the brake after rear-ending the Mercedes-Benz. That sent the burgundy sedan on a deadly collision course, compounded by the deployment of an air bag that knocked Weller's hands off of the steering wheel, preventing him from regaining control of the car.

Attorneys for Weller said earlier this week that their client struggles daily with the knowledge that he caused the deaths of 10 people in what was supposed to be a quick drive to a Santa Monica post office to drop off a letter to his great-niece, who was getting married that weekend.

"I'm in big trouble with my heart and soul — that you can't fix," said Weller's attorney, Mark Borenstein earlier this week, quoting Weller's comments to police investigators the day of the crash.

Following the accident, Rosenberg said he followed procedure and drove Weller to Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center's emergency room to have his blood drawn to see if there was any alcohol in his system. During the brief drive to the hospital, Rosenberg asked Weller if he was OK. He replied that he was fine, Rosenberg said.

When they arrived, an officer was heard over the police radio frequency that confirmed "eight Ks, meaning that eight people had been killed," Rosenberg said.

Weller heard that over Rosenberg's radio



File photo

FATAL DAY: George Russell Weller, then 86, walks out of the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center after he drove through the Farmers' Market, killing 10 and injuring dozens of others.

and asked the officer if that meant eight people had died.

"I told him I didn't know," Rosenberg said. "He was just calm. No expression."

Ambrose asked Rosenberg if Weller ever complained of being disoriented, dizzy or injured when speaking with hospital staff.

"He said he had a little pain in his shoulder, but other than that he was fine," Rosenberg said.

During cross examination, Borenstein asked Rosenberg if he had ever seen Weller shocked or upset, to which Rosenberg said, "no."

In other developments, a juror was excused by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson after he told the court that he felt he could no longer look at the case without prejudice following constant exposure to outside influences, in particular media coverage and the insistence of his neighbor to know details about the case.

The juror, an African-American man in his early 30s, said he is a resident of Santa Monica who works near the Farmers' Market, and therefore finds it almost impossible to go through his daily routine without being reminded of the case.

"The other day I was on Main Street with my wife walking our dog ... (and) on one side of me there was a newspaper rack with a story about the trial ... and on the other side I overheard people talking," about alleged accidents Weller had previous to the market crash, the juror said.

"I am concerned about my ability to serve."

Judge Johnson thanked the juror for his service and dismissed him. The rest of the jurors were sent home early because of a lack of witnesses on hand. Testimony is scheduled for Monday at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Downtown Los Angeles.

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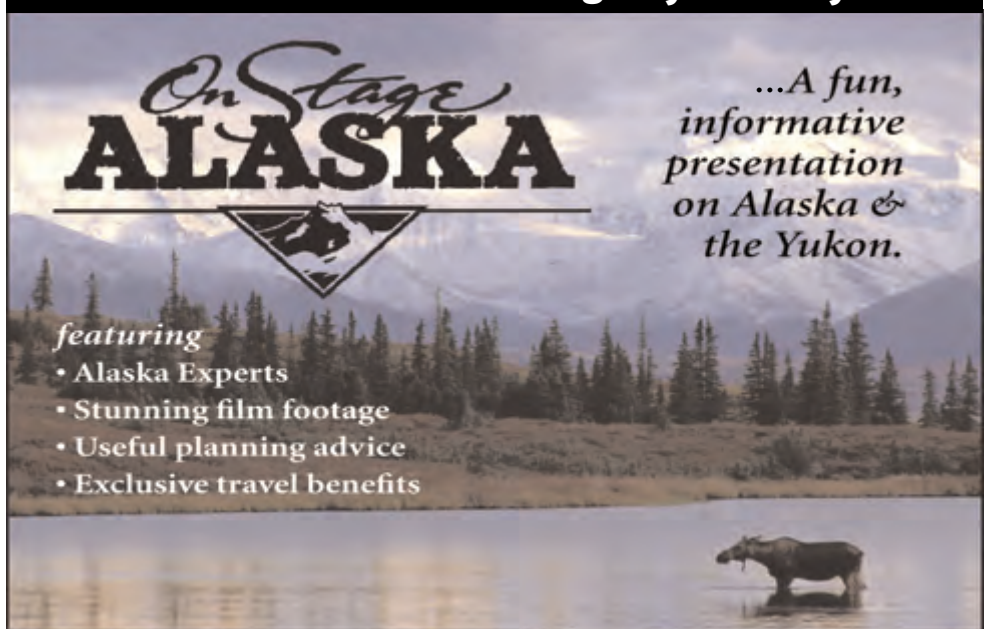
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KRISTI JOHNSON

Parents address killer in court

PALEOLOGUS, from page 1

Family members of Johnson, along with prosecutor David Walgren, said Paleologus' request was a "desperate attempt by a desperate man," who tried to use the criminal justice system to his advantage while never showing any remorse for the crime he committed.

