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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Citing the high quality of the workforce in Ontario, Toyota decided recently to build a second plant in the province (this time in Woodstock) even though Ontario was offering only about half the subsidy offered by Mississippi and Alabama to build the plant in one of those states. According to a July Canadian Press story, a trade association executive said the industry had learned from Nissan and Honda, which had found the workforce in the U.S. South to be often untrained and illiterate, and that, in Alabama, trainers had to use pictorials to teach some workers how to use the equipment.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 260th day of 2005.
There are 105 days left in the year.

On Sept. 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the constitutional convention in Philadelphia.

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A running back makes it past the defensive player as coach Matt Fraggi watches from the side line at Reed Park on Thursday. Fraggi, athletic director at Saint Monica's, supervised the sixth graders' game.

City Hall reports on efforts to assist Katrina victims

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Elected officials recently made public citywide efforts to assist Hurricane Katrina victims, earning community members praise for their outpouring of relief.

The Santa City Council this week heard an official report from emergency service personnel regarding the situation in the South, and what local government and non-profit steps have been taken in recovery effort.

The discussion, brought forth by City Councilmen Bob

Holbrook and Richard Bloom, included brief presentations by John Pacheco representing the Santa Monica chapter of the Red Cross, as well as Paul Weinberg, city emergency services coordinator, and Santa Monica Fire Chief Jim Hone.

"The chaos that occurred as a result of this disaster is unimaginable," Bloom said. "It's important we learn lessons on what we can do to improve our own systems."

Chief Hone said 90,000 square miles were devastated by Katrina, in which 40,000 people were

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'LASupportsLA' raises \$100,000 for hurricane victims

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

BARKER HANGAR — Raising their glasses to recovery, more than 1,400 people gathered here last weekend to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars to victims of Hurricane Katrina with a food-wine tasting and a silent auction.

LearnAboutWine hosted an encore to its "TASTE" summer events in the name of hurricane relief on Friday, Sept. 9. Dubbed "LA to LA — Los Angeles Supports Louisiana," the fund-



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ian Blackburn and Tim Smith organized a food-and-wine fundraiser that attracted hundreds of people within a week after Hurricane Katrina pummeled New Orleans.

raiser attracted more than 1,000 professionals from Los Angeles for a night of live entertainment and a chance to try hundreds of fine foods and wines from local

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★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might feel worn down by recent controversy and want to get away from it all. You can, but eventually you will have to clear the air. Do what feels right for you right now. Plans should be made on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Talk with that special person. Nothing is as difficult as you thought.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might not be sure who should say what to whom. Don't make this a big deal; just go with the flow. You might be best off singling out a special pal whom you always have a good time with. You'll relax and entertain each other. Tonight: Have a good time.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Responsibilities from your outside life continue to drop on you, aggravating someone close to you, your family and even you. Know when to put a halt to the pressure and go off to enjoy yourself. Tonight: Let go of problems.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Others keep putting their two cents in. Getting a plan together for today might be impossible. Just hang in the space and observe. Someone at a distance deserves some attention. Make the call, and both of you will be happy. Tonight: Think "movies," or some other mental escape.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Hold on to your checkbook and refuse to be pressured into any expenditure. You might not like what you get later. Do choose some activity that you, as well as a loved one, enjoy. Not everything has to cost. Tonight: Play it easy.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Give way on this Full Moon. Others insist on having their way. You might try to have a logical conversation, but it won't work. Just enjoy all the action. Play Ralph Nader with a new purchase for your home. Tonight: Out with friends.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Knowing when not to get involved could be instrumental to your well-being today. You also might discover that many people are looking for you to help with this project or something else. Do for yourself right now. Tonight: Plans change, but you'll like what happens.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ This Full Moon poses the questions of who, where and when. You might want to do something, but a child or loved one doesn't. Know what is important and what your priorities are. The choice will be easy. Tonight: You don't need to tell everything.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You could be pulled in so many directions that you feel like a rubber band. The problem is that you might snap. You can only take so many demands from different factors of your life. Vanish with a pal. Tonight: Hard to find.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Plans swing and switch. If you are rigid by nature, you might be a bit uncomfortable. Take the high road and just go along with others. Confirm a get-together or meeting before walking out the door. Tonight: A favorite place swings.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Hold on to your wallet. Use self-discipline with spending. You could have a problem where you least expect it. Join a friend and explore a flea market or an art show. You don't need to buy anything. Tonight: Enjoy a friend to the utmost.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ The Full Moon in your sign highlights you, but don't think you won't get your share of flak. Try not to be bossy, and explain where you are coming from. A key partner does understand and joins right in. Tonight: Reveal the romantic in yourself.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Saint John's to the rescue in Mississippi

By Daily Press staff

Medical staff from a local hospital has dispatched its most qualified to assist in relief efforts in regions battered by Hurricane Katrina.

Saint John's Health Center and its parent company, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Systems, have been working with the Mississippi Nursing Board and the Department of Health and Human Services to respond to the need for nurses and other staff, in the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

An initial rapid response team of four nurses from Saint John's Health Center traveled this week to Poplarville, Miss., to help with the dire nursing shortage at Pearl River County Hospital. The hospital is 40 miles from the Gulf Coast, and has taken many patients in from other hospitals in the region that were out of commission.

The team consists of Fiorella Peterson, R.N., a Westchester resident; Paula McCloy, R.N., an El Segundo resident; Ann DeBello, R.N.; and Margaret Ecker, both Los Angeles residents. Peterson works in the ambulatory medicine unit; McCloy is Saint John's risk manager with significant experience working in clinical care and medical-surgical units; DeBello is a critical care nurse and Ecker is the director of nursing education and a pediatric nurse.

The team will serve for one week and then be replaced by a similar team from Saint Vincent Healthcare, another affiliate hospital based in Billings, Mont. That team will be replaced by a team from another affiliate yet to be determined. The rapid response teams will fulfill a one-week commitment to answer the most immediate needs.

In conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services, plans are being made to build several larger teams of approximately 25 people to answer longer-term needs. The teams would ideally volunteer for two-week assignments with plans for them to rotate. Teams would be comprised of staff across the system from a variety of disciplines, including nursing, physicians, respiratory therapists, and mental health professionals.

Saint John's and Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Systems also are collecting donations and matching employee contributions up to \$100,000. SCLHS has identified Catholic Charities USA and American Red Cross as the main recipients of donations and will direct all money collected to those organizations, to be shared equally. Each affiliate foundation of SCLHS, including Saint John's, has established a Hurricane Katrina disaster relief fund to directly receive employee contributions to the fund. Employees can also donate their paid time off.

"While the initial need was for acute patient care and rescue efforts, the need now is for continued financial support and caregivers, to help those with chronic illnesses and to replace staff who need relief," said Mary Ellen Blakley, vice president of patient care services at Saint John's Health Center. "Hospitals and nursing homes have been destroyed, and outlying areas are overwhelmed with evacuees. Therefore, it is anticipated that this will be a long-term effort for Saint John's and SCLHS. Others who responded immediately will need relief and to be replaced by new caregivers. Because we have been thorough in our planning, we have a process in place to provide a sustained level of volunteers."

A salute to the Santa Monica Salvation Army

By Daily Press staff

The Salvation Army today will salute itself and those who have benefited from its services with an old-fashioned picnic at a Santa Monica park.

The Salvation Army Westside Celebration of Services is hosting its annual picnic designed for clients, employees, family, friends and donors to come together in a time of fellowship, food and live entertainment. It is sponsored by The Salvation Army Santa Monica Adult Rehabilitation Center, The Salvation Army Santa Monica Corps. Community Center, The Salvation Army Haven and The Salvation Army Westwood Transitional Village.

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SURF REPORT

Every 5 to 10 minutes, a monster set comes through that's approaching double overhead in size at the spots that pick up South and West swells. The South swell component is especially powerful and has a long wave period. There are plenty of lulls to paddle out, though beginners should not use that opportunity, as the surf is only for those who are experienced. Lots of close outs, but overall wave shape's not so bad considering the size. Sunset session will see big incoming tide and could be epic at the right spot.

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MONDAY	4:25	0.2	4:56	0.2	10:37	6.1	11:04	5.3
TUESDAY	4:56	0.9	5:46	0.2	11:10	6.2	11:57	4.6
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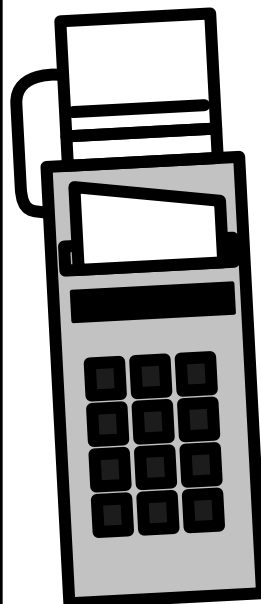
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OPINION

The QLine

WHAT A BEACH: PRESERVE PERRY'S

This past week, Q-line asked:
"What businesses would you like to see in the space currently occupied by Perry's stands? Should things stay as they are, or would you like to see a change?"

Here are your responses:

☉ "I just can't figure out what is wrong with this City Council in Santa Monica. I've always said get rid of every one of them. They took away the Boathouse. Now they want to take away Perry's, which is a very good eatery and put something in there, whatever it is, I don't know. As far as I'm concerned, they shouldn't put anything in there. I hear that McDonald's may be coming in. Well, McDonald's has been in there before, and they did a very poor job. And as far as the City Council, they are doing a very very poor job. I don't think they should be taking away all these eateries from people and then give them nothing."

☉ "I say leave things as they are in that area. Perry's cafe, rentals, and concession stands have served us well these 25 years, and are a pleasant mix already for that area. Let City Hall leave their grubby, greedy hands off the area. As usual, they are planning to fix what doesn't need fixing, instead of looking to fix what is glaring at them all over this city of so many awful problems."

☉ "Here we go again. More bureaucracy from City Hall. Now they are trying to oust another business that's been around 25 years. What plans do they have for Perry's? Are they going to open some Hometown Buffets so they go down there during council meetings and stuff themselves into oblivion? That's all they ever do, and I think it's about time that the citizens of Santa Monica ask for a recall. If we do get a recall, they should all be forced to go to Jenny Craig."

☉ "Perry's beach-front cafe's are blue-painted, poorly-constructed eyesores that sell poorly-prepared junk food, and lend nothing to the aesthetics of the beach-front area and should have been demolished years ago. If food and drink must be sold along the oceanfront then I suggest a supervised aesthetically well-built indoor vending machine outlet. Tables may be arranged out front of these locations for those who wish to sunbathe while eating."

☉ "Things should definitely stay as they are. Twenty-five years of consistently good service by these businesses needs to be recognized and commended. What we need the city administration to do something about is all the low-life that congregates at the beach, the parks and all around the city."

