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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

(1) Amir Husain, 17, and Anthony Nauman, 18, who allegedly burglarized a home in Mundelein, Ill., in August, were easily tracked down by police after the pair decided to build a Web site and post photos of their loot for sale, along with their contact information. (2) In the early morning hours of a July day on the Eastern Freeway in Doncaster, Australia, when a driver on a restricted permit was stopped for speeding (at the equivalent of more than 120 mph), he told the officer in apparent seriousness that he didn't realize the police worked that late. (We're a "24-hour organization," said a police spokesman.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 278th day of 2005.
There are 87 days left in the year.

On Oct. 5, 1947, President Truman delivered the first televised White House address.

In 1937, President Roosevelt called for a "quarantine" of aggressor nations.

In 1989, a jury in Charlotte, N.C., convicted former PTL evangelist Jim Bakker of using his television show to defraud followers.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The role of a do-gooder is not what actors call a fat part."

MARGARET HALSEY
AMERICAN WRITER (1910-1997)

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REI makes move to Santa Monica

National retailer looks for niche by the beach

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — A popular retailer of outdoor gear will replace the Toys "R" Us that once occupied the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Fourth Street.

Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) — the nation's largest retail cooperative selling outdoor equipment and clothing — announced plans on Tuesday to open a new store in spring of 2006 at 402 Santa Monica Blvd.

The two-story, 32,000-square-foot store will employ approximately 60 full- and part-time staff, company representatives said. REI will provide outdoor equipment and clothing for camping, climbing, cycling, hiking, kayaking, travel and snow sports, including top

brands and its own line of products.

Founded in 1938 in Seattle, REI opened its first store in the Los Angeles area in 1977. The Santa Monica location will be REI's seventh store in the region.

REI's closest retail location is currently in Manhattan Beach. The company opened a store in Huntington Beach in August.

Rob York, a retail consultant for

the Bayside Business District, the nonprofit group that manages downtown with City Hall, said REI had less exposure in the past due to its operators' unwillingness to pay market values for good locations.

However, York said REI's move to occupy the Toys "R" Us site shows company leaders are willing to invest more in their business.

"They are a great retailer and

attract a good demographic," York said. "They are trying to be more prominent, and the stars have aligned so now they can pay market rent for a great market location."

REI representatives wouldn't discuss any aspects related to their leasing agreement.

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Restoration perspiration



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

(Left to right) Vito Wojcik, Suzanne Morris, Debra May and Sibylla Tringham on Tuesday work to restore the "Whale of a Mural" at Ocean Park Boulevard and Fourth Street. The crew, part of conservation company Rainer Zebala Partners, has been working on the mural for about a week and expects to be finished in November. The City Council earlier this year approved spending about \$61,000 for restoration of the mural.

Manslaughter convict set free

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE — The Santa Monica bar owner convicted of voluntary manslaughter after he fatally shot a patron more than 20 years ago will be a free man this week.

Antonio Pedraza had been accused of the first-degree murder of Javier Garcia, 25, on June 21,

1984. Garcia was shot multiple times in front of the Jalisco Cafe, a now-defunct bar once located at 1811 Olympic Blvd. Had he been convicted of murder, Pedraza would have faced the possibility of spending the rest of his life in prison.

A jury in August decided Pedraza was wasn't guilty of murder, but rather voluntary manslaughter, a crime that carries a maximum prison sentence of 11 years.

Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner sentenced Pedraza on Sept. 29 to the low end of the allowed sentence — three years in prison for the manslaughter conviction. However, Pedraza has been credited for spending 1,230 days in prison while awaiting his trial.

As a result, Pedraza, 58, will be released from the Men's Central

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:
★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A partner or associate needs to discuss what is on his or her mind, even if you would rather not. A conversation could be quite healing, as long as you both are clear about what is said. An element of confusion runs through the day. Tonight: A one-on-one talk.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ How you approach others could allow even more good feelings to evolve. In fact, much that is said and done right now could be very healing. A boss could be confusing, as usual. Avoid difficult situations if possible. Tonight: Happy at home.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have determination on your side. Sometimes even you can be hardheaded. Know when to let others rule the roost and make the decisions. Curb a tendency to overindulge, especially if frustrated. Tonight: Listen to great music.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your imagination could take you down an unusual path, introduce you to a new friend or energize your relationship. Don't take a financial risk. What occurs can only backfire. Avoid money matters. Tonight: Playful doesn't need to cost.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could cause yourself problems by being negative. You have many serious issues on your mind, but don't allow these situations to flow into other areas of your life. Confusion surrounds relationships. You can be sure that you are not seeing the whole person. Tonight: Mosey on home.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, and others might react strongly. You could feel a bit down. Your imagination and your need to pitch in come out. Though these gifts bring satisfaction, you need to be aware of your own needs. Tonight: Share your caring.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your finances can take a pleasant turn with effort and discipline. You could feel like you have to give up something that is very important to you. Brainstorm with a creative pal and see other paths to the same end. Tonight: Gather bills. Is your budget holding together?