"I expected him to try something like that," Walgren said during a press conference following the sentencing hearing. "I'm not surprised by it, nor the court's ruling ... He's a liar, a manipulator and a murderer. That's what he is."

During the sentencing hearing, Johnson's parents were allowed to address Paleologus, at which time they expressed their anger and disgust with him, as well as the sadness they feel knowing that they will never get to see their daughter again.

"Today is the day that Mr. Paleologus will have to stand up and take responsibility for what he's done," said Kirk Johnson, who fought back tears as he held up the last Father's Day card he received from his "guardian angel" Kristi, which contained her picture surrounded by hearts and balloons. "For the last three and half years I have struggled with my emotions. I have tried not to live the rest of my life with anger and hatred for Mr. Paleologus. I have asked for salvation and I ask God to have mercy on his soul."

Terry Hall, Johnson's mother, said she will forever be haunted by thoughts about her daughter's final minutes, wondering if she fought back, whether the pain lasted long and whether or not she was still alive when she was thrown down a steep hill in a sleeping bag.

"The nightmare remains of the entrapment, bondage, torture and murder of Kristi," Hall said. "What pain and terror she felt will remain in my mind."

During the July trial, which lasted a little more than a week, Walgren told a jury comprised of 10 men and two women that Paleologus approached at least seven women over a 12-year period and asked them to audition for a minor, but very lucrative role in an upcoming James Bond film.

There was no film. The offer was merely a ruse so that Paleologus could get the women alone, rape them and kill them, Walgren said.

The act almost worked on several occasions, but the women were able to fight their way free from his clutches, all except for Johnson, a trusting Michigan transplant who was attending Santa Monica College with dreams of becoming a professional make-up artist when she went missing in February and was discovered dead in March of 2003, Walgren said.

She was found partially covered by a sleeping bag, her hands and feet bound by shoe laces, her face badly decomposed. It is believed she was killed weeks before her body was discovered.

Her disappearance gained national attention as Hall pleaded publicly for her daughter's safe return.

Johnson told one of her roommates that

she had been approached by a movie executive at Century City on Feb. 15, who offered her an audition. She left that afternoon to meet the man and was never heard from again.

Paleologus was charged with Johnson's murder, which carried the special circumstances of lying in wait.

He also was charged with using another man's identification to purchase a BMW from a Beverly Hills car dealership, a car which he was accused of stealing from the lot after allegedly submitting false information on a credit report.

Paleologus was originally arrested Feb. 17, 2003, two days after Johnson's disappearance, on charges of grand theft auto. He was held without bail.

In court papers filed shortly after he was taken into custody, prosecutors said Paleologus had previously been convicted of a half-dozen crimes, including assault with intent to commit rape.

During trial, a former girlfriend testified that Paleologus climbed into her guest bedroom and tried to strangle her. Others testified that he approached them claiming to work for Disney and asked them to show up at auditions wearing a short black mini skirt and high-heeled stilettos, the same outfit Johnson was wearing when her body was discovered.

Flier painted a very different picture of Paleologus, telling jurors that his client may be a thief who lied to pick up women, but he was definitely not a killer. Flier denied charges that he pressured Paleologus to plead, saying that his client was going to receive his "third-strike" and would have received 25 to life even if acquitted of the murder charges, given the fact that he had admitted to stealing the BMW.

Some questioned the move by Walgren to accept a plea because it didn't include the death penalty. Observers in the courtroom felt Walgren's case was strong even though there was no physical evidence linking Paleologus to the murder.

Walgren said he had no regrets because the goal was always to "take him off the streets forever."

After speaking with family members, Walgren said they were all in agreement and he accepted the plea offered by Paleologus' defense.

Walgren said he has seen no signs of remorse from Paleologus, whom he described as a predator.

With the legal proceedings behind them, Johnson's parents said they can move on to the next phase of their lives, which will include testifying at Paleologus' parole hearing in 25 years.

"If I am still alive, I will be there," Hall said. "I'm pleased that this has come to an end ... (but) I will live with the loss of Kristi for the rest of my life ... She was a gift to me, a gift to her father, her brother ... and anyone who briefly knew her. She brought sunshine and life to everyone she touched ... I am relieved that this has come to an end ... (but) the loss I feel will never go away. I will live with it for the rest of my life."

STATE BRIEFS

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ALISO VIEJO, Calif.

Not a thing to wear: Principal cancels school dances

A principal canceled all high school dances in response to what he called sexually suggestive outfits and moves at a recent school gathering.

"I saw way too much of some of our young girls," Principal Charles Salter of Aliso Niguel High School wrote in an email to parents.

Salter wrote that he was shocked to see dance partners gyrate against each other.

"This can happen no more — we need to slow this train down," he wrote.

Some parents were unhappy with the decision.

"I think it's too much," said Alyona Nickelsen, who was raised in Ukraine and whose son is a freshman at the school. "Even behind the Iron Curtain, we had school dances."