☉ "Well, I think Perry's beach cafe is just fine. But I don't want no McDonald's going in there. But if there has to be a change, let it be (an establishment that serves) vegan and good food, natural whole foods. Something healthful."

☉ "Santa Monica should take Perry's off the beach since it is an individually-owned business and since Santa Monica only likes big chains. It's better to get rid of the small

businesses. Auction off the sites to big chains that will pay the most money. That way the city will have more money to waste on the (homeless)."

☉ "I would prefer seeing restaurants that are more high-end. Most of the eateries on the beach are very low-end, and kind of crummy. They are outdoors with no shading. It would be real nice if Santa Monica had a lot of high-end eateries that were nice, shaded, maybe two-three levels, with quality food and drinks, etc."

☉ "The Boathouse, Macerich, the endless development going on all over the city. The gentrification of this city is in full-swing. Way to go Santa Monica City Council."

☉ "Here is another example of City Hall speaking out of both sides of its mouth, or maybe another part of its anatomy. They want mom-and-pop businesses to succeed in this town, to give it a small-town flavor, which they have helped destroy. You only have to look at the pier where they got rid of the Boathouse for a chain to come in there. Now they want McDonald's to take over Perry's Beach Cafe. I happen to think they do a very good job with their food, their rentals, the bicycles, the skates. The only complaint I would have is that they play their music too loud. But here is another example of getting big business in here so that City Hall can gouge more tax dollars that they can squander on their stupid ideas and politically-correct agenda."

☉ "Well, here we go again, pushing the mom-and-pop companies out of Santa Monica. When will it end? Well, it will probably end when they're all gone, when we have all the major corporations in here. It's not the good-old Santa Monica I'd love to see, the way it used to be. It is pretty sad."

☉ "Let's keep Perry's where it stands. It's been a good focal point for Santa Monica. I've been here for over 25 years and I have enjoyed seeing it, I've enjoyed eating there. It's great fun, and if it ain't broke, don't fix it. The city of Santa Monica is getting greedier and greedier. Leave it. It's a good thing."

☉ "Number one: We want Perry's to be renewed. He could spruce things up a bit, but we definitely want Perry's. Number two: We want our City Council to set economic development policies directed toward maintaining the small, local, beach-town community that we all love. That is, we don't want high-end, tourist-serving vendors at the beach, and that includes 415 PCH. As we understand it, the city wants to turn it into a high-end resort ..."

☉ "I think Perry should remain Perry's. We don't need another McDonald's. You know, let's have some diversity in this city and not just go with the big corporations."

Technology: You can be your own big brother



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

Privacy advocates object to the fact that security cameras photograph us many, many times every day. They aren't comfortable with Big Brother constantly watching and taking our pictures. Well, now technology has come up with a way for you to be your own Big Brother. As with many "advances" in science, my reaction is: Just because we can do it, doesn't mean we should.

New video cameras and technology make the "nanny camera" seem as antiquated as the horse and buggy — or that computer you bought two years ago. These devices allow you to monitor what's going on in your home when you're not at home. You can see your bedroom, the living room, or your kid's room on your computer at work. Or if you're on vacation, you can see what the house sitter is up to from the laptop in your hotel room.

Prices range from about \$100 to \$1,300, depending on picture quality and options. Linksys, Panasonic, and D-Link are among the companies that make these things.

Workers already spend huge portions of their day at the office, goofing around on their computers. They check their stocks, watch porn, send e-mails to friends, play fantasy sports and read columns like this one. If this home surveillance thing catches on, can you imagine how much more time will be wasted at work, with people watching their empty houses?

Some of the more sophisticated set-ups allow you to zoom and pan so you can follow people as they walk around the house. Others have motion detectors that alert you when someone has walked into the house or into a room. Do you really want to get an alert every time someone in your house walks into the bathroom?

One of the most unfortunate aspects of this technology is that you're not limited to watching your house from your computer. You can watch it from any device that gets the Internet. You guessed it. That means that ubiquitous cell phone users will now be able to see what's going on in their homes by looking at the little screen

on their cell phones. It's bad enough that we all have to suffer through hearing those annoying rings, people talking into their cell phones as if we don't exist, and watching them take pictures of each other with their phones. Now we're going to be sitting next to them in a restaurant, as they watch their kid do their homework. And of course this technology represents a giant step forward in the possibilities of phone sex.

Obviously, you also can see if an intruder has come into your house, and then call the police. I'm afraid that people will become so bored watching their empty houses, that they'll start hoping that an intruder will come in. They'll want to see some "action."

Of course, the makers of these devices would say that you don't have to monitor your house constantly. You can just check in on it every once in a while. Who are they kidding? If you buy one of these things, how are you going to resist the temptation to over-use it? Think of how often you check your e-mail or your phone messages when you're away from home.

Some people feel that this device will give them peace of mind when they're on vacation. I don't know about that. When I'm on vacation, the last thing I want to think about is what's going on in my house. Call it denial, but I don't particularly want to know how late my kids are sleeping when I'm on vacation. Or if it's a family trip, I'm not really interested in how often the dog sitter takes Rascal for a walk. I can imagine people going to Paris, then coming home and having their friends ask them about their trip. "Did you see the Eiffel Tower? Did you see the new exhibit at the Louvre? Did you see the Seine at sunset?" "No, but we saw our empty living room, we noticed some dust in our den, and we watched our plants being watered." Doesn't sound like a fun trip to me.

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OPINION



Where will all of the Katrina cash go?

GUEST COMMENTARY

BY JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

Americans are generous to a fault, especially during times of crisis. The overwhelming response to Hurricane Katrina has been no exception. Quick to open their pocketbooks and contribute to the disaster relief efforts, Americans have already pledged at least \$587 million — twice as much as was donated in the first 10 days after the 9/11 attacks. Not included in the tally are the efforts of those who have volunteered to help hurricane survivors in other ways, whether by housing them, employing them or otherwise caring for them.

However, what is sorely lacking is accountability for how this money, whether government funds or private donations, is going to be spent. More to the point, Americans have been given little assurance that the money for disaster relief is actually going to get to the people who need it most — the thousands of individuals, many of them poverty-stricken African Americans, who have been left homeless and destitute by the storm.

For example, although Congress recently approved President Bush's request for a whopping \$51.8 billion — with much more to come — to aid the victims of Katrina, the bulk of which will be given to FEMA, one has to wonder if survivors will ever reap the benefits of that financial aid.

Such concerns prompted Representative Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) to vote against the bill, along with 10 other members of the House. As Flake explained, his "no" vote was "an issue of oversight, not priority" given the fact that there is no clear plan of action for how the funds will be used.

Appearing with Arizona Senator John McCain at a news conference sponsored by Citizens against Government Waste, a watchdog group that reports on government spending, Flake called on Congress to cut spending elsewhere in order to commit to the large relief grant: "What we've seen in the past is an irresistible temptation on the part of some members of Congress to use emergency supplements as a vehicle to lard on pork barrel projects which are in no way related."

With the entire nation being called on to sacrifice, Congress should certainly make some sacrifices of their own. They can start by cutting the "pork," a term used to describe the process by which lawmakers pad a bill with money for their own pet projects in order to bypass congressional review. As a recent New York Times editorial stated, "Hurricane Katrina cries out to Congress for something other than business as usual. Imagine what would happen if each member of Congress announced that he or she would give up a prize slab of bacon so the government would be able to use the money to shelter hurricane victims and rebuild New Orleans. The public would — for once — have proof that politicians are capable of setting priorities and showing respect for the concept of a budget."

Setting priorities is obviously a difficult task for government bureaucrats. As James Ridgeway, writing for the Village

Voice, pointed out, "The very first thing George W. Bush did in response to Hurricane Katrina was to offer a helping hand — not to the people stranded on rooftops in New Orleans, but to his friends in the oil industry." Other Bush White House friends like Halliburton and Bechtel are also benefiting from the recent disaster, having been immediately awarded lucrative government contracts for housing and reconstruction.

There may not be much that can be done at this stage about the federal government's failure to respond immediately to the crisis in New Orleans and other parts of the South. But Congress can ensure that there is greater accountability and better fiscal stewardship in the future. They must also ensure that there will be oversight for all funds contributed to the Katrina relief efforts.

While tragedies such as Katrina tend to bring out a spirit of generosity and selflessness in many people, sadly, such crises also attract those who are eager to turn a quick buck. Already, the FBI has warned of fraudulent Web sites popping up on the Internet purporting to help hurricane survivors. According to FBI assistant director Louis Reigel, new Web sites are appearing "faster than we can pound them down." He recommends that people wishing to contribute to the relief effort contact well-known organizations. However, even well-known organizations have been known to be less than scrupulous in how they dole out the funds to those in need.

Consider what has happened in the past when large amounts of money have been earmarked for disaster relief efforts:

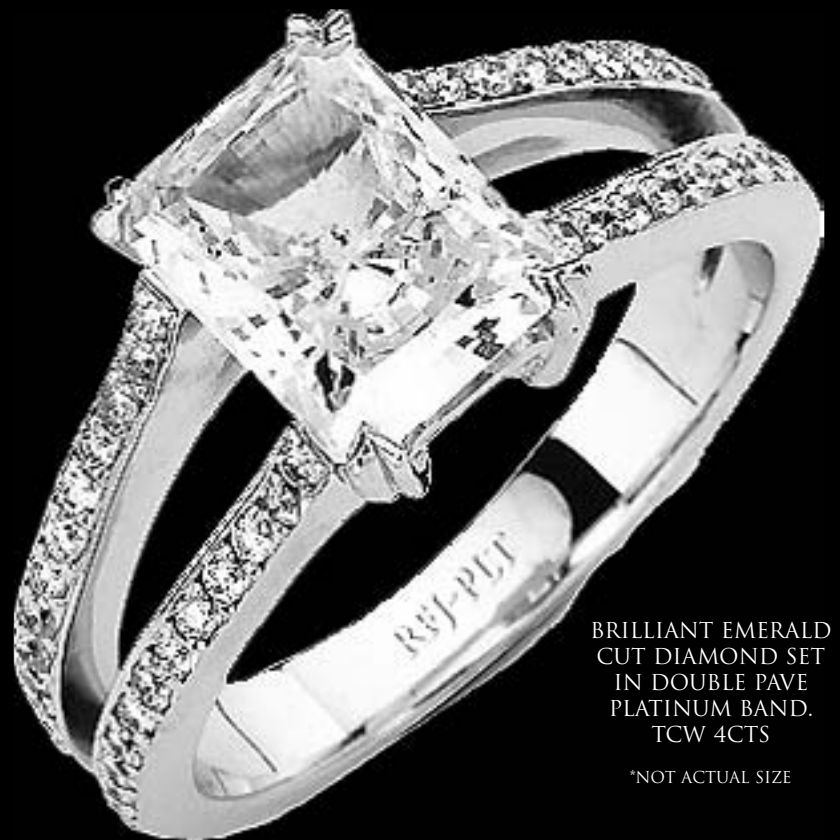
■ In 1994 during the Rwanda crisis, Christian televangelist Pat Robertson appeared on his 700 Club television program and requested donations for his group, "Operation Blessing," in order to help Rwandans who were suffering. It was later reported that Robertson had used the planes purchased by Operation Blessing to transport mining equipment for his own African diamond mining operation. He had used the suffering of those in Africa for his own financial gain. Despite Operation Blessing's less than stellar record, FEMA listed them among its top three charities for Hurricane Katrina donations.

■ Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Red Cross was accused of fraudulent fundraising practices when it was reported that millions of dollars collected for their Liberty Fund were not going to directly help the victims of the World Trade Center. Instead, the funds were being diverted to community outreach programs, a blood reserve program and telecommunication upgrades. The Red Cross, also included among FEMA's top three groups for Katrina donations, has received the bulk of the donations thus far, totaling roughly \$485 million.

The devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina has been tragic enough. If we fail to demand accountability and oversight from our government and private charities ensure that the donated money reaches those in need, we will have only ourselves to blame.

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California officials hope to avoid blame game

BY TIM MOLLOY
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Well aware of California's constant threat of earthquakes, wildfires and other calamities, state and local officials are vowing not to become mired in the bureaucratic finger-pointing that bedeviled the response to Hurricane Katrina.

State officials say local governments would be in charge, at least initially. Big city mayors agree but say anticipating their needs during a disaster would be as impossible as predicting the size of the state's next big quake.

On paper, California has an organized response plan, according to Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown. "In reality," he

added, "I have my doubts."

Brown, a former governor, wouldn't commit to saying California could avoid a Louisiana-like argument over where the buck stops.

"I'd say we need a lot more scrutiny," he said.

The disaster-response system is well-established in California, said Eric Lamoureux, a spokesman for the state Office of Emergency Services. Local officials are the first responders, with backup from the state and eventual help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Other states rely much more heavily on their state government and the federal government to come in and manage the support," Lamoureux said. "In California, emergencies are managed on the local level."

Many local officials accept that, whether they want to or not.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom said cities may have no choice but to fend for themselves.

"I'm not waiting, in the event of an emergency, for Air Force One," he said at a recent news conference.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said his city and Washington, D.C., which he recently visited, were among those re-evaluating disaster plans because of the federal government's "dilatatory" response to Katrina.

He said local governments are "the first responders, without question" to emergencies, and Los Angeles is as well-prepared as any city. Still, state and federal aid would be essential in a major disaster, he said.

"There's no municipality ... that on its own could deal with a disaster the size of Katrina," Villaraigosa said.

How well a city handles a crisis may depend more on the general population than the government. San Francisco wants to share responsibility with its citizens and is using a Web site, www.72hours.org, among other resources, to tell residents how to plan for the worst.

"If you have an earthquake like there have been, seven or eight on the Richter scale, the scope of the disaster will be overwhelming and Katrina is a real-life illustration of what would happen," said Peter Ragone, a spokesman for Newsom. "That's why we've focused on the average citizen being prepared."

Chemical lab-on-wheels provides fast answers in emergencies

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — From the outside, it looks like any other government vehicle.

But inside this white panel truck, built on the chassis of a Ford F550, is the ammunition to rapidly diagnose and respond to a toxic chemical spill, terrorist attack or natural disaster, according to the California Department of Homeland Security.

The truck's bland exterior conceals a network of high-tech gizmos, tubes, computers and air filters that can examine just

about any kind of sample, according to California's Environmental Protection Agency.

The agency received a \$1 million federal grant to build the lab in the wake of the 2001 anthrax attacks and hoaxes. It was unveiled Thursday at CalEPA's Sacramento headquarters.

An employee dressed in an oversized green protective suit, rubber shoes and thick gloves carefully passed a brownish substance in a vial through a portal at the truck's rear to a sealed chamber, where another worker collected it.

The scenario mimicked its possible use

in the field, where workers could immediately test a site for potentially dangerous chemicals or other health hazards, said California Homeland Security Director Matt Bettenhausen. They wouldn't have to wait for samples to be sent and tested elsewhere, but a satellite on the truck's roof could relay information if necessary.

Bettenhausen said the mobile terror lab would have been helpful in the early hours of Hurricane Katrina, as emergency workers responded to areas where industrial complexes may have been flooded and no one was sure what was floating around.

"We would be able to have this at the scene immediately and have real-time information," Bettenhausen said.

Its main mission is to give authorities faster information in an emergency so they can make critical decisions about public safety, such as evacuations, temporary housing and treating potential victims, said Leonard Robinson, acting director of the Department of Toxic Substance Control.

The lab is just the third of its kind in the country — New York and South Carolina also have them — and the only one in the western United States.



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Rail line shut down

By The Associated Press

VICTORVILLE — Eight cars of a Los Angeles-bound freight train derailed, dumping freight containers along desert area tracks and shutting down the rail line for hours.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe cars derailed at about 2:30 a.m. Thursday near National Trails Highway, BNSF spokeswoman Lena Kent said. The train originated in Alliance, Texas.

“Nobody’s hurt, and we’re lucky they didn’t derail into the (Mojave) river or under a freeway,” railroad Deputy Chief Steven Sprague said.

The cause of the derailment wasn’t known, Kent said.

The track reopened at about 1 p.m. Thursday.

Bank robber guilty of murder

By The Associated Press

RANCHO CUCAMONGA — Jurors convicted a bank robber of shooting to death a Brinks armored car guard.

Joe Henry Abbott, 35, of West Covina fired three bullets into Samuel Saens, 25, inside an Ontario branch of the Bank of America on Oct. 30, 2000.

The Superior Court jury deliberated about five hours before convicting Abbott on Thursday of first-degree murder, robbery and burglary as well as special circumstances that make him eligible for the death penalty.

The same jury will now decide whether he will be put to death or spend the rest of his life in prison. The penalty phase begins Sept. 26.

“It’s such a relief to know he’s not getting away with this. Now I want him to get the death penalty,” Saenz’s mother Carmel Ruelas said.

Saenz, a Brink’s guard from Hesperia, was wheeling a bag of cash from the vault to his armored car when he was shot in the Euclid Avenue bank. Abbott fired two nonfatal bullets into Saens, then fired the fatal round as the guard lay sprawled on the bank floor.

Abbott fled with a bag containing \$225,000.

After the verdicts were announced, Saenz’s widow and mother hugged and thanked Deputy District Attorney Michael Dowd and Ontario police Detective Pat Sandford.

Abbott was the fifth and final defendant convicted in the robbery. Getaway driver Edward White was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Accomplices Lenard Wilkes, Frewoini Berhane and Brenda Maza reached a plea deal with prosecutors and they will be sentenced later.

Hurricane beats out tree removal

By The Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO — Hurricane Katrina disaster needs are cutting federal funding for dead tree removal in the San Bernardino National Forest.

Officials had been expecting another year of \$30 million in disaster funding to pay for tree removal on 11,000 acres during the federal fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

But no federal disaster funding has been earmarked for forest tree removal, meaning an 83 percent drop in spending just two years after wildfires ravaged the San Bernardino National Forest.

“I don’t want to say it’s doomsday, but it’s an extreme risk,” forest fuel officer Bob Sommer said. San Bernardino National Forest officials will now only have \$5 million to remove dead trees over some 2,000 acres.

Removal will now be concentrated along mountain escape routes, around emergency communications sites and areas that surround mountaintop communities, Sommer said.

Funeral home goes dark

By The Associated Press

MURRIETA — A judge has temporarily shut down Valley Funeral Home because of customer allegations of negligence, fraud and incompetence.

One customer said the funeral home’s previous owners John and LeeAnn Wyskiver didn’t get the ashes of a woman to the funeral on time.

Another complaint by a woman said her husband’s corpse was allowed to decompose when she switched mortuaries. The Wyskivers did not answer the door when the other mortuary’s employees showed up to pick up the body, the complaint said.

The state Department of Consumer Affairs’ Cemetery and Funeral Bureau investigated those complaints, and others, and a judge with the San Diego-based Office of Administrative Hearings temporarily shut down Valley Funeral Home on Wednesday.

“Permitting respondents John Wyskiver and Lee Ann Wyskiver ... to continue to engage in the practice of funeral directing will endanger the public health, safety and welfare,” the ruling said.

The bureau, which investigates complaints against funeral homes, crematories, state-licensed cemeteries and individual license-holders, filed an accusation with the Office of Administrative Hearings on June 9.

A hearing Oct. 3 will determine the future of the mortuary’s license.

Kevin Flanagan, a Department of Consumer Affairs spokesman, said Thursday that Cemetery and Funeral Bureau staff haven’t been able to reach the Wyskivers. They did not return telephone messages left at the mortuary.

The mortuary and the Wyskivers also have been defendants in at least nine lawsuits in Riverside County Superior Court.



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Governor signs ban on junk food at California schools

BY TOM CHORNEAU
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — The food served in California schools will be the healthiest in the nation under legislation signed Thursday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The new laws impose a campus ban on the sale of sodas, set a new nutritional standard for vending-machine snacks and require more fruits and vegetables in meal planning. The former bodybuilding champion and fitness expert said the new rules are all part of a new effort to fight childhood obesity.

“California is facing an obesity epidemic. Over the past decade, Californians have gained 360 million pounds,” Schwarzenegger said at a conference on childhood obesity. “And more and more, children are becoming part of the problem.”

Officials said that obesity threatens to surpass tobacco as the leading cause of preventable death in California. It causes more than \$20 billion in health-related costs each year.

Lawmakers made California the first state in the nation to ban the sale of soft drinks in middle and elementary schools two years ago. One of the bills signed by the governor Thursday, SB965 by Sen. Martha Escutia, will expand that ban to include high schools.

Beginning July 2007, students will be only allowed to buy water, milk and some fruit and sport drinks that have limited sweeteners.

The governor also signed another Escutia bill, SB12, that will require foods sold in school vending machines to meet

high nutritional standards and regulate the number of calories that can come from fat and sugar. It also takes effect July 2007.

SB 281, from Sen. Abel Maldonado, also provides \$18.2 million during this fiscal year to offer more fruits and vegetables in school meal programs.

The combination of bills signed by Schwarzenegger set a new standard nationally for healthy school foods, according to the Washington D.C.-based Center for Science in the Public Interest.

“The money from soda contracts comes out of children’s and parents’ pockets. Coke, Pepsi, and other junk-food marketers enjoy being in schools because they know it is one of the only places they can target kids without parental interference,” said Margo Wootan, the center’s nutritional policy director said in a statement.