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might feel tension left and right. You also can, and might, choose to ignore what is going on. You might be carrying too many responsibilities. Think of ways to lighten your burden. Tonight: Talk to someone about ways to make your life easier.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You can be sure that you are not getting the whole story. In fact, someone might be intentionally holding back. Your sixth sense kicks in. It is important to not be reactive and to look at others with understanding. Tonight: The less said the better.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others are disposed to give you what you want and need. If you are in touch with your feelings about financial and security needs, you can negotiate. Otherwise, an associate could rain on your parade. Don't let him. Tonight: Where the gang is.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might not be present with the moment. This might not bother you, but it could cause others to be frustrated. Tune in to a boss or higher-up who can impact you, for your sake. Your imagination finds ways of handling a problem. Tonight: Out late.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Try to get out of yourself even if you are tired and run ragged. Know when to say that you've had enough and cut the day short. You might need to take some time off. Consider what you would do with a day off. Tonight: Relax to a movie.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Eclectic concert series at SMC

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College is alive with the sound of music. SMC will host several concerts throughout this month starting with a jazz quartet playing on Oct. 7. The Jon Mayer Quartet, featuring their enterprising pianist, will play Friday at 7 p.m., with tickets going for \$10.

The music events all take place in the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. Here's the music itinerary for the month:

- Oct. 9: SMC Symphony Orchestra performs at 4 p.m. Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 featuring music professor Kirill Gliadkovsky with tickets selling for \$10.
- Oct. 11: SMC faculty, students and guests play piano music at 11:15 a.m. at the Chopin/Mendelssohn Minifest, which the public can attend at no cost.
- Oct. 13: The free minifest at 11:15 a.m. with chamber-music performances by SMC affiliates.
- Oct. 15: SMC music faculty, students and guests will play orchestral music at 8 p.m. on the third day of the minifest. Tickets are \$10.
- Oct. 16: The SMC Jazz Band will perform "Big Band" jazz and contemporary pieces at 4 p.m. under conductor Keith Fiddmont, and featured guests will play with the ensemble. Tickets cost \$10.
- Oct. 23: SMC Concert Band performs again, but this time conductor Keven McKeown will direct the band at 4 p.m. in their performance of traditional and contemporary music written for their ensemble. Tickets go for \$10.
- Oct. 30: A leading Russian baritone will perform a wide range of arias and songs and also Russian folk songs at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students.

Call (310) 434-3000 or (310) 434-4323 for more information.

Rummaging for students

By Daily Press staff

A benefit for various school programs and students in need will take place this Saturday.

Santa Monica Alternative School House's annual rummage sale and car wash starts at 9 a.m. and goes until 1 p.m.

People will be able to rummage through clothes, books, furniture, books, toys and collectibles at the event, which will be held at 2525 Fifth St.

SMASH instructors, parents, students and alumni have served public schools to help disadvantaged students from kindergarten to eighth grade for 31 years, SMASH officials said.

The organization works to develop new educational techniques in Santa Monica, according to SMASH.

For more information call (310) 396-2640.

Mardi Gras to benefit New Orleans evacuees

By Daily Press staff

A benefit for hurricane victims will be celebrated New Orleans-style this Thursday with a Mardi Gras party.

The money raised for the fundraiser that begins at 5 p.m. on the Third Street Promenade will go to the American Red Cross and Salvation Army, which will be there to collect donations.

The event will have live music, jugglers, tarot card readers, acrobats, magicians and belly dancers on the Promenade. There also will be a poker tournament and comedy show at the Yankee Doodle Billiard Club, 1431 Third Street Promenade.

Gotham Hall, also on the Promenade, is throwing a Mardi Gras Party for those 21 years and older at 9:30 p.m. and is charging \$20, to be donated to the American Humane Society.

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SURF REPORT

Overall, southerly periods are averaging 12 seconds from 220 degrees, and NW periods are running 14 seconds from 305. Most west-facing breaks are seeing waist- to chest-high sets. South-facing breaks are running waist high. Wednesday is looking like a smaller surf day with NW wind swell dropping off to waist high. No noticeable SW is expected, so west-facing breaks are looking best.

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WEDNESDAY	4:16	1.5	5:19	0.4	10:31	5.8	11:27	4.1
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The Q Line

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More than 40 residents turned out last week to voice their concerns over a recent report on future development and traffic plans for Santa Monica. They demanded that elected leaders put into effect a "zero" to "minimal" growth policy for the city over the next 20 years. In light of the controversy, city officials are urging staff to make sure the public's comments are heard as the land-use plans move forward.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "How can City Hall best understand and represent the will of citizens in formulating development plans for the future of Santa Monica?"