Salter left open the possibility of bringing dances back if parents and students agree to "clean up our dances."

RIVERSIDE, Calif.

Plan churns to turn sewage to power

Researchers unveiled plans to build a \$15 million plant that could one day turn wood, coal and even sewer sludge into fuel.

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The plant could be operating by early 2008, its planners said.

IRVINE, Calif.

Ant then there were none

Scientists are experimenting with a colorless potion that makes Argentine ants decapitate one another in order to exterminate them.

The research was disclosed Thursday by University of California, Irvine researchers.

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SD border agent pleads guilty to smuggling people

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — A former border inspector pleaded guilty Thursday to accepting cash bribes and luxury cars in exchange for allowing smugglers to sneak hundreds of illegal immigrants from Mexico into the U.S. through a busy San Diego crossing.

Richard Elizalda, 55, a 10-year veteran border inspector for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, admitted to one count of accepting bribes as a public official and two counts of bringing illegal aliens into the country for financial gain stemming from a 15-count indictment in January.

He faces up to 35 years in prison and \$820,000 in fines.

Elizalda sent text messages directing drivers to his inspection lane at the San Ysidro border crossing and then waved them through, Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Frakes said in San Diego federal court.

In return, Elizalda received as much as \$1,000 for each immigrant, taking as much as \$120,000 in cash from smugglers starting in 2004 until his arrest in June, Frakes said. Agents seized \$36,170 in cash from Elizalda's home, along with a 2000 Lexus and a 2005 BMW given to him by the ringleaders of the smuggling ring.

Elizalda, who is free on \$350,000 bail, said little in court. Asked by U.S. Magistrate

Judge William McCurine, Jr., how he pleaded, he replied in a quiet voice, "Guilty."

Another defendant included in the same indictment, Kenneth Web, pleaded guilty at the same hearing to one count of bringing illegal aliens into the United States. Frakes said he worked as a smuggler, bringing as many as 99 immigrants into the country without documentation. He faces a maximum of 10 years in federal prison and \$250,000 in fines.

Three other defendants charged in the same indictment with involvement in the smuggling operation were expected to plead guilty Friday, Frakes said.

Customs and Border Protection has seen a number of instances of corruption recently. In July, a Border Patrol agent who was an illegal immigrant himself was sentenced to five years in prison for smuggling more than 100 illegal immigrants into the U.S. from Mexico near San Diego, some of them in his government truck.

Elizalda's arrest came days after another federal border inspector working at another San Diego crossing pleaded not guilty to similar bribery charges in an unrelated case.

Michael Anthony Gilliland, 44, faces charges that he aided and abetted the transport of illegal immigrants through the Otay Mesa crossing. He is scheduled to appear before a federal judge in October.

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U.S. marshalls arrest, jail TV bounty hunter

BY MARK NIESSE
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — This time, the Dog got bitten.

TV reality star Duane "Dog" Chapman and two co-stars on his bounty hunter show were arrested and jailed Thursday on charges of conspiracy and illegal detention when they captured a convicted rapist in Mexico three years ago.

Chapman, 53, son Leland Chapman and associate Timothy Chapman on the popular A&E show "Dog The Bounty Hunter" were taken into custody by 15 officers and did not resist arrest, said Mark Hanohano, U.S. marshal for the district of Hawaii.

Chapman, shackled at his ankles and wearing a blue muscle T-shirt at his first court appearance Thursday, said the government was jealous of his success in hunting down criminals.

"You see what the American government is doing to us? They throw us in jail," Chapman said in a federal courtroom. "I'm so upset about this."

Chapman's wife, Beth, outside the court building, said he didn't do anything wrong.

"If Duane has to return to Mexico to take care of any misunderstanding, then that's what he will do," she said in front of dozens of TV cameras outside the courthouse.

Mona K. Wood, a publicist for Chapman, said he would be vindicated.

"He arrests the bad guys _ and he is definitely not one of them," she said.

The charges stem from Chapman's capture of Max Factor heir Andrew Luster on June 18, 2003 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, said Marshalls spokeswoman Nikki Credic in Washington. Bounty hunting is considered a crime in Mexico.

Chapman's detention of Luster, who had fled California while on trial for drugging and raping three women, catapulted the

bounty hunter to fame and led to the reality series, which is A&E's highest-rated show. Luster, who was convicted in absentia, is serving a 124-year prison term.

The three were not granted bail Thursday afternoon in a federal court hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry Kurren. They will spend the night in a federal detention center near the Honolulu airport until another bail hearing Friday.

They will later face an extradition hearing to Mexico under terms of treaties between the U.S. and Mexico, Credic said.

Chapman's son Leland, 29, and Tim Chapman, 41, no relation, assist Chapman in exploits chronicled for the weekly TV show around the Hawaiian Islands. The show focuses on Chapman's family as much as the bounty hunting, which generally involves tracking down bail jumpers, often creating emotional scenes with repentant captives.