“But in California, parents have clearly had enough, and leaders of both parties took notice,” she said.

Susan Neely, president of the American Beverage Association, called the ban on sodas “unnecessary” and said that students and parents would have been better served by a voluntary program.

“We believe this complex problem would be more effectively addressed by educating students on the importance of living a balanced lifestyle,” Neely said in a statement. “Not by imposing unnecessary restrictions mandated by SB965.”

The bill signing ceremony kicked off a first-of-its-kind summit on children obesity in California. Professional bike champion and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong joined the governor and first lady at the morning session.

Supreme Court considering medical marijuana status in the workplace

BY CHARLES E. BEGGS
Associated Press Writer

SALEM, Ore. — The Oregon Supreme Court says it will review an appellate court ruling that suggests employers make allowances for workers who use medical marijuana.

Robert Washburn, a former millwright at the Columbia Forest products plant at Klamath Falls, had a state-issued card allowing him to use marijuana to ease neck and muscle pain that disrupted his sleep. But the company, which prohibited workers from coming to the plant with controlled substances in their system, fired Washburn in 2001 after he failed several urine tests.

Washburn sued the company, claiming it should have made an allowance for his disability.

A circuit court dismissed the lawsuit, citing a provision in the state medical marijuana law that employers don’t have to “accommodate the medical use of marijuana in the workplace.”

The appeals court disagreed, saying the test results didn’t establish that Washburn had used the drug at work. Moreover, the appeals court said the lower court should decide whether, under the circumstances of the case,

Washburn’s employer should have had to allow his medical marijuana use.

The Supreme Court is to hear arguments in the case on Nov. 7.

Business groups say employers are highly concerned over the prospect of having to tolerate workers who use drugs.

J.L. Wilson, Oregon director of the National Federation of Independent Business, said Wednesday that the appellate court’s “absurd” ruling “clearly took away the ability of employers to manage workplace practices and keep people out of harm’s way.”

But David Fidanque, executive director of the Oregon arm of the American Civil Liberties Union, said employers should have to make allowances for workers using marijuana legally to relieve medical problems.

“It’s important for the law to understand that medical marijuana patients are disabled Oregonians who are entitled to accommodations like other disabled people,” he said.

Businesses, however, fear the appeals court ruling opens the door for unreasonable requirements.

“I don’t think even proponents of medical marijuana thought we would have to accommodate it in the workplace,” said Lisa Trussell of Associated Oregon Industries, a major business lobbying group.

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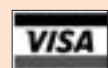
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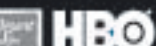
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FBI hands out rewards to 'four who stepped up' to rescue abducted girl

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press Writer

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Four people whose actions helped rescue 8-year-old Shasta Groene and capture sex offender Joseph Edward Duncan III each received \$25,000 checks and were hailed as heroes by grateful FBI agents.

Amber Deahn and Linda Olson were employees at a Denny's restaurant in Coeur d'Alene where the rescue occurred. Nick Chapman and Christopher Donlan were customers at the restaurant who also called 911 when they recognized the little girl with Duncan shortly before 2 a.m. on July 2.

"These four individuals were going about their daily activities and stepped up to the plate at the time of a little girl's need," Timothy Fuhrman, who heads the FBI office in Salt Lake City, said during Thursday's ceremony.

"All four decided that Duncan would not leave the restaurant that night with Shasta," Fuhrman said. "It is entirely possible that but for their actions, Duncan may never have been apprehended and Shasta may never have been recovered."

In addition to the money, they received "heroes awards," from the Department of Justice.

The FBI had offered a \$100,000 reward for information after Shasta Groene and her 9-year-old brother, Dylan, were abducted in mid-May from their home near here, where their mother, brother and their mother's boyfriend were killed. After Shasta was rescued, her brother's body was found in a remote Montana campground.

Deahn, 24, a waitress who got most of the attention for stalling Duncan by slowly making a milkshake for Shasta until police arrived, said she did what anyone would have done, but draws satisfaction from knowing Duncan is behind bars.

"I was given an opportunity to catch the devil red-handed," Deahn said. "I couldn't be prouder of what I have done."

She will use her share of the reward to pay off debts and build a Web site to help find other missing children. But Deahn said part of the reward will likely go to pay the medical bills for her second child, a boy, who was born prematurely last week and is in the intensive care unit at Sacred Heart Medical Center in nearby Spokane, Wash. Deahn, on maternity leave from Denny's, does not have health insurance.

"I can't hold him and take him home yet," she said.

Olson, 58, continues to work at the restaurant along Interstate 90.

"I wanted to do one great thing in my whole lifetime. I feel I have done that with Shasta," said Olson, who made the first call to 911 and helped formulate the plan to stall Duncan.

Chapman, 21, and Donlan, 18, were customers who also recognized Shasta from the numerous posters that had been plastered across the region. They kept an eye on Duncan in the restaurant, the FBI said. They also identified his vehicle and recorded the license number for authorities.

Growing worried that Duncan might leave, they also called 911, about four minutes after Olson's call.

Donlan, a worker at Wendy's, said the reward money will enable him to go to college.

"I thought I would be a blue-collar worker the rest of my life," Donlan said.

Chapman, a gas station attendant, said there are times he feels like a hero and times he doesn't.

"I don't look in the mirror every morning and say 'I'm a hero,'" he said. "I was in the right place at the right time."

Steve Groene, father of Shasta, attended the ceremony to express his gratitude again.

"I can't thank them enough," he said.

Meanwhile, Duncan remains in the Kootenai County Jail without bail. He is charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the bludgeonings of Brenda Groene; her boyfriend, Mark McKenzie; and her 13-year-old son, Slade Groene.

Duncan has pleaded innocent. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

After the state prosecution is concluded, Duncan will face federal charges in the abduction of Shasta and Dylan and in the subsequent death of Dylan.

U.S. Attorney Tom Moss of Boise, Idaho, said at the ceremony that Duncan will almost certainly face the death penalty in federal court.

Duncan is also being investigated for the killings of at least three other children.

He was sentenced to 20 years in prison in Washington state for sexually assaulting a 14-year-old Tacoma boy in 1980. He was released in 2000 and enrolled that year at North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D. At the time of his July arrest, Duncan was a fugitive charged with molesting a 6-year-old boy in Minnesota.



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Organizers plan to host another silent auction

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establishments.

Harry Shearer, famous for voicing numerous characters on "The Simpsons," hosted the event and provided comedy relief. Also lending support was Marc Summers from The Food Network's "Unwrapped" and the world-renowned DJ Paul Oakenfold, who spun the music. Supermodel Cheryl Tiegs, Annette O'Toole, along with Michael McKean, also lended their time, money, and star power to the cause. R2D2, the robot from Star Wars, roamed among the crowd, amusing those it occasionally bumped into.

For several hours guests sipped, schmoozed and sampled drink and delectables, situated on tables along the perimeter, donated for the cause by the food and hospitality industry.

The event was put together in one week, thanks in large part to dozens of well-connected people in the food and wine business, said Ian Blackburn, founder of LearnAboutWine. It attracted more than 50 local restaurants and 100 wineries from the Southern California area, including Sona, Table 8, Campanile, Josie, BOA and Valentino, who donated their food and chefs for the evening.

More than 100 stellar wineries from Beckman, Cobblestone, Bernardus, Flying Goat, Mauritson, Paige 23, Planeta, Talley and Torbreck lovingly turned up to pour their wines at the event. The VIP Lounge sponsored by Moët & Chandon poured champagne all night and raised more than \$35,000.

One hundred percent of all proceeds went to Hurricane Katrina charities, which organizers sent this week. More than \$100,000 in ticket sales and cash donations were raised for the Bush-

Clinton Katrina Fund, while the silent auction brought in more than \$100,000, which will benefit the New Orleans Hospitality Workers Disaster Relief Fund.

Due to the outpouring of silent auction donations on the day of the event, LASupportsLA will host another silent auction in the future in the hopes of raising an additional \$200,000. Notable artists, such as Cindy Sherman and Raymond Pettibon, were among those who contributed.

Businesses bucked up, too, with more than 200 auction items, ranging from a stay at the Montage Resort in Laguna Beach to meals at some of the best restaurants in San Francisco and New York.

Blackburn founded LearnAboutWine in 1995, which hosts classes, events and tours that delve into the wine industry and are designed to teach participants about wine in a fun atmosphere. After nine weeks of 300 or more attendees at "TASTE" events held at Two Rodeo in Beverly Hills, LearnAboutWine took an annual rest during August. However, with the recent disaster, Blackburn and his colleagues were called to action.

Just five days after the tragedy struck in Louisiana — Tim Smith, one of Blackburn's colleagues in the hospitality business, spurred him to host a large-scale charity relief event.

"I told Blackburn, 'you name the place, and I'll try to take care of the rest,'" Smith said, describing how the two decided to shoot for the fund-raiser over a few quick e-mails.

The idea blossomed into resurrecting TASTE for an encore performance, with Blackburn and Smith calling upon some of the most well-connected people in LA to rally around the cause.

"It's hard to say 'no,' to food and wine," Smith said. "I'm glad we are in a position to help."



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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The annual picnic is a salute to the work of The Salvation Army's Westside agencies and the families that they support.

The celebration will be held at Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Salvation Army Haven operates on the campus of the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration complex, and was created to specifically assist veterans with housing and other support services.

The Salvation Army Santa Monica Adult Rehabilitation Center provides a six-month residential program for recovering substance abusers.

Located just four blocks from the beach, The Salvation Army Santa Monica Corps offers men, women and children opportunities for spiritual growth, age-specific group activities and social service programs.

Located in West Los Angeles, The Salvation Army Westwood Transitional Village is a 40-unit transitional living facility where families can spend up to two years while stabilizing and acquiring skills they need for independent living.

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City Hall may donate old computers to a ravaged city

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initially rescued.

A total of 240,000 people are estimated to have been evacuated from the impacted areas, which is said will cost \$125 billion to re-build, with 12 million cubic yards of debris that needs to be removed.

Pacheco indicated that as of Tuesday, the local Red Cross earned \$537,000 for hurricane victims. More than 700 shelters have been set up nationwide, housing 200,000 people.

The local Red Cross has deployed 65 volunteers to the disaster areas, with 160 almost completing training and a total of 1,000 expected to be assisting relief efforts by November.

A "fast track" system has been established to make it easier for volunteers to receive basic disaster relief training so they can be in the field quickly to provide aid to hurricane victims. Those wishing to volunteer must attend four classes to qualify, and all sessions are held at the Santa Monica chapter of the Red Cross.

Nearly 500 Hurricane Katrina disaster relief containers have been filled by donations from Santa Monica residents, and people are still streaming in the door with donations and mailing in checks, according to local Red Cross representatives.