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

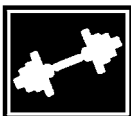
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learn the rules of the road

Editor:

So the letter writer Bill Bolt (SMDP, Sept. 21, page 4) is both a “barrier proponent” and a “no barrier proponent.” Whatever suites his pseudo city planning eye whenever he feels like it or so we are to assume by his spiel (not to mention the his race-card pulling, for there is not otherwise anything at all to do with race per the fatal bicycle/truck collision on PCH most recently).

Bicycles, when properly equipped and ridden by responsible bicyclists, have a legal right to share any and all roads whatsoever with cars. Barriers here or barriers there is totally irrelevant. Both bicyclists and drivers are implored to practice utmost safety. Otherwise, a tragedy is in the offing sooner or later, wholly caused solely by the one or the other, or both of them. The highway per se is rarely, if ever, the culprit, save in the eyes of ambulance-chasing shysters.

Rest easy, letter writer Bill Bolt, curb your fretting. Nobody is devoting themselves to subjecting catering truck entrepreneurs to lopsided justice. Nor must we be apologetic for any one of them who tailgates a bicycle and criminally hits it.

William Cook
Santa Monica

Doctor gets schooled

Editor:

In response to the good Dr. Lisette Boursachs’ comment to the homeless being put in prison as a solution to the homeless problem, (SMDP, Sept. 27, page 4). You have a Ph.D. I would think that someone with that much of an education would study the problem first-hand, then make a comment as you made. I have first-hand knowledge, a Ph.D. in the causes of homelessness as it were, as well as first-hand knowledge of the homeless community as a whole, and here in my solution to this situation.

1. We imprison the ones who have allowed the homeless population to grow for the sake of money, property and prestige. This will free up the monies needed to build shelters.

2. We imprison the ones who keep the homeless population where it is so they can profit from it through the “program run around” and give those who have succeeded in a program an open door to being a productive member of society.

3. We imprison those who have the NIMBY attitude — those who keep shelters from opening in their neighborhoods, thus creating a lack of shelter beds to help those who are homeless get back on their feet. This gives the shelters places to be built and gives the homeless person a chance to be in society and adjust, instead of being in the neighborhood that is dangerous and tempting to a return to the old lifestyle.

4. We imprison those who have a prejudiced stereotype of the homeless community as a whole. Those who fuel the fires of the NIMBY attitudes because they do not have, nor wish to receive, the education to see the real causes of homelessness, or wish to ignore results of 20 or so years of an eroded infrastructure through privatization, the soaring housing costs, the outsourcing to other countries or in sourcing jobs to illegal aliens so that the “profit margin” is high and the returns are better on the stock portfolio, so we can work to create jobs with sustainable incomes and affordable housing to keep people falling back to and keep people from being homeless in the first place.

5. We imprison all those who place the “Almighty Dollar” in front of compassion and understanding, thereby creating an atmosphere where we help each other in a crisis whether it is a natural one, as in the Gulf of Mexico, or man-made as in the examples I gave in solution No. 4, instead of kicking the person who is down.

Does this seem like a viable solution to solving the problem of homelessness, Dr. Boursachs? Does your esteemed education see this as a solution? I admit that if anyone housed or un-housed commits a crime, they should be put in prison. But the solution of imprisoning someone for their economic situation is a very stupid idea. I would have expected more from an educated person.

Charles Springer
Santa Monica

Learning lessons from the eye of a second storm



**THE
WITNESS
STAND**
BY CLIFF NICHOLS

These hurricanes are turning out to be amazing things, even beyond the havoc they wreak on lives and property. The second one in as many weeks, Rita, again provided interesting insights into our human nature.

First, before Rita even hit, I am of the opinion that we were treated to sensationalism of a magnitude only today’s media is capable of producing. Reporters from every major network were sent to the area to report on the advent of this newest cataclysm that this time would hit Houston, or so they said. Many even seemed almost giddy when, while still out in the Gulf, Rita obtained a Category 5 designation. This enabled them to give us reports that implied that Rita was a threat of such proportions that it could likely extinguish many, if not all, life forms found in its path. It was a monster coming to Houston that would likely crush those citizens unfortunate or stupid enough to remain. The only question that remained was not if, but when, this disaster would occur. The result? Panic, of course. But in my opinion, both the reporters and the citizens who panicked overlooked a couple of obvious points. Unlike New Orleans, Houston is not below sea level. I would think this alone would reduce the threat to life and limb that resulted from Katrina. Second, even if Rita remained a Category 5 and did hit Houston, how life threatening could it really be, if the reporters themselves were not leaving the area in the interests of ratings? In my opinion, the panic snowballed as much because of the media’s hyper-coverage of Rita as because of Rita itself.

Next, we witnessed the panic itself. This time around, however, unlike New Orleans, it did not occur after the storm, but rather before. Naturally, not wanting to revisit the New Orleans experience, Houston attempted a mass exodus whereby throngs of people tried to flee down the interstate. Flee, however, turned out to be a euphemism. The imbroglio that was produced was a disaster similar in proportions to that of New Orleans, only it took a different form.