Charges have been pending against the three since local police in Mexico arrested them shortly after they roped in Luster. They posted bail but never returned to Puerto Vallarta for their court hearing on July 15, 2003, Credic said.

Mexican authorities demanded that the Chapmans transfer Luster to Mexican police.

A U.S. warrant for their arrest was signed by a federal judge in Honolulu on Wednesday.

"Dog the Bounty Hunter" is currently in its third season, airing Tuesdays at 10 p.m.

"A&E supports Dog and his family during this difficult time and is proud of his role in helping to bring a convicted serial rapist to justice," said A&E spokesman Dan Silberman.

Cameras were not rolling during the arrests, but film crews have been shooting every since, Wood said.

"This is an unfolding drama," she said.

Body of Wyoming's chief public defender found in wilderness

By The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The body of Wyoming's chief public defender was found Thursday in a mountainous wilderness area of western Wyoming where he had gone for a solo backpacking trip to commemorate his 56th birthday, his family said.

Searchers had been looking for Kenneth Koski, of Cheyenne, since Saturday after he failed to return home from the southern Wind River Range. The body was found about 11:50 a.m. Thursday on the southeast side of Mount Bonneville, according to a news release from the Sublette County sheriff's office.

Official identification of the body was pending, but Koski's family said it was him.

"Ken loved Mount Bonneville because it was the one he said ... he always wanted to conquer," the family statement said. "As hard as this loss is on friends and family, if Ken were here, he would say, 'That's life...'"

Koski's campsite was found unoccupied on Saturday about 14 miles from the Big Sandy Trailhead, about 60 miles southeast of Pinedale. A journal he kept was found at the campsite along with his tent and other belongings. The last entry in the journal was dated Sept. 5, the day before his birthday and four days before he was reported missing.

The sheriff's office said the body was found in an area that required searchers to use technical gear to reach. Mount Bonneville is 12,585 feet high.

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GAO: Deaths of women crossing border doubled in seven years

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN

Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Deaths of illegal immigrants crossing the Southwest border have surged since the mid-1990s, with the majority of the increase between 1998 and 2005 concentrated in Arizona, according to an analytical report to Congress.

Meanwhile, the report found the number of deaths among women illegal immigrant crossers has more than doubled in those same seven years — and more than half died in Arizona.

The report took the Border Patrol to task for not having a uniform standard nationwide for collecting data on migrant deaths.

While most deaths have involved men, deaths among women shot from 9 percent to 21 percent of the total between 1998 and 2005, according to the Border Patrol's data. "Deaths among women in the Tucson sector accounted for the majority of the overall increase in deaths among women in all sectors," the study said.

The Border Patrol's Tucson sector encompasses about the easternmost three-fourths of the Arizona-Mexico border and has been the nation's busiest point for illegal immigration for years.

The Government Accounting Office undertook a study requested by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., to analyze the data compiled by numerous sources, including the Border Patrol's Border Safety Initiative, the National Center for Health Statistics and state vital registries concerning deaths of border crossers between 1985 and 2005.

Illegal immigrant deaths more than doubled between 1995 and 2005, the GAO said, although there was no corresponding doubling of illegal entries.

The GAO, the investigative arm for Congress, found that the Border Safety Initiative's comprehensive evaluations and other efforts by the Border Patrol to prevent border-crossing deaths are challenged by data and measurement limitations.

The BSI was created in 1998 to prevent deaths and reduce injuries among illegal immigrants.

The GAO noted that not all those in charge of collecting data for BSI follow the same standards for being in regular contact with local authorities including medical

examiners or county coroners. Some "reported that the nature and methods for communicating with local authorities had changed from one year to the next," the study said.

The Tucson sector only began contacting medical officials in one county with a relatively high number of deaths in 2005 for related information and "the BSI data may represent an undercount of the total number of border-crossing deaths in that sector," according to the GAO.

Calls to the Border Patrol for comment on the study were not immediately returned Thursday.

"It doesn't take a GAO study for those of us on the ground to know that deaths have dramatically increased," said Isabel Garcia, a spokesman for the human rights group Derechos Humanos. "The most objectionable part is that ... the Border Patrol has never been interested in telling the truth about it."

The Rev. Robin Hoover, founder of Humane Borders, which sets out water for migrants at desert stations, said the Tucson sector "has the most deaths, and this is the sector that needs to set the gold standard for counting."

Hoover said the Border Patrol and the Pima County medical examiner's office use global positioning devices to mark the locations where bodies are found, "so we have the technology, and this sector needs to set the standard. And it's time."

The study sought to compare the Border Patrol's data on trends in "the numbers, locations, causes and characteristics of border-crossing deaths" with other data sources.