In the meantime, 77 families self-evacuated and arrived in Santa Monica last week. Eight of the families are being housed temporarily in motels. So far, the Red Cross has spent more than \$21,000 to cover their stay, while a total of \$100,000 is expected to be needed, until the Red Cross can help them find other accommodations, Pacheco reported.

City Manager Susan McCarthy asked a national municipal association to start a program in which cities establish a partnership between those which have been affected. Santa Monica is expected to

begin such a cooperative effort with a southern city in the near future, said McCarthy, providing advice on how to restore and improve infrastructure.

City Hall also may receive updated

"The scary thing is something similar could happen here. City Hall could be without communication, no one could take care of each other, and everyone would have to take care of themselves."

BOB HOLBROOK
City Councilman

programming from Microsoft and donate hundreds of old computers to its partnered city, McCarthy said.

Weinberg said Los Angeles County is one of the best prepared regions for a serious disaster, with mechanisms in place for nearly 100 municipalities to coordinate and assist each other should calamity strike. Nonetheless, he noted the importance that residents visit the city's Web site to see what they can do to prepare for a disaster — www.santa-monica.org.

"The scary thing is something similar could happen here," Holbrook said. "City Hall could be without communication, no one could take care of each other, and everyone would have to take care of themselves."

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There’s still time to weigh-in on VA grounds

VA, from page 1

University High School’s auditorium, mustering support for alternatives. Among the suggestions, Los Angeles 11th District Councilman Bill Rosendahl mentioned Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver’s idea to turn the VA

grounds into a homeless shelter for veterans. The suggestion earned cheers and applause. Shriver, who also attended the meeting, was optimistic by the crowd’s response, but indicated much work was needed if his proposal were to beat out plans for commercial development.

“I was excited during Rosendahl’s remarks when he cited the Shriver plan and people cheered for it,” Shriver said. “But I think there is considerable work that needs to be done to make sure the homeless proposal happens.”

A coalition of service providers have agreed to work together in hopes the VA will convert abandoned buildings at its West Los Angeles campus into “long-term, therapeutic supportive housing” designed to assist homeless veterans, according to Shriver’s proposal, which he presented to local leaders at a meeting in August.

Santa Monica staff participated in a May 6 meeting hosted by the VA, when officials discussed alternative uses for several VA sites around the country, including the West LA campus. The proposal intends to take advantage of the existing facility in order to provide “all services on site” for the homeless veterans, including medical, psychological and social assistance.

The project would accommodate as many as 300 to 500 chronically homeless veterans, as well as those with other needs, such as those dealing with mental illness or are suffering from substance abuse. It’s the coalition’s intent that half of the veterans served are chronically homeless — those who have been without shelter for at least three years.

The number of homeless veterans in Los Angeles County is estimated to be between 17,000 and 18,000, based on a recent head count.

The project would be financed from the

five participating organizations, which include the U.S. VETS, New Directions, Inc., and the Salvation Army. Primary sources of funding are expected to come from federal, state and local grants, as well as private donations. The proposal doesn’t state how much the project might cost.

Officials say developers at the moment seem to have the inside track on the VA grounds. The VA, which is undertaking a national overhaul to renovate many of its under-utilized facilities, may be looking to bolster revenue for its operations by the liquidation of some of its properties, officials said.

Some officials have noted Shriver’s homeless plan has merits that outweigh possible development scenarios, since it would involve servicing veterans.

Congressman Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica), whose district includes the site of the VA grounds, said he’s looking into Shriver’s proposal, but believes the issue must ultimately be addressed by the community.

“We’re aware of the project and the need for homeless vets, but at this point, this is a conversation that has to take place at the local level,” Waxman said.

To convince VA officials that a homeless facility would make sense, Shriver is asking local leaders to speak on behalf of his proposal during a community input session to be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 22 at the Wadsworth Center, located on the 11300 block of Wilshire Boulevard, in Brentwood.

That’s when the VA will consider what to do with its abandoned and under-used buildings.

SMC gets soaked



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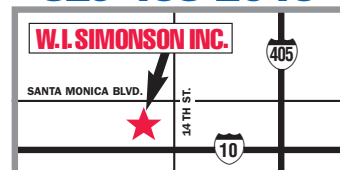
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Katrina drives up building costs, but rise seen temporary

BY ALLISON LINN
AP Business Writer

SEATTLE — Hurricane Katrina destroyed thousands of homes, but it was the damage to timber and sawmills in the storm-ravaged region that immediately drove up the price of some construction materials nationwide.

Now, as the plants reopen and the focus switches to reconstruction, experts say prices should begin to stabilize. In the long-term, some say the rebuilding effort will have a minimal effect on construction costs elsewhere in the country — and could possibly even lead to changes that make home building somewhat more affordable.

“In terms of somebody buying a house in California, there’s going to be some ripple effect, but it’s not going to be overwhelming,” said Michael Carliner, an economist with the National Association of Home Builders.

The devastation Katrina wrought on homes alone is thought to be far worse than that of Hurricane Andrew in 1992, with perhaps hundreds of thousands of homes damaged or destroyed.

But experts say the rebuilding process could take years, and could be spread over a wider geographic area if some residents choose never to return to storm-ravaged areas and settle elsewhere. Those two factors alone could help dampen any spikes in pricing, or at least make it more difficult to judge the impact.

“This is quite different from the typical

hurricane already in that we’re still trying to literally bail out the city of New Orleans,” said Ken Simonson, chief economist with the Associated General Contractors of America.

“It’s complex because there is much more damage to the region and more damage to the economy, but also more people moving out of the region,” he added.

Also, because rebuilding is expected to take so long, Simonson said it will be difficult to parse out the effect of the rebuilding from other factors that affect U.S. home prices, such as mortgage rates or the oft-predicted slowing of the nation’s housing boom.

There are also some more subtle impacts of Hurricane Katrina that some say could actually help the U.S. housing market. The hurricane downed a large swath of trees that must now be harvested quickly before they rot, potentially putting more wood product into the market to naturally meet any increased demand.

Also, the Bush administration has said it will consider eliminating or easing tariffs on imported timber to make rebuilding more affordable and to increase supplies. If that happens, Carliner said it could possibly even help to lower home prices elsewhere in the country.

For now, however, the market is still reacting to initial panic.

The composite price for framing lumber has risen 13.5 percent, to \$403 per thousand feet, since the hurricane hit, according to the trade publication Random Lengths. The price of structural panels is up 38 percent, to \$499 per thou-

sand feet, for the same period.

Random Lengths editor Shawn Church said the structural panels market is already showing signs of calming. He expects wood products prices to stabilize as initial, emotional reactions are tempered. As rebuilding begins, he said any increased demand could be felt regionally, “but nationwide it will be likely undetectable. The demand will just be folded into an overall market that is huge.”

The hurricane also had an immediate effect on the cement industry, since imports bound for New Orleans had to be rerouted to areas including Florida and Texas. Ed Sullivan, chief economist with the trade group Portland Cement Association, said that in the short term it will actually help the cement market since those areas were dealing with shortages.

Months from now, when the rebuilding process begins, Sullivan said he expects there to be a sustained increased demand for cement that could last several years. But he sees imports meeting that demand, which will have little effect on housing prices elsewhere in the country.

The impact on other building supplies is expected to be similar.

At this early stage, many forest products companies have become wary of predicting the long-term effect to their profits. That’s partly because companies don’t want to appear to be thinking about whether they will profit from a massive national tragedy. But it’s also partly because, with many areas still shell-shocked by crisis, it’s harder than expect-

ed to say how much demand there will be.

“A lot will depend on how the reconstruction takes place, the type of construction,” said Bruce Amundson, a spokesman with Federal Way, Wash.-based forest products company Weyerhaeuser Co. “Do people go in with concrete? Do they go in with wood? At this time it’s just really too early to tell.”

Analyst Steve Chercover with D.A. Davidson and Co. said he expects that the cost to big players of having plants damaged or closed by the storm will be made up for by bigger demand for product later on. But he’s not predicting that the storm will significantly improve these companies’ earnings.

“I think it will probably be a wash,” he said.

Chercover said one reason the impact is relatively low is that most larger companies are well diversified geographically. For example, Weyerhaeuser suffered some damage to timberlands in the area, but the company said that in total less than 1 percent of its U.S. acreage was affected.

Mike Moser, spokesman with privately held Boise Cascade Co., said his company is having trouble predicting the impact of the hurricane in part because they don’t know how much a volatile energy market — which is also being affected by Katrina — may hurt the cost of its operations.

“Obviously when the prices go up we make more money, but also we’ve been impacted in other ways because energy costs are spiking up and continue to go up,” Moser said.

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NATIONAL



Bush: Sacrifices, spending choices, will have to accompany reconstruction of Gulf states

BY NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Friday ruled out raising taxes to pay for Gulf Coast reconstruction, saying other government spending must be cut. “You bet it will cost money, but I’m confident we can handle it,” he said.

“It’s going to cost whatever it’s going to cost, and we’re going to be wise about the money we spend,” Bush said a day after laying out an expensive plan for rebuilding New Orleans and the Gulf Coast without spelling out how he would pay for it.

Bush spoke at a news conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin hours after attending a prayer service in memory of the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Addressing religious and political leaders at the National Cathedral, the president vowed to help rebuild the region with an eye toward wiping out the persistent poverty and racial injustice that exist there.

“As we clear away the debris of a hurricane, let us also clear away the legacy of inequality,” Bush said at the cathedral. Polls suggest a majority of Americans believe the president should have responded quicker to Katrina. High percentages of blacks tell pollsters they believe race played a role in the slow response by all levels of government.

Opening the news conference at the White House Friday afternoon, Bush thanked Putin for sending supplies to the Katrina relief effort, saying the gesture would help “lift the spirits” of hurricane victims. The Russian said that Katrina provided “serious lessons” for Russia and other countries. Putin did not specifically mention the criticism of relief efforts in the Gulf Coast.

Also Friday, White House officials said taxpayers at home will pay the bill for the massive reconstruction program and that this will mean a deeper budget deficit.

Bush said it’s important that government quickly fix the region’s infrastructure to give people hope. Asked who would pay for the work and how it would impact the nation’s rising debt, Bush said he was confident the United States could pay for reconstruction “and our other priorities.”

He said that means “cutting unnecessary spending” and maintaining economic growth, “which means we should not raise taxes.”

Bush also said he wants Congress to consider changing the law to allow the military to step in immediately if a catastrophic disaster occurs again. “It’s important for us to learn from the storm what could have been done better,” he said. Under fire, the White House has accused state and city officials of not authorizing federal involvement quickly enough, although critics say the administration didn’t need approval to act.