This time around, rather than becoming stranded on rooftops, thousands who had the resources to do so quickly became stranded in the traffic gridlock produced by the panic. Far too many vehicles attempted to occupy the same space at the same time, while others further inhibited the stampede by running out of gas due to delays that far exceeded anyone’s expectations. Clearly, it was a Category 5 traffic jam. Interestingly, it also was one that conceivably could have put these people at greater risk of harm from the effects of the storm than had they just stayed home.

Meanwhile elsewhere, others did just that, in large part due to the fact that, lacking resources, they simply had no choice but to stay home and ride it out as best they could. As a result, we were treated to a tragic comedy. Both the haves and the have-nots were interestingly put in the position of possibly being screwed at the same time, albeit in different ways. Of course, this all left me pondering the adequacy of our emergency response procedures and wondering whether there possibly could be a better way.

Then it came to me: an epiphany that resulted from a news report that the nightmare on the interstate was being caused, in part, by families who were trying to save all of the multiple family cars they owned. As I understand it, there were many instances where mom was found driving one, while dad drove another and in some instances sons and daughters were driving even others. Then I really started looking and was amazed to see how many of the vehicles that had been brought to a standstill on the road had only one person in the car. That’s not to say that these cars weren’t packed to the gills with possessions. They were. But this only told me that, when the chips are down, some are more interested in saving things like their stereos and TVs than their fellow man. Really, how sad is that?

So, what’s the answer? In the short run, it may be as simple as enacting a law that, in the event of any similar emergency evacuation, absolutely no vehicle will be allowed on an interstate that has less than three people aboard. Think about the positive consequences such a law would produce. Would not people be given an incentive to look for others to join them so they would be permitted to get out of town, and so many of those who would otherwise have no transportation would thereby have an increased possibility of being rescued? That is not to mention the fact that the number of vehicles on the road would be seriously reduced, and consequently so would be the amount of gasoline needed for the evacuation. Perhaps the law could be called something like the “Good Samaritan Evacuation Plan.” After all, it would merely represent nothing more than legislatively mandating the effect originally intended by the Golden Rule.

Practically speaking, the government would simply be saying that, in the event of an emergency, you will be required to at least act as if you loved your fellow man as much as yourself. And even just that would be a good thing. At minimum, it would allow all concerned a greater chance of surviving at least long enough for them to work on loving them indeed maybe later.

(Cliff Nichols is an attorney practicing criminal defense/entertainment law in Santa Monica. He may be reached at 310-917-1083 or www.cliffnicholslaw.com. You may join his blog at www.thedaily-stand.com.)



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Democrats look to defeat governor's propositions

BY DIANE GUTHMAN
Special to the Daily Press

California's special election Nov. 8 is one of the most important California voters have faced in many years, three State Assembly members said at a rally at the Democratic Westside Coalition headquarters this past weekend.

Assemblymembers Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills), Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood), and Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) told the crowd that there could be long lasting consequences if these measures are approved. The elected officials urged constituents to vote "no" on six of the Propositions 73-78.

Koretz, who led off the program, told the crowd of campaign volunteers that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is one of the most dangerous politicians he has seen in his lifetime and someone that cannot be trusted.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger is the slickest liar I've ever seen in political office, and that's frightening," Koretz said. "He has no principles ... If these propositions pass, we are all going to pay, and not just financially."

Specifically of concern to the assemblymembers is Prop. 76, the "Live Within Our Means Act," which proponents said will allow the governor to control spending to end state deficits and balance the state budget without raising taxes.

According to Chu, who is running for the Board of Equalization, Prop. 76 gives the governor imperial powers and is not the way to solve the budget deficit. She said that if the measure passes, Californians can expect to see cuts in funding for important programs such as those for the developmentally disabled,

child care, families and California children.

"We need to put a face on what these initiatives will mean to teachers, nurses, fire fighters and law enforcement," said Pavley, who had spent the last several days at the fire command centers in Calabasas and Thousand Oaks. "The propositions are an attack on the middle class, and I don't think this governor knows what it is like to give up fame and fortune for public service."

Pavley said the best way to thank those hard-working fire fighters is to go to the polls on Nov. 8 and vote "no."

The Democratic Westside Coalition is a grassroots organization made up of Westside Democratic clubs who have joined forces to campaign against the special election. The headquarters, located in the offices of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, needs volunteers. The Democratic Westside Coalition conducts phone banking and voter registration, hosts ballot initiative information events every Saturday at 1 p.m., and organizes precinct walkers.

The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m.; Fridays noon to 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sundays noon to 9 p.m. For more information, call (310) 315-3013.

The groups involved are the Pacific Palisades Democratic Club, the West LA Democratic Club, the Malibu Democratic Club, the Westside Grassroots Democratic Club, the Progressive Democrats of LA, Westwood-Westside Democratic Club, the Progressive Democrats of the Santa Monica Mountains and Democrats For Israel.