Those sources included the NCHS and the University of Houston's Center for Immigration Research on transient migrant deaths compiled from state vital registry data, used to estimate the number of border-crossing deaths from 1985 through 1998.

The study found that deaths dropped from the late 1980s through the early 1990s but approximately doubled from the late 1990s through 2005.

BSI data said the deaths rose from 241 in 1999 to 472 in 2005, with a tenfold jump in the Border Patrol's Tucson sector.

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Ford cuts 10,000 more salaried jobs, shuts 2 plants

BY TOM KRISHER

Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — Ford is cutting more than 10,000 additional salaried jobs, offering buyouts to all of its 75,000 U.S. hourly workers and shutting down two more plants in a plan to end financial losses and remake itself into a smaller, more competitive car company.

The announcement from Ford came as Chrysler's parent said it would cut U.S. production through the end of 2006 and follows big cutbacks at General Motors earlier this year. The cuts are all due to consumers shifting from trucks and sport utility vehicles to smaller, more fuel efficient cars and crossovers, many made by Asian automakers.

The blue-collar cuts at Ford are another blow to organized labor, which has been losing members as the domestic auto industry reshapes itself amid fierce competition from lower-cost, non-unin rivals.

Wall Street seemed unimpressed with Ford's accelerated restructuring plan. Ford Motor Co. shares tumbled more than 13 percent by midday, erasing more than \$2 billion of the stock's value.

The nation's second biggest automaker said Friday it would shutter a stamping plant in Maumee, Ohio, in 2008 and its Essex engine plant in Windsor, Ontario, in 2007.

It will also close an assembly plant in Norfolk, Va., in 2007, a year earlier than previously announced and will cut a shift in January. An assembly plant in St. Paul, Minn., which is scheduled to close in 2008, also will have a shift reduction in 2007.

The new cuts bring the total number of plant closures to 16, adding to the 14 plants announced previously. The company has identified nine of the plants to be closed through 2008, but Ford officials would not talk about which facilities would be shut down after that.

Ford said it would complete its cuts of about 30,000 hourly jobs by the end of the 2008, four years ahead of its previous target. The company said it already had cut 4,000 salaried positions in the first quarter of this year.

The new cuts would reduce Ford's total North American work force by 29 percent, from the current level of about 130,000 to about 92,000 by the end of 2008. The salaried job cuts represent about a third of that work force.

Ford's method of slashing its work force is similar to cuts made earlier this year by larger rival General Motors Corp. At GM, 34,410 hourly workers have accepted buyouts or early retirement offers this year. The company has cut its white-collar work force by 2,000 in 2006.

Ford, GM and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler unit are struggling with the need to reduce their so-called "legacy costs" of big pay and benefits packages for workers and retirees to compete more effectively with foreign automakers.

DaimlerChrysler said Friday its Chrysler division will make additional production cuts in the third and fourth quarters to reduce dealer inventories.

By 2008, Ford's North American factory capacity will be reduced by 26 percent compared to 2005 levels, the company said in the release.

It said the plan would cut about \$5 billion in operating costs, mainly by offering early retirement and buyout packages to all hourly workers and to white-collar employees. Ford plans to expand buyout and early retirement offers worth up to \$140,000 to the company's U.S. hourly work force of more than 75,000 as part of the plan.

"The simple fact is that the business model that served us in North America for decades no longer works," Mark Fields,

Ford's president of the Americas, said during a morning teleconference.

Also during the teleconference, Chairman Bill Ford said there were no plans for the Ford family to take the company private. The Ford family owns about 40 percent of the voting power at Ford.

Todd Wiech, a 46-year-old Ford worker in St. Paul, Minn., said he's wrestling with his options, which include taking the buyout, going back to school or trying to transfer to another Ford plant.

He said it wouldn't be easy to walk away from 18 years with the company.

"Myself — people that were hired in 1988 — it hits us pretty hard because we've got a lot of time invested with Ford and we're getting a little older to go out looking," said Wiech, whose daughter is in high school.

Ford Motor said that by the end of 2008 it would close or sell all facilities that it took back as part of a bailout of Visteon Corp., a supplier that was spun off from the automaker.

Ford said it expects to achieve full-year profitability in its North American automotive operations no earlier than 2009. The company had previously pledged to make money in North America in 2008, but said it could not accomplish that while continuing to invest in new products.

It also plans to suspend the quarterly dividend on its common and Class B stock in the fourth quarter of this year.

One Wall Street analyst said the revised turnaround plan did not go far enough.

Ron Tadross, analyst for Bank of America, said the plan "omits any bold steps to fix the business."

"We had hoped Ford would close additional assembly plants and make remaining ones highly more flexible, announce the exit-sale of several brands" and take other measures, he said.

Ford shares fell \$1.17, or 13 percent, to \$7.92 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Its shares have traded in a 52-week range of \$6.06 to \$10.09.

Ford lost \$1.4 billion during the first half of this year and is under pressure from Wall Street to make further cuts and roll out new cars and trucks more quickly.