In his address to the nation Thursday night from the heart of New Orleans’ French Quarter, Bush said the recovery effort would be one of the largest reconstruction projects the world has ever seen and promised that the federal government would pay for most of it.

“There is no way to imagine America without New Orleans, and this great city will rise again,” he said.

The government failed to respond adequately, with

agencies that lacked coordination and were overwhelmed by Katrina and the subsequent flooding of New Orleans, Bush said. Dogged by criticism that Washington’s response to the hurricane was slow and inadequate, Bush said the nation has “every right to expect” more effective federal action in a time of emergency.

The hurricane killed hundreds of people across five states, forced major evacuations and caused untold property damage.

On Friday, Al Hubbard, chairman of Bush’s National Economic Council, said the disaster costs — estimated at \$200 billion and beyond — are “coming from the American taxpayer.” He acknowledged the costs would swell the deficit — projected at \$333 billion for the current year before Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast.

Some fiscal conservatives are expressing alarm at the prospect of such massive federal outlays without cutting other spending.

“It is inexcusable for the White House and Congress to not even make the effort to find at least some offsets to this new spending,” said Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

Allen said the administration had not identified any budget cuts to offset the disaster expense. Congress already has approved \$62 billion for the disaster, but that is expected to run out next month.

In the cathedral, several dozen evacuees and first responders, all from New Orleans, filled one side wing. The president and his wife, Laura, sat solemnly in a front pew along with Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne.

Before Bush’s remarks, Bishop T.D. Jakes, head of 30,000-member Potter’s House church in Dallas, delivered a powerful sermon in which he called upon Americans to “dare to discuss the unmentionable issues that confront us” and to not rest until the poor are raised to an acceptable living standard.

“Katrina, perhaps, she has done something to this nation that needed to be done,” Jakes said. “We can no longer be a nation that overlooks the poor and the suffering, that continues past the ghetto on our way to the Mardi Gras.”

Bush, faced with continuing questions about whether help would have been sent more quickly to the storm zone if most victims had not been poor and black, echoed those themes in brief remarks that were rich with religious references.

“Some of the greatest hardships fell upon citizens already facing lives of struggle, the elderly, the vulnerable and the poor,” he said. “As we rebuild homes and businesses, we will renew our promise as a land of equality and decency and one day Americans will look back at the response to Hurricane Katrina and say that our country grew not only in prosperity but in character and justice.”

Claude Allen, the president’s domestic policy adviser, said two of the main storm relief proposals Bush made in his Thursday speech were aimed at addressing the region’s poverty: the \$5,000 grants for worker training, education and child care and an Urban Homesteading Act in which surplus federal property would be turned over to low-income citizens to build homes.

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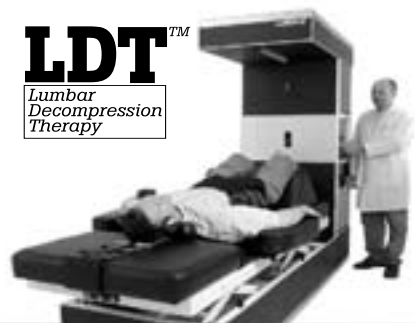
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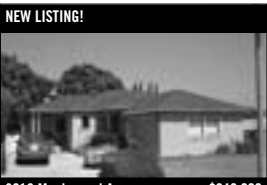


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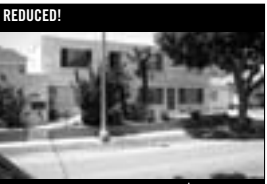
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NATIONAL

Nation’s ski resorts aim for year-round business

BY SANDY SHORE
 AP Business Writer

COPPER MOUNTAIN, Colo. — A covered wooden bridge spans a sparkling creek spilling past the condominiums, T-shirt shops and restaurants that form the nucleus of this small community at the base of towering ski slopes.

Bill and Nellie Dry of Oklahoma City sat in the shade of an umbrella on a lazy summer day, watching visitors wander from shop to shop as rock music blared from a huge tented stage at the center of the pedestrian village.

“When we first started coming, we hiked a lot,” said Nellie Dry, who has visited this mountain resort with her husband for 17 years. “Lately, we’ve been laying back and enjoying the peace and quiet.”

With its ski runs blanketed in grass and wildflowers, Copper Mountain has built a blossoming summer business, a strategy mirrored from California to Vermont as resort owners expand their livelihoods beyond the snow by investing in condos, entertainment and, in at least one case, an adventure travel company.

"If you look at the larger companies in the industry, it’s a year-round business,” said Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association. “It’s really a hospitality industry on a year-round basis and we’re in the ski business from December to March.”

A half-century ago, it was fairly simple to get into the ski business: Put up a rope tow and wait for the snow to fall. With the advancement of snowmaking and high-speed lifts came the need for investment money that was more than lift ticket sales could generate.

At the same time, the pool of skiers and snowboarders has climbed just slightly in the past decade and largely consists of baby boomers who typically want more off-mountain entertainment.

Resort owners took over the ski schools, rental shops and on-mountain restaurants. They began investing in real estate development around the mountain base for lodging, restaurants, retail shops, grocery stores, service stations and entertainment such as music festivals to draw and keep visitors for longer periods of time.

Although ski areas survive without ancillary development, the business model today is to be a “comprehensive provider of everything,” Berry said.

"The base village concept promotes the idea of warm pillows and the greater the number of warm pillows, the greater number of lift tickets sold,” Berry said.

Berry pointed to Jiminy Peak in Hancock, Mass., a ski

area that increased its bed base significantly over the last 10 years and saw a corresponding increase in lift ticket sales.

Some resort-area residents and leaders question the developments, hoping that they don’t permanently alter the small-town atmosphere.

Summit County commissioners this year rejected Intrawest Corp.’s planned development for Copper Mountain, concerned about adequate parking and the density of the condominium units. Intrawest is reshaping the plan to resubmit later this year.

“I don’t know if that would be good or not,” Jacinda Emmett of Greeley, Colo., said of the Intrawest project as she walked through Copper Mountain. “It’s quiet.”

Vancouver-based Intrawest has developed an expertise in “building villages out of nothing,” said industry analyst Dennis McAlpine of McAlpine Associates LLC.

“The villages act as a magnet to get people there for vacations, for skiing, whatever,” he said. “And I think that’s obviously been the case at Vail and to lesser degrees at Keystone and Beaver Creek. Sure there’s risk with it, but that’s how they get the leverage on what they’re doing.”

Intrawest, founded in 1976 as a real estate company, typically takes five years to 10 years to complete a development. At least a majority if not all the lodging units typically are presold, company spokesman Tim McNulty said.

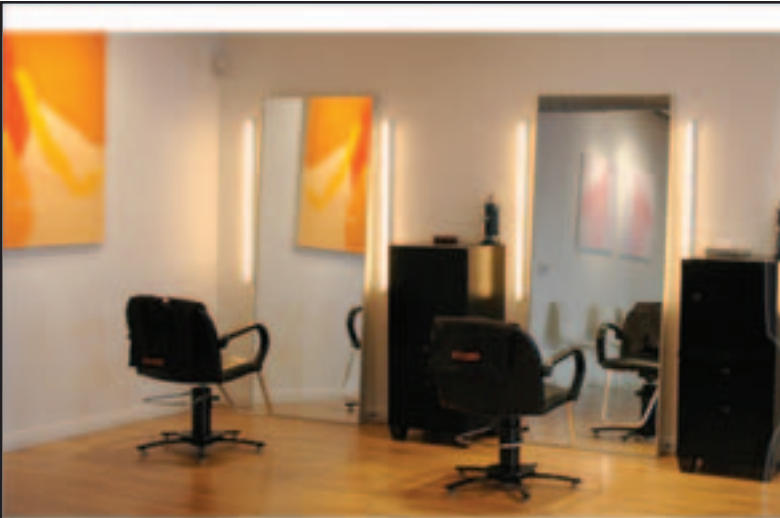
"People tend to stay longer when there are more things to do and tend to spend more money,” he said.

In addition to Copper Mountain about 70 miles west of Denver, Intrawest’s ongoing projects include multi-million-dollar developments at Tremblant north of Montreal and Stratton Mountain in Vermont. It also has joined with Aspen Skiing Co. to build \$400 million base village at Snowmass Village.

Off the mountains, Intrawest has golf courses, warm-weather resorts, a heli-skiing company and a majority interest in adventure tour operator Ambercrombie and Kent, which offers trips ranging from an African safari to a 20-day tour of Europe and the Mediterranean by private jet for \$39,985.

For the fiscal year 2005, Intrawest had \$1.7 billion in revenue, including \$545.4 million in mountain operations and \$317.1 million from non-mountain operations.

Vail Resorts has become a major investor in real estate operations. For example, it has in the works a \$250 million project to renovate a portion of Vail called Lionshead Village that will include an upscale hotel and spa, townhomes, shopping and entertainment venues.


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NATIONAL



Oil strike raises hope for tiny Utah farm town

BY PAUL FOY

AP Business Writer

SIGURD, Utah — The discovery of a major oil field has people in this tiny farm town on the edge of anticipation, driving property values and speculation, real-estate agents say.

The find is easing tight supplies at Salt Lake refineries and providing work for welders, electricians, roughnecks and pump jacks.

But the payoff could make millionaires out of some landowners who never knew there was oil under Sigurd, a town of 431 with no traffic lights, grocery store or home mail delivery. The town center is defined by Dave's Country Trading Post, where ranchers retire their greasy cowboy hats hanging from the rafters. The ranchers, if they're selling any land, are keeping the mineral rights.

Hope came more than a year ago, when tiny Wolverine Gas & Oil Corp. made an unlikely find that could rank as the biggest onshore discovery in 30 years. Although no one knows for certain how much oil Wolverine will find — and some industry analysts are skeptical — the potential has townsfolk giddy.

"People are convinced there's oil two inches under their property," said Malcom Nash, Sevier County's economic development director. "If Wolverine wanted to put a drill rig in their living room, they'd do it."

Ranchers hadn't seen a land agent for any oil company show up for more than 15 years after major producers abandoned exploring the region of complex geology 146 miles from any of Utah's other oil fields.

Wolverine, backed by 14 investors, snapped up leases for as little as \$5 an acre and sunk a producing well in May 2004. Now the Grand Rapids, Mich.-based company is sitting on a roughly 1,000-acre oil deposit more than a mile underground that shows no sign of quitting. It's paying one extended Utah family, which owns the land and declined comment, 1/8th royalties on the production.

Wolverine believes the deposit could contain 100 million to 200 million barrels of oil in sandstone pores. One of the wells is producing oil on its own pressure, without a pump. Other wells are producing oil consistently without a hiccup — a sign of a large reservoir.

"It was a true wildcat — a very risky well," said Bill Armstrong, president of Armstrong Oil & Gas Inc. of Denver.