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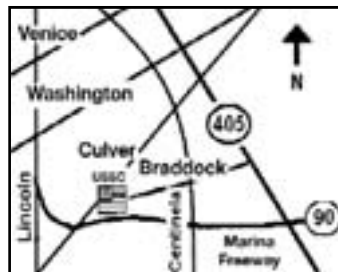
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Diversity celebration and conservation

By Daily Press staff

It's going to be a party in the P-block this weekend.

A block party is planned for Saturday to celebrate Santa Monica's diversity and to discuss how Virginia Avenue Park can help sustain it.

"Virginia Avenue Park is a tremendous resource for the community," said Pico Youth & Family Center executive director Oscar de la Torre. "The Pico neighborhood is home to the highest number of youth and low-income families."

Pico Neighborhood Association co-chair Maria Loya said the Pico neighborhood is the most ethnically diverse in Santa Monica, but declining employment and affordable housing opportunities threaten its diversity.

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REI stores first came to Los Angeles in 1977

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kers have said commercial real estate in the downtown area commands up to \$12 per square foot.

Toys “R” Us closed its doors in April. The 52,423-square-foot building was acquired by CIM Group through its CIM Urban Real Estate Fund.

The total transaction was valued at more than \$30 million, and CIM paid about \$24 million for the building, according to the Los Angeles Business Journal. Planet Action, located at the Toys “R” Us property, continues to operate its 8,640-square-foot space.

CIM has invested in Santa Monica since 1993 and developed many prominent properties along Third Street.

Greg Mellinger, REI director for the company’s Southern California and Arizona operations, said he is excited REI will have an outlet in Santa Monica because there is a great potential for the company’s products.

“The reason we’re in town is because Santa Monica has an incredibly active community with plenty of access to the outdoors,” Mellinger said.

There are approximately 125,000 REI members who live within 15 miles of the new Santa Monica location. They currently purchase their products online or commute to the Manhattan Beach store to shop, Mellinger said.

Members pay a one-time \$15 fee and receive a share in the company’s profits through an annual refund based on their purchases. Members also can vote for the company’s leadership and receive exclusive deals on used products for sale.

REI spokesman Mike Foley said the Santa Monica location will require some renovation, which may take until May to

complete.

REI has filed for a plan check for interior modifications to the former Toys “R” Us space, according to City Hall’s planning department. In addition, the company has filed for Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval for exterior modifications to the building.

The plan check is still being processed, and the proposed exterior modifications have not yet been approved by the ARB. These are the only reviews required for REI to occupy the former Toys “R” Us space, according to the planning department.

REI is known for employees who help select the right gear and offer information and tips to customers on how to achieve a great outdoor experience, Foley said.

A camp stove demonstration table and a footwear test trail will be among the in-store features that allow customers to test the products.

A gear rental department also will encourage customers to try new outdoor activities.

Mellinger said there has been no recent change in REI’s business plan that prompted it to move to Santa Monica. However, he noted that with so many members living in the general vicinity of REI’s new location, a shop in Santa Monica may have been overdue.

Mellinger said REI tends to complement its retail competitors, which include bike stores and other outdoor shops.

One area with which REI continues to be concerned is the video-game market.

“We kind of see Play Station and the television as our competitor,” Mellinger said. “We’re trying to get more youth and people outdoors, because once they’re outdoors and enjoy it, they will become users.”

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DA argued final shots were an act of murder

FREED, from page 1

Jail in Los Angeles on Thursday. He will be required to pay a total of \$245 in restitution fees and will be on parole.

Mojgan Aghai, Pedraza's public defender, said the case was a classic example of a person exercising the right to self defense.

Larry Droeger, the deputy district attorney assigned to the case, didn't comment.

Sandi Gibbons, D.A. spokeswoman, said her office prosecuted on the grounds that it felt it had a case, but added that the jury makes the final decision.

Pedraza was never questioned by police at the time of the shooting. He fled the scene and abandoned his bar, wife and three kids. He was on the lam for 19 years before being arrested in Los Angeles in July of 2003 on drug charges. He allegedly sold narcotics out of a bar parking lot where he worked, according to police.

Shortly after the shooting, police found Pedraza's tan Ford pick-up truck abandoned in Santa Monica.

According to his testimony, Pedraza went to Mexico. He returned to the United States 10 years later and lived here under a different name until his arrest.

The fatal shooting occurred late at night, after an intoxicated Garcia was kicked out of the bar for throwing beer bottles on the floor, according to witnesses and police.

Pedraza said it was common for customers to bring guns and shoot them inside and outside of his bar. On the night of the shoot-out with Garcia, Pedraza was without a security guard because his regular guard had been shot at the bar in an unrelated incident a few weeks before.

For protection, Pedraza was wearing a bullet-proof vest and was armed with a can of mace and a .38 semi-automatic pistol tucked in his waist.

Garcia and his brother, Ramon, entered

the bar and were served. Garcia, who appeared angry, took his beer to the pool table and proceeded to smash his and other customers' beer bottles against the floor, Pedraza testified.