In July, the company said it would accelerate its "Way Forward" restructuring plan, which when introduced in January called for the up to 30,000 job cuts as well as closing 14 facilities by 2012.

The company indicated that it is ready to accept a smaller slice of the market, focusing on profitable sales instead of sheer volume. It said that, with investments in new products and quality improvements, it expects market share of about 14 to 15 percent going forward.

This year, the company is forecasting Ford, Lincoln and Mercury market share in the low-16 percent range. Ford's market share once had about 26 percent of the market in the early 1990s.

Ford also announced that a new full-size crossover based on the Fairlane wagon concept shown at the Detroit auto show in January 2005 would go on sale in 2008. A crossover is a vehicle with the roominess of an SUV, but built on a car platform. Ford said the Fairlane will be "a seven-passenger vehicle for modern families" and will be produced in Oakville, Ontario.

"The most important thing we do is to size our company and our capacity to the current demand and, on top of that, to continue to invest in the products and services — the cars and trucks — that the customers really, really want," Chief Executive Alan Mulally said. Mulally, who was named to the post last week, led a turnaround at the commercial jetmak-

ing division of Boeing Co.

On Thursday, Ford said that Anne Stevens, an architect of the restructuring effort and one of the auto industry's highest ranking women, was retiring. Stevens, 57, had been at the center of Ford's turnaround efforts since October 2005.

The company also said it would roll out new or significantly upgraded cars and trucks in 70 percent of its Ford, Lincoln and Mercury brands, expanding in growing areas such as car-based crossovers. At the same time, Ford said it will try to maintain its lead in the truck segment by introducing a completely reworked F-150 that will go on sale in 2008.

Ford has acknowledged a need for drastic changes in its product lineup. Like other U.S. automakers, its bottom line is heavily dependent on high-margin trucks and large SUVs, but recently consumer preferences have shifted toward more fuel-efficient vehicles. Ford says the speed of that shift caught it by surprise.

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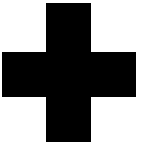
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Conservation coalition opposes wilderness-land swap bills

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Legislation that would create almost 550,000 acres of wilderness in the Nevada desert is facing opposition from environmentalists who say the bill trades away other public land for private development "like currency."

A coalition of 80 conservation groups objects to a measure in the bill that would open up 45,000 acres in rural White Pine County to development in exchange for the wilderness protection.

The bill, drafted by Nevada Sens. John Ensign and Harry Reid, is one of four pieces of legislation opposed by the groups. The others involve similar land-use exchanges in Idaho and Utah.

"All of them have this quid pro quo strategy of giving away public land in one place for protection in another

place," said Janine Blaeloch, director of the Western Lands Project. "If wilderness is going to be protected, it should not happen at the cost of losing the rest of our public lands."

But other conservation groups disagree.

"These bills are not perfect," said Jeremy Garncarz of The Wilderness Society. "No one is saying they are. But there are some good things here."

Together, the Nevada and Idaho bills would designate 1.4 million acres as wilderness.

"That is substantial," he said. "We're still working with the delegations and other stakeholders to make these bills better."

The Wilderness Society, a national group that is a member of the Nevada Wilderness Coalition, is supporting three of the four bills, including the Reid-Ensign bill. The one exception is a bill affecting Washington County, Utah, near St. George.

That bill would sell at least 24,300 acres of federal land, while designating 93,000 acres as wilderness. The Washington County bill was co-sponsored by Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, and Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah.

The coalition of opponents includes the Seattle-based Western Lands Project; Olympia, Wash.-based Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility; Haily, Idaho-based Western Watersheds Project; Salt Lake City's Glen Canyon Institute; and other groups from across the country, but concentrated in the Pacific Northwest and Great Basin states.

The group wants the proposed land exchange to go through a regular administrative process established by law for the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and other federal land managers.

Reid spokesman Jon Summers said the senator's bill is an attempt to balance growth with conservation.

"With the land sales involved in the legislation, the only lands that are allowed to be sold are those that the Bureau of Land Management has already identified as being suitable for sale," Summers said.

Blaeloch said she hoped the environmental community would unite in opposition to the bills.

"If you have conservation groups going along with the idea that it's OK to spend public land like currency, then ultimately public lands are doomed," she said.

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Crikey there, mate! Thousands of fans to be at hunter adieu

Some 3,000 grieving fans, hundreds of whom camped on the street overnight, were rewarded with tickets to next week's public memorial service for "Crocodile Hunter" **STEVE IRWIN**. The free tickets were distributed Friday at three locations across Irwin's home state of Queensland, and were snapped up within about 15 minutes.