Bidding by oil and gas players at government auctions has intensified, and competitors are dangling leases to private landowners worth hundreds of dollars an acre. But they're finding Wolverine snapped up rights to about 600,000 key acres of private and government land spread across central Utah, claiming a near monopoly over a mountainous region about 50 miles long and 20 miles wide.

"The whole industry wants to get in on Wolverine's play," said Sidney J. Jansma Jr., the company's president and chief executive, who could hardly contain his enthusiasm on a tour of his wells and 10,000-barrel tanks. "They think Wolverine is smart and has found something no one else has found."

From its first field just outside Sigurd,

Wolverine expects to be producing 105,000 barrels a month by the end of September, worth more than \$6 million at today's prices. That oil is helping solve a supply bottleneck for refineries on the north end of Salt Lake City, which are limited by the amount of oil that can arrive in pipelines from Wyoming.

Wolverine is trucking oil to ease the shortage, said Fred Dunbar, economics and planning manager for Holly Refining & Marketing Co., which is happy to take more crude for refining.

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Sevier County's economic development director

"For years Chevron had all those leases down there, and they didn't produce anything. It was a surprise Wolverine found oil there. It's going to help the Utah economy and the supply of oil," he said.

The key for Wolverine, a business with just a few dozen employees that got its start making big gas strikes in Michigan, was Chevron's failure.

In 1999, Wolverine bought Chevron's leasing rights and seismic data and started poking around, leasing more land and spending \$10 million to bounce more seismic waves deep underground to draw a picture of likely gas or oil traps.

Jansma said the evidence suggested his odds of finding oil were 50-50, an investment one of his own sons questioned when he put up \$1 million of his own money. Undeterred, Jansma replied, "It will be the finest dry hole we ever drilled."

In late 2003, he struck oil, but it would take another five months to start producing. Wolverine is still drilling wells.

Jansma said he could make money faster drilling one well per pad, then clearing more land for another pad. Instead, he's drilling multiple wells, one at a time, from each of two pads, delaying maximum production but keeping his oil field tidy.

Jansma is so convinced he's tapped into a major system of oil deposits he's moving 15 miles from Sigurd to drill another set of wells, making another \$5 million bet for the company and its investors. Jansma and his company geologist, Doug Strickland, believe a geologic belt from Mexico to Montana contains 1 billion barrels of mostly untapped oil in tricky deposits, and they hope to grab some of it.

Some analysts doubt Wolverine's optimism, saying the Rocky Mountains already have been "picked clean" for major oil and gas deposits.

Fadel Gheit, senior oil analyst at Oppenheimer & Co., likened Wolverine's ambitions to finding a wallet on a busy subway car after the cleaners move through it — "possible, but very unlikely."

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Copies of the report are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 29, 2005. To obtain a copy of the report, please contact the Human Services Division, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, at (310) 458-8701. Please send your written comments to Gigi Decavalles-Hughes at the above address by September 29, 2005.



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NATIONAL

N.M. state treasurer, predecessor accused of taking kickbacks

BY HEATHER CLARK
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico's state treasurer and his predecessor were arrested Friday on a federal grand jury indictment accusing them of taking about \$700,000 in kickbacks from investment advisers.

The indictment, which resulted from a two-year FBI investigation code-named "Midas Touch," accused Treasurer Robert Vigil and former Treasurer Michael Montoya of receiving the illegal payments.

The two men allegedly received kickbacks from three financial advisers who were paid commissions for helping invest public funds, according to an affidavit. Montoya allegedly was paid about \$632,000 while Vigil received about \$54,000.

According to prosecutors, one investment adviser who cooperated with the FBI's case, Peter Simons, said Montoya told him: "The kickback is the way we do business in New Mexico."

Simons said he paid Montoya part of his commissions and personally delivered cash to Montoya three times, in amounts ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000, according to an affidavit.

Kickbacks to Vigil allegedly came in the form of expensive tickets to political fundraisers, the purchase of wood and supplies and donations to charities in which Vigil's wife participates.

"Public funds should never be used like private ATM machines," U.S. Attorney David Iglesias said in detailing the charges at a news conference.

Both men face 20 years in prison if convicted. The two men appear briefly in

federal court later Friday, and were released on their own recognizance.

Montoya served as state treasurer from 1995 to 2002. Vigil was elected to a four-year term in 2002. Both are Democrats.

Pahl Shipley, a spokesman for Gov. Bill Richardson, said: "These are very serious charges. It is premature to comment further until all the facts come to light and the legal process runs its course."

But Dave Romero, general counsel in the state treasurer's office, said he was confident Vigil would be absolved of the charges.

"I know him to be a very honest man. Once he gets the opportunity to defend himself, he will be able to quash the indictment and be found innocent," Romero said.

Both men face two counts of racketeering and interference with commerce under the Hobbs Act, according to a release from the U.S. attorney's office. The act makes it a crime for anyone to obstruct commerce by extortion using their official office.

The FBI and agents from the New Mexico Tax Fraud Investigations Division, which assisted in the investigation, executed search warrants at the treasurer's office in Santa Fe on Friday. Employees of the office remained on the job, and Deputy Treasurer Elaine Olah was acting chief.

Vigil's home in Ribera and Montoya's home in Los Lunas also were searched. The FBI also obtained search warrants for two storage units and another property. Vigil and Montoya were arrested at their homes without incident by FBI agents, FBI spokesman Bill Elwell said.

Sun's unusual activity produces impressive auroras in northland

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A huge sunspot has been blasting Earth with magnetic clouds for weeks, producing some of the most vibrant and visible summertime auroras in years, according to NASA scientists.

Scientists said the magnetic flare-ups from Sunspot 798 may last through the weekend.

"It is a fairly large geomagnetic storm that we've had over the past 24 hours, and it should continue a little while longer," said aurora researcher Dirk Lummerzheim, at the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Skywide northern lights have awed Alaskans since last week and produced red displays as far south as Arizona. However, current forecast maps predict the auroras will not be visible south of southern Canada.

A North Pole photographer who signed e-mail messages as "Santa" posted a dazzling picture of a display on Thursday on the

Geophysical Institute's online aurora forum.

The shimmering green light came courtesy of Sunspot 798, which sent a gusting magnetic cloud hurtling toward Earth at more than a million miles per hour.

Sunspots are planet-sized splotches formed by the sun's roiling magnetic field. The sunspots become unstable and explode, producing flares and propelling charged particles and radiation into space.

Sunspot activity can produce a geomagnetic storm that makes regular daily auroral activity much more visible than usual.

Solar scientists say the sun is supposed to be in the quiet phase of its 11-year cycle, with sunspot activity close to minimum.

But the year has so far produced four severe geomagnetic storms and 15 extreme flares.

"The sunspots of 2005, while fewer, have done more than their share of exploding," said solar physicist David Hathaway, of the National Space Science and Technology Center in Huntsville, Ala.

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NATIONAL



Northern forests on the wane, while tundra grows greener

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Recent studies show plant life in Alaska’s northern forests is declining, while the tundra is seeing accelerated growth triggered by rising temperatures and concentrations of carbon dioxide.

The vast boreal forests that stretch from Alaska’s Interior into northeastern Canada, appear to be drying out as the air warms, said Scott Goetz, a senior scientist at Woods Hole Research Center in Massachusetts. Insect outbreaks and lack of nutrients may also be speeding the decline.

But the tundra of Alaska and northern Canada had been “greening” dramatically as the Arctic warms, with more plant growth and longer growing seasons, according to Goetz’s study that analyzed thousands of satellite images taken over two decades.

The results surprised scientists conducting the survey.

“Everyone was assuming that these forests were going to continue to green, and it turns out that there may be other factors that are causing unexpected results,” Goetz said.

The report by Goetz and three other researchers was published online in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

A separate study, based on tundra near Nome, found plant growth may be speeding the warming trend and a thickening of flora on the tundra.

Bushes peeking above the snow trap more of the late winter sun and accelerate heating by as much as 70 percent, said Alaska snow researcher Matthew Sturm.

Sturm’s study of shrubs and snow on the Seward Peninsula was published in the Journal of Geophysical Research.

The two studies reached similar conclusions about tundra growth using different tools: One spied on a continent with weather satellites, while the other intercepted sunlight a few feet above the ground in the hills northeast of Nome.

Both techniques are used in a new research area that monitors vegetation for evidence of climate change in the Arctic, said Sturm, of the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory at Fort Wainwright.

Global air temperature has risen at least 1 degree Fahrenheit over the past century, and many scientists agree the rise of human-produced greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide is a major cause.

Average temperatures in the Arctic have risen more than 3 degrees in a half century. The regions near the poles have revealed disintegrating permafrost, melting glaciers and a reduction in summer sea ice.

Rising temperatures cause problems for Alaska’s Interior spruce forests as shown in studies by University of Alaska Fairbanks ecologist Glenn Juday. Changing climate would shift the zones where certain plants can grow, Juday and his co-authors found. Shrubs and trees might advance north into tundra, but existing forests would face stress from hot, insect-ridden summers.

Alaskans “are probably already aware that they’re right at the heart of the changes that are occurring,” Goetz said. “These satellite observations confirm what people are seeing with their own eyes.”

Utah, federal government refashion wilderness deal

BY PAUL FOY
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah and the Bureau of Land Management are taking their agreement freezing wilderness study areas out of the courts in favor of a private accord limiting BLM’s activities.

The development, made in a court motion filed this week, comes one month after Chief U.S. District Judge Dee Benson rescinded his approval of the agreement made in 2003 by former Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt and Interior Secretary Gale Norton.

Benson said the agreement that governs BLM’s management of public lands amounted to a policy decision by the Bush administration, not a matter of law to be settled by the courts. He said the agreement could improperly bind future presidential administrations.

Benson reversed his original decision after the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver bounced the case back to him on an appeal by environmental groups.

Despite the reversal, government lawyers insist the original terms of the deal remain in place, prohibiting the BLM from declaring any new wilderness study areas as candidates for congressional

action. Assistant Utah Attorney General Mark Ward likened the new agreement to a contract.

“The settlement still remains viable,” BLM Utah spokesman Adrienne Babbitt said Thursday.

Earthjustice attorney Jim Angell, representing 10 wilderness groups, said his group will continue fighting the deal in the courts. Angell said the BLM has authority to protect wilderness-quality lands and can’t bargain it away — in or out of the courts.

Ward said the BLM had the authority to designate wilderness study areas under the Federal Lands Policy Management Act of 1976 — but only until 1991, when it was supposed to wrap up an inventory of wilderness-quality lands.

Congress never acted on BLM’s recommendations, but the agency continued to nominate more lands for wilderness protection and manage them as if they were wilderness, he said.

“That was the whole point of the lawsuit” that Utah filed in 1996, he said.