Pedraza asked Garcia to leave, calling him a huero, which is a slang word for "blondie" or "light-skinned." Garcia was Hispanic.

A struggle ensued. Pedraza maced Garcia and escorted him out of the bar.

Garcia threatened Pedraza. He returned near the entrance of the bar a few minutes afterward and pointed a gun at Pedraza, who he could see through the doorway.

Pedraza walked toward the back door of the bar. He heard a revving car take off and thought Garcia had left, he testified.

Pedraza walked along the side of the building toward the front of the bar. Pedraza took a step on the sidewalk and spotted Garcia, who was near a tree on the opposite side of the bar's facade. Pedraza testified that he warned Garcia that he didn't want to kill him and that he should go home.

Garcia proceeded to fire, charging at Pedraza. Pedraza took a bullet to the chest, which was protected by his vest.

Pedraza took cover behind the corner of the building, while Garcia was exposed on the sidewalk. They fired at each other repeatedly. Garcia fell to his knees, and Pedraza continued shooting until Garcia fell face first in the street.

Pedraza walked up to Garcia and shot three more rounds in the back of his head.

During the trial, Droeger argued the final shots proved the case was an act of murder. He noted that Pedraza failed to lock the front door of the bar when Garcia first pointed the gun at him. Pedraza also failed to notify police once he felt threatened Garcia might kill him.

Pedraza said he acted the way he did because he was fearful for his life and of leaving his children orphaned.

Family members attended his trial.

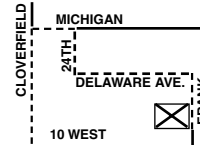
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STATE

DVD format wars heat up as studio straddles the fence

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — The battle to become the next-generation DVD standard has escalated, with Paramount Pictures becoming the first major movie studio to support both rival formats.

Until Paramount's announcement, the six major studios were evenly split between the Blu-ray technology backed by Sony Corp. and HD DVD supported by Toshiba Corp.

Both formats deliver movies in sharp high-definition and can store more data than traditional DVDs, which will allow them to offer interactive features such as games.

But the formats are incompatible and will force consumers to choose one over the other, a potentially costly decision if one format ultimately wins in the marketplace, the case when VHS defeated Betamax for home video in the 1980s.

Faced with a choice between two competing formats when discs do appear on the U.S. market next year, "consumers

will stay away from that. They just will," said Ted Schadler, a Forrester Research analyst.

Decisions by studios to provide content is considered key to the fate of the emerging formats. Paramount's decision, announced Sunday, tips the balance in favor of the Blu-ray camp — at least for now.

The Walt Disney Co., Sony's Columbia Pictures and Twentieth Century Fox, which also support Blu-ray, have not said whether they will also release films in HD DVD.

Universal Pictures and Warner Bros. remain in the HD DVD camp.

"Universal has not changed its position," Lea Porteneuve, a studio spokeswoman, said Monday. "However, we continue to evaluate all potential opportunities."

Warner Bros. did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The consortium backing HD DVD, which includes chip maker Intel Corp. and software giant Microsoft Corp., said they did not see the Paramount decision as a setback.

"While we are concerned that our established HD DVD partner has chosen to make this announcement at this time, we remain supremely confident in the superiority of the HD DVD format," Mark Knox, adviser to the group that supports HD DVD, said in a statement.

The Blu-ray camp, which includes Apple Computer Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Dell Inc., was quick to trumpet Paramount's decision.

"It's a pretty clear statement that Blu-ray has got some major momentum going on," said Andy Parsons, senior vice president of advanced product development at Pioneer, a major Blu-ray backer. "From a consumer's point of view, if you buy a Blu-ray player, you're going to have a much easier time finding content than ever before."

While Paramount still intends to release its films on HD DVD, the company said new information about the cost of manufacturing Blu-ray discs led it to reconsider its decision to support only one format.

Most critical to Paramount's decision

was the availability of a Blu-ray drive on the new PlayStation 3 video game console, which will go on sale early next year.

"We have been intrigued by the broad support of Blu-ray, especially the key advantage of including Blu-ray in PlayStation 3," said Thomas Lesinski, president of Paramount Pictures, Worldwide Home Entertainment.

Toshiba, which had predicted it would have an HD DVD player ready for this holiday season, has delayed the launch in the United States until spring, bringing it closer to the expected availability of the PlayStation 3.

Toshiba still plans on selling an HD DVD player in Japan this year.

Formal talks between the two rival DVD camps about a possible joint format have stalled. Paramount's decision is unlikely to restart those talks and a format war, which studios dread, is as likely as ever, analysts said.

"We think the game's not over," said Richard Doherty, research director for the Envisioning Group, a firm of technology analysts.



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Feinstein 'delighted' court pick is woman, but withholds opinion

BY KIM CURTIS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein said Monday she's "delighted" President Bush's nominee to the Supreme Court is a woman and sees no negatives yet, but acknowledged she knows little about Harriet Miers' stance on issues such as abortion and civil rights.