Melissa Power, a 34-year-old beautician, was at the front of the line in the state capital, Brisbane, and had tears in her eyes when she finally got her ticket. "It's unbelievable," she said. "I haven't slept and am so overemotional — I'm looking so forward to it." Thousands lined up for tickets outside Irwin's Australia Zoo. Some burst into tears after the

tickets ran out. The public service for Irwin will be held Wednesday at the "Crocoseum" amphitheater on the grounds of the Australia Zoo, and will be a "celebration of his life, not a sad funeral," his father, Bob, told reporters last week. Irwin was killed Sept. 4 when he was pierced in the chest by a stingray's barb while filming a

new TV show off Australia's Great Barrier Reef. His death prompted an outpouring of grief around the world and in Queensland, where tens of thousands of fans turned out to place flowers, candles and messages of support outside Australia Zoo. Although larger venues for the public event had been sug-

gested, Irwin's American-born wife, Terri, said her husband would have wanted the service held at the Crocoseum. Terri Irwin and the couple's 8-year-old daughter, Bindi, are to speak at the service, along with Bob Irwin and his close friend and manager, John Stainton, the family said.

AP

Boys will be boys: Elton, Michael make up

ELTON JOHN appears to have ended his public feud with George Michael, saying, "George and I are fine." Two years ago, John said the former Wham! star was miserable and needed to get out more. Michael responded with a furious open letter saying John was no friend of his. In an interview Friday on ITV, John said with a laugh, "George and I are fine. He came and stayed down (at) my house last

year." "It's up to him what he does with his life, and I don't really want to get into that anymore," the 59-year-old rock legend said. John provoked the pair's fallout when he said of Michael: "He's quite happy just being at home all the time, and I think that's a waste of talent. There seems to be a deep-rooted unhappiness in his life and it shows on his latest album."

The rocker hit back by saying: "Elton John knows nothing about George Michael. We have spoken rarely in the last 10 years, and what would probably surprise most people is that we have never discussed my private life. Ever." Earlier this year, Michael, 43, said the comment by John had made him "really vulnerable to the press." Michael first gained fame as one-half of '80s duo Wham! His

1987 solo album, "Faith," sold more than 10 million copies. He is scheduled to begin a European tour in Barcelona, Spain, on Sept. 23, according to his Web site. He hasn't toured since 1991. In 1998, Michael was arrested for lewd conduct in a public toilet in Los Angeles after being spotted by an undercover police officer. Soon after, he said publicly for the first time that he's gay.

AP

Beatles jam spot gets historic status

A suburban basement where **THE BEATLES** played some of their earliest gigs has been given protected heritage status by the British government. The Casbah Coffee Club, created in the home of original Beatles drummer Pete Best, was given Grade II Listed status Friday on the recommendation of conservation body English Heritage. The designation means the venue, which still contains original artwork and musical equipment, is of "spe-

cial architectural or historic interest" and cannot be demolished. Best's mother, Mona, created the club in the basement and coal cellar of her Victorian house on the edge of Liverpool after reading about the "beat" clubs popular with teenagers in London. John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison — then billed as The Quarrymen — played at the club's opening in April 1959 as a last-minute

replacement for scheduled headliners, the Les Stewart Quartet. Best later joined the band, renamed The Silver Beatles and then The Beatles. The band played the Casbah many times until the club closed in 1962. The same year, Best was replaced as drummer by Ringo Starr and The Beatles released their first single, "Love Me Do." The building, still owned by the Best family, features murals and paintings by members of

the band and by Lennon's first wife, Cynthia. Bob Hawkins of English Heritage said the club was "in a remarkably well-preserved condition ... with wall and ceiling paintings of spiders, dragons, rainbows and stars by original band members along with 1960s musical equipment, amplifiers and original chairs." "We know of no other survival like it in Liverpool or indeed anywhere else," he said.

AP

Classic songs make debut on city cabs

It's no yellow submarine, but the band is beginning to play in this yellow cab — **MOZART**. In a stunt to promote a new disc by Welsh bass-baritone Bryn Terfel, Universal Classics and Jazz has hired a black taxi, painted it yellow and embla-

zoned the doors with the cover art for "Tutto Mozarti." During September and October, riders using the cab have the option of listening to the album, said Universal publicist Louise Ringrose. The collection, which was

released Monday, includes arias from "The Magic Flute," "Don Giovanni" and "The Marriage of Figaro," and the trio "Soave sia il vento" from "Cosi Fan Tutte," with soprano Miah Persson and mezzo-soprano Christine Rice. Terfel was confident that the

cab driver wouldn't object. "It's good to challenge stereotypes of cabbies," the singer said. "They need something to get away from the heavy traffic, so a high percentage listen to classical music."

AP

INTERNATIONAL

Authorities foil two suicide attempts on oil targets

BY DONNA ABU-NASR
Associated Press Writer

SAN'A, Yemen — Suicide bombers tried to strike two oil facilities in Yemen with explosives-packed cars, but authorities foiled the attacks and four bombers and a security guard were killed, the government said Friday. The attempts came ahead of this week's presidential elections, in which President Ali Abdullah Saleh faces a serious challenge for the first time since he became head of state in 1978.