In Utah, the agreement stopped the BLM from acting to protect nearly 6 million acres, mostly in the canyons of southern Utah, freezing the state’s wilderness study areas at 3.2 million acres.

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Iran's nuclear intentions, terrorism share summit spotlight

BY NICK WADHAMS

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — Iran's nuclear intentions, rare Israeli-Arab contacts following the Gaza pullout and the global fight against terrorism shared the spotlight Friday as a U.N. summit attended by a record 151 world leaders neared an end.

The United Nations, marking its 60th anniversary, came under strong criticism for its antiquated management practices. But many world leaders urged the organization to play a bigger role on the world stage in everything from fighting poverty and conflicts to easing the crunch caused by high oil prices.

After final speeches Friday, the 191 U.N. member states will adopt a document that moves to revamp the United Nations to meet the challenges of the 21st century and adds new impetus to helping lift countries out of poverty. Bitter disagreements meant that many of the document's most substantive measures had to be left out.

While the debate over the document dominated the run-up to the summit, it was the action on the summit sidelines that dominated the news.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad met late Thursday with Secretary-General Kofi Annan and nego-

tiators from three European countries on his country's nuclear program, hours after an Iranian announcement that Tehran is willing to provide other Islamic nations with nuclear technology.

Ahmadinejad was to respond to a European demand for Iran to halt uranium enrichment in a speech to the General Assembly on Saturday, the opening day of its annual ministerial meeting.

According to European diplomats and officials, Ahmadinejad may offer to put Iran's nuclear activities under broader international supervision but will not give up Tehran's right to develop nuclear energy for peaceful uses. The diplomats in Vienna, Austria, where the U.N. nuclear agency is headquartered, spoke on condition of anonymity because of the confidentiality of the European-Iran meetings.

France, one of the nations negotiating with Tehran, does not object to Iran's proposal to provide nuclear technology to other Muslim states, as long as it respects the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, Foreign Ministry spokesman Denis Simonneau said in Paris.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon received welcome diplomatic dividends for his Gaza withdrawal.

Sharon met with Jordan's King Abdullah II Friday morning, their first face-to-face contact in months. The king

then gave his summit speech, calling for "zero tolerance" against extremism. He said his Arab kingdom is working to promote moderate Islam across the globe.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim country, also echoed this theme Friday, urging international cooperation to fight terrorism.

"No human right may be sacrificed," he said. "We must find and deal with its root causes. We in Indonesia believe that interfaith dialogue and empowering the moderate can reduce violent radicalism."

Annan, in an interview aired Friday, rejected suggestions that the U.N. was trying to act as a world government.

"I hope the U.N. will not be seen as a world government," he told the British Broadcasting Corp. "If I give the impression we are a world government, we'll get even more critics and our critics will be emboldened."

Annan said the current summit would make an "important advance."

"I think at this summit the concept (is) that everything is linked. ... You cannot have development without security; you cannot have security without development; and you would enjoy neither if there is no respect for human rights," Annan said.

Between news conferences Thursday by Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf,

French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin and various non-governmental organizations, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez scolded U.S. evangelist Pat Robertson for calling for his assassination and criticized the U.S. government for the Iraq war, which he called illegal.

Chavez suggested that the U.N. headquarters be moved to Jerusalem because President Bush attacked Saddam Hussein's government without U.N. authorization.

"The proposal has the merit of providing a response to the conflict experienced by Palestine, but it may be difficult to bring about," Chavez said in a speech that earned him the heartiest applause of the 80 leaders to speak so far.

If Chavez's fiery talk showed a disdain for the United States, it also demonstrated his fondness for the United Nations.

Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo went further than most when she suggested the United Nations take the lead in easing the effects of high oil prices. She said it should study oil rationing and conservation, as well as consider initiatives to fuel engines with coconut oil and convert cane sugar to ethanol.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and Russian President Vladimir Putin made clear they want the United Nations to help coordinate the fight against terrorism.

Mexican border city tries to make prostitution safer

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

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TIJUANA, Mexico — Tijuana has decided to regulate prostitution by legally requiring prostitutes to pass monthly exams to detect sexually transmitted diseases and forcing brothel owners to clean up their act in an effort to make prostitution safer.

The new regulations amount to an open, official acknowledgment of what has long been a fact of life in this Mexican border city. Before, the few rules that existed were unwritten, which authorities say made them difficult to enforce. They included requiring prostitutes to submit to regular health exams, including three AIDS tests a year.

Tijuana's prostitutes have beckoned tourists since the turn of the century, spreading in recent years from the red light district known as "La Coahuila" — a few square blocks near the main tourist drag, Avenida Revolución — to other pockets of the city of 1.2 million that borders San Diego.

In La Coahuila, men beckon tourists to massage parlors where women parade in a

waiting room. About six young women dressed as schoolgirls mingle with officers in front of a police station, whispering to potential customers.

Customers strolling through La Coahuila earlier this week welcomed the new rules, but all refused to give their names.

Prostitutes who stopped in a government-run health clinic this week didn't seem too concerned about the requirements. They said get checkups anyway, to ensure they are healthy.

"It's a form of insurance," said Claudia Zarate, 18, who arrived from the Gulf Coast state of Veracruz four days earlier and plans to work in the street. Back home, she was earning about \$25 a week in a clothing factory.

Marisa Jimenez, 50, said she easily earns \$600 a night at Adelita bar down the street.

"Money is like a drug," she said.

The new rules, which took effect last month, call for the city to issue electronic cards to replace pink, pocket-sized health history books given to Tijuana's 4,700 registered prostitutes.

Inspectors will swipe the cards through

hand-held devices to ensure women pass monthly health exams. The city says it expects to begin issuing the cards later this month, although there's no prototype yet. Dr. Manuel Noriega, who runs the government clinic, says brothel owners have agreed to pay part of the cost.

Brothel owners must cover furniture with rubber or plastic, disinfect the surroundings periodically and change sheets regularly. Brothels disguised as massage parlors must be 150 meters from schools and day-care centers and limit hours from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"We are only recognizing what has long been practiced out in the open," said Councilwoman Martha Montejano, who wrote the regulations that took effect Aug. 12. "The idea is to have more control and promote public health."

Violators will be fined and their permits can be revoked. Bernardo Padilla, director of municipal enforcement, said he closed 18 massage parlors in the last month — after the new rules took effect. But he acknowledges that the owners may simply move their business elsewhere.

Skeptics say the new rules, modeled after those in the Mexican cities of

Monterrey and Acapulco, will change little.

"All it does is recognize the status quo," said Victor Clark Alfaro, director of the Binational Center for Human Rights in Tijuana.

It also remains to be seen whether the new rules will be strongly enforced.

Visits to the clinic are down nearly 50 percent this year because fewer inspectors are asking prostitutes for health booklets, said Dr. Manuel Noriega, the clinic administrator.

The health department had four inspectors before, but the jobs were eliminated last year because they were found to be corrupt. City officials say other regulators have been assigned to enforcing the new rules.

An effort to improve Tijuana's image last year by forcing streetwalkers inside bars and hotels was soon abandoned when hundreds of prostitutes marched across town and threatened to strip in front of City Hall.

Dr. Leticia Chavez, one of the clinic's three doctors, said she sees about 10 to 15 cases of gonorrhea a month. So far this year, there have been only a few cases of syphilis and no cases of AIDS.



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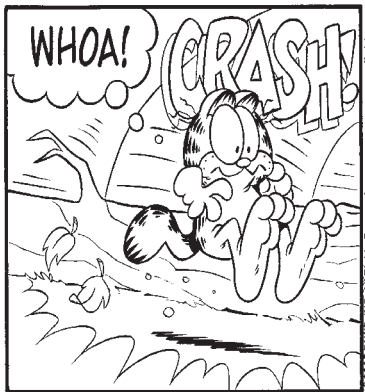
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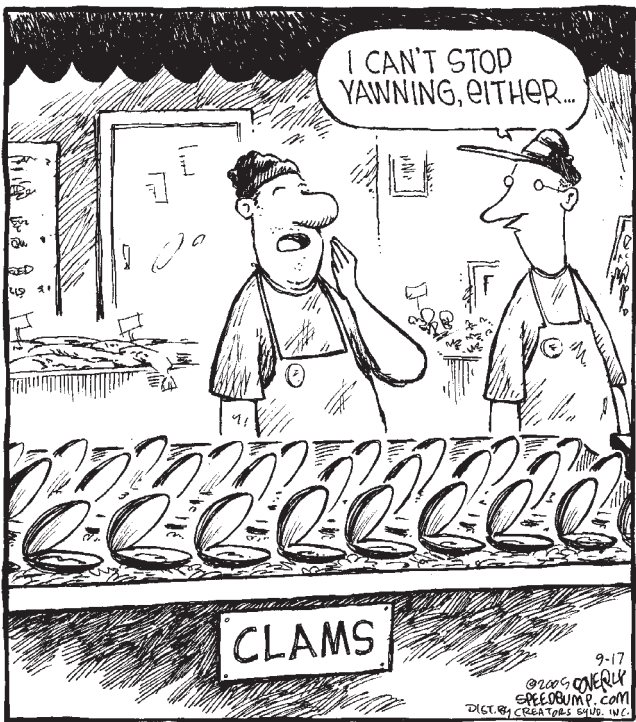
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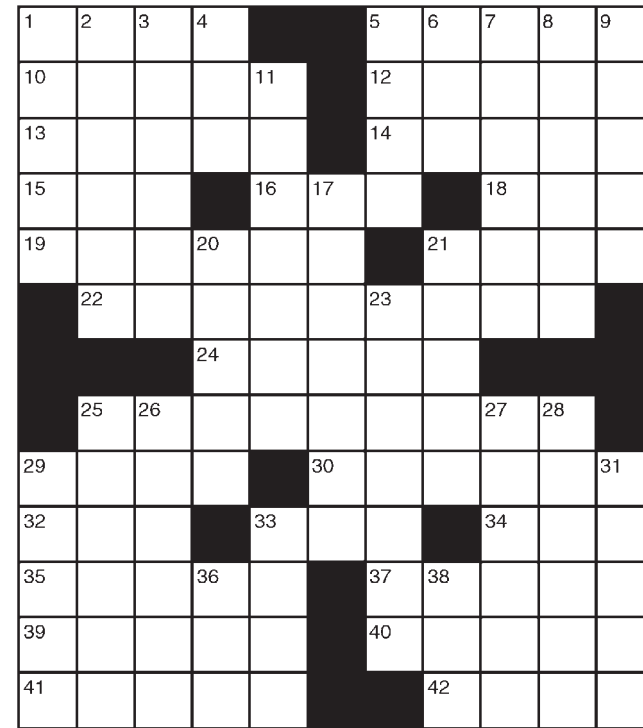
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