"Always wait for the hearing. Don't come out and say what you think without due diligence," Feinstein said outside her San Francisco home, adding she's had some "good conversations" with the White House counsel.

Feinstein said she doesn't know Miers personally and has only talked with her only in Miers' capacity as the president's lawyer.

"I see no negatives at this stage," she said. "What her values are and where she will stand on this court remains to be seen."

Feinstein, a Democrat, is the only woman on the 18-member Judiciary Committee that will hold hearings on Miers' nomination. She's also a political centrist who sometimes sides with committee Republicans.

However, Feinstein was one of five Judiciary Committee Democrats to vote

against the nomination of John Roberts to be chief justice. She said he hadn't made clear his commitment to equal protection rights and the right to privacy, the legal concept that underpins the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Feinstein has said repeatedly it would be difficult for her to support a Supreme Court nominee she thought would vote to overturn abortion rights. She often talks about the damage done by illegal abortions before the procedure was legalized by the court's decision in 1973, and says she doesn't want to go back to those days.

"I'd like the Supreme Court obviously to reflect those values," she said.

Miers, a lawyer who has never been a judge, would replace Sandra Day O'Connor and help reshape the nation's judiciary.

"I'm delighted in the fact that she's a woman," Feinstein said of Miers. "(O'Connor) leaves behind big shoes."

Feinstein said Miers will be under a lot of scrutiny by the Judiciary Committee, but acknowledged she was unlikely to get direct answers to where she stands on issues, but rather a sense of her "values in the big human questions."

"It's going to be very interesting to see how this process shakes out," Feinstein said.

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DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

As we wrap up the third quarter of 2005, the Santa Monica real estate market remains in a strong position. Fewer properties are selling for increasingly higher prices, and there are more properties to choose from. Around Los Angeles, life is still rosy, with annual appreciation predicted to come in at close to 17 percent.

The scenario is even rosier for the Golden State, even in comparison to the rest of the world.

Let's start off with our home turf. In Santa Monica, according to the Multiple Listing Service, 225 single-family homes sold between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, with about 60 percent of the properties on the market selling each month.

Sales prices are currently averaging \$1.59 million. Volume is slowing. Last year, 258 homes were sold during the same period — when 70 percent of the volume was moving at a median sale price of \$1.425 million. Take note, there were 300 single-family homes sold in the first three quarters of 2003 at a median sale price of \$1 million. Volume moved was around 72 percent of available homes.

In the condo market, the MLS reports that 461 condos sold between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30. Condo sales prices are currently averaging \$680,750. Again volume is down. During the same period in 2004, 517 units changed hands — at a median sale price of \$626,500 — 86 percent of available units sold. The rush was on in 2003 with 566 condos — a juicy 97 percent of the market — sold at a median price of \$460,500.

"Inventory levels in recent months were nearly double that of a year ago," said Leslie Appleton-Young, California Association of Realtors vice president and chief economist. "This has contributed to the increased pace of home sales in the presence of continued strong demand for housing in California."

In the Southland, the median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 29 days in August 2005, compared with 26 days for the same period a year ago, according to DataQuick information services.

Another interesting statistic on single family homes in Santa Monica comes from Coldwell Banker, whose research revealed that the top 10 most expensive markets overall in 2005 are: LaJolla, Calif.; Santa Monica, Calif.; Beverly Hills, Calif.; Santa Barbara, Calif.; Palo Alto, Calif.; Newport Beach, Calif.; San Mateo, Calif.; San Francisco, Calif.; San Jose, Calif.; and Greenwich, Conn.

In August, statewide, the median price of an existing home in California in August increased 20.1 percent to a record \$568,890; sales increased 7 percent reported the California Association of Realtors.

The median for resale houses was \$501,000, passing the \$500,000 mark for the first time. The median for resale condos was \$403,000, passing the \$400,000 mark for the first time.

"This was the second strongest August sales figure on record dating back to 1979, surpassed only by August 2003," said C.A.R. President Jim Hamilton.

C.A.R. notes that mortgage rates are moving steadily toward 6 percent, and the 10-year T-note is marching toward 4.3 percent. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged in the vicinity of 4.25 percent, compared with 4.1 percent a year ago.

"While fixed mortgage interest rates have not increased, adjustable rates have risen in reaction to the Federal Reserve and a more general increase in short-term rates," said Hamilton. "Since more buyers are relying on adjustable-rate mortgages to finance the purchase of their homes, buyers may be moving more quickly to make the home purchase decision in anticipation of future rate increases."

The housing affordability index has dropped to 16 percent. The minimum household income needed to purchase a median-priced home at \$568,890 in California is in the vicinity \$127,870, based on an average effective mortgage interest rate of 5.71 percent and assuming a 20 percent down payment. This income figure was up from \$111,420 in June 2004, when the median price of a home was \$468,050 and the prevailing interest rate was 6.01 percent.