They also came days after al-Qaida's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, issued a videotaped threat of attacks on the Persian Gulf and on facilities he blamed for stealing Muslim oil. Friday's attacks happened 35 minutes apart, targeting a Yemeni oil refinery in the northeast province of Mareb and a Canadian-Yemeni oil storage facility at the Dubba Port in Haramut province — scene of a 2002 attack on the French tanker Limburg, an Interior Ministry statement said. The statement said an investigation was under way to determine the

identity of the "terrorist elements" behind the attacks. Fourteen of 23 al-Qaida prisoners who escaped from jail in February remain still at large. The escape raised questions about Yemen's reliability in the fight against terrorism. The Interior Ministry said the attacks would not stop Yemen from "continuing its persistent efforts to fight terrorism and the terrorist elements of darkness that are trying to undermine the security and stability of the country and its interests." Yemen is the ancestral homeland

of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and was the scene of the 2000 bombing of the destroyer USS Cole that killed 17 American sailors. In the first attack, two suicide bombers drove "at great speed" toward the Dubba Port at 5:15 a.m. in an attempt to blow up storage tanks containing a "huge amount" of oil, the ministry said. The driver of the first car was wearing a uniform similar to those worn by staff at the facility, and the second driver was dressed in a military uniform, the statement said.

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Everyone's Hero (G)

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Gridiron Gang (PG-13)

11:30am, 1:00, 2:30, 4:05, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:10, 11:30

Invincible (PG)

11:20am, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

The Last Kiss (R)

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How to Eat Fried Worms (PG)

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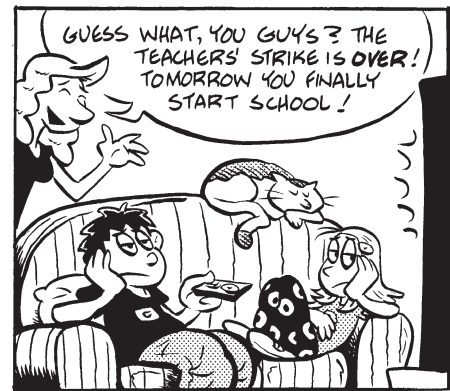
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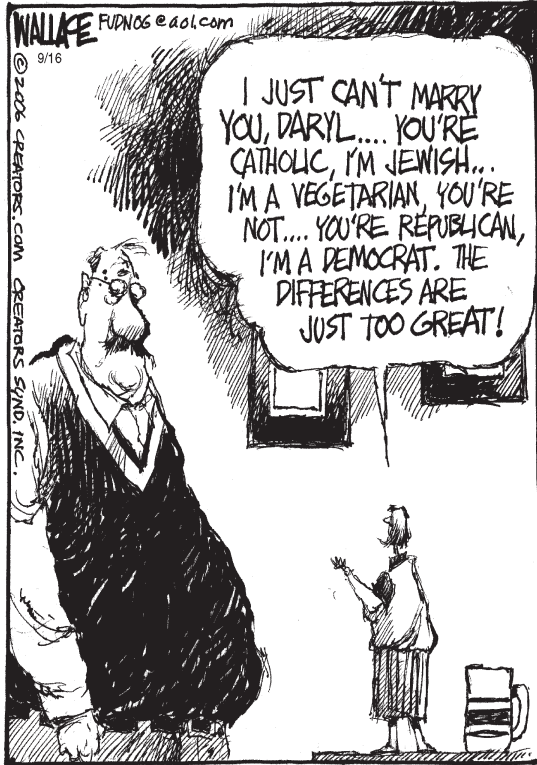
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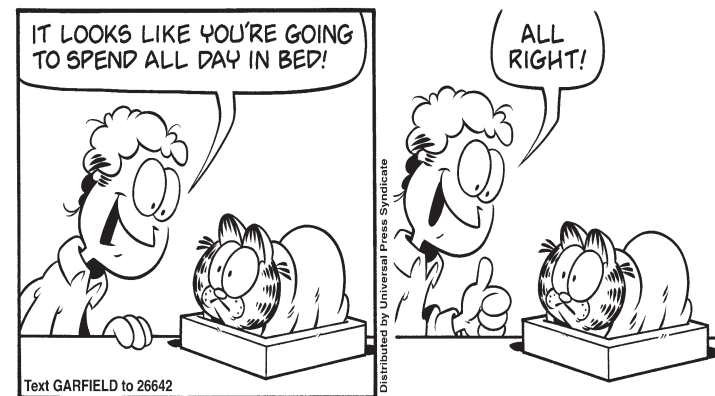
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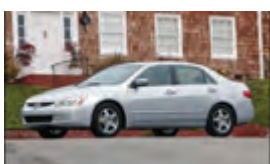


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