DataQuick reports that indicators of market distress are still largely absent. Foreclosure activity has bottomed out, but is still low. Down payment sizes are stable, as are flipping rates and non-owner occupied buying activity. Across Southern California, prices have risen around 15 percent from a year ago.

Analysts cite two significant factors contributing to continued strong sales. One is the prevalence of "innovative" mortgage products and lower-than-expected interest rates. Secondly, more European dollars, especially from France and The Netherlands, have been dumped into United States Treasury securities, supporting lower long-term home mortgages rates.

While we bask in our housing boom, keep in mind that the United States ranks sixth on the list of the highest house-price increases worldwide. ResearchWorldwide.com, which monitors 23 nations, reported that home prices jumped about 23.3 percent in South Africa from June 2004 to June 2005, while leaping 21.4 percent in Hong Kong. The United States was sixth on the list, with home prices up 14.7 percent from June 2004 to June 2005.

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Auction pits local housing needs against feds

BY REBECCA BOONE
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — Affordable housing is scarce in the tony Sun Valley resort area, so when the federal government ordered some convicted drug dealers to forfeit three apartment complexes, local officials eyed the property eagerly.

But the Internal Revenue Service isn't going along with local plans. The buildings were set to be auctioned Tuesday to the highest bidder.

Sun Valley Mayor Jon Thorson has sent a letter — signed by state Rep. Wendy Jaquet and other leaders — asking the IRS and U.S. Attorney Tom Moss to delay the auction for 45 days to give local governments either enough time to come up with a competitive bid or to find another way to get the property.

"Affordable housing is critical for the school district, critical for the hospital, critical for every service business in our area," Thorson said. "This represents an opportunity to get land in the center of Ketchum to be redeveloped for workforce housing."

That request came awfully late, said Jean McNeil, spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office. The property was seized several years ago in a drug case against Patrick O'Malley Cannon of Ketchum and David Stanley Brocklebank of Hailey, and was officially forfeited in February 2004 when they were sentenced to 40 months in prison for money laundering and conspiring to smuggle and distribute drugs.

"This property was seized a very long time ago. It's always been known that we would auction it," McNeil said. "As far as I know, we first heard of the request to stop the auction last week."

Even if his office had gotten the request earlier, it's unlikely anything could have been done, U.S. Assistant Attorney Tony Hall said. He can't find any statutory basis allowing him to deal directly with local government to set the property aside for public housing.

"I've been making other phone calls to other districts and attorneys and I haven't found a similar situation that we could analyze," Hall said. "Certainly we're sympathetic to the situation, but in two weeks it's not fair to us, not fair to the bidders and not fair to anybody to try to derail something that everyone's put so much effort into."

Blaine County has only 563 affordable housing units, said Rebekah Helzel, the founder of Advocates for Real Community Housing, or ARCH. The most recent housing study suggests that an additional 1,200 housing units are needed, and that number grows every day, Helzel said.

Many of the region's affordable housing units get bought, torn down and replaced with high-end condos and extravagant homes, she said, because the land underneath the building is more valuable than the structure itself.

"We've actually lost more units than we've gained in the last three years," Helzel said. "We're going to fall further and further behind until we have some systemic solutions, like housing impact fees and real estate transfer taxes."

It's difficult to estimate the average cost of housing in Idaho, because state law does not require owners or sellers to disclose their property purchase price, Helzel said. With about two-thirds of Blaine County residents reporting, the average home there costs about \$415,000.

Thorson puts the estimate much higher. He believes that the average person would have to make more than \$400,000 a year to buy a home today in Sun Valley, at a cost of about \$1.2 million.

Though the auction won't be stopped, Helzel will be bidding on the properties on behalf of ARCH, with the backing of the Blaine-Ketchum Housing Authority. If she wins, the land will be used for affordable housing.

But she likely faces some deep-pocketed competition. Anthony Pounders with EG&G Tech Services, the private contractor handling the auction, said he has had calls from about 50 interested bidders and expects at least 20 bids.

Hall with the U.S. attorney's office has also had dozens of inquiries about the property.

The local governments can't bid on the property without holding public meetings and voting on the matter, Thorson said.

Study: More Hispanics operate farms after years of working fields

BY LAURA WIDES
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Henry Vega's father emigrated from Mexico during World War II to harvest sugar beets. Today, Vega runs the family's 65-acre lemon orchard, manages other land and serves as president of the Farm Bureau of Ventura County.

He's among the increasing number of Hispanic farmers in the country.

Between 1997 and 2002, Hispanic-run farms jumped by more than 50 percent, from 33,000 to 51,000, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"My father, he did everything from picking, being a foreman and supervisor, and then eventually buying a ranch," Vega said. "It seems like that's often the way it works for the farmworkers."

Hispanics still represent only a small percentage of U.S. farmers, owning just over 2 percent of all farms. But that number could grow as workers try to expand their opportunities.

The evolution from farmworker to farm operator is occurring as farmers in general find it increasingly tough to eke out a living.

Many white families are leaving the industry and selling their ranches to workers rather than passing them on to sons or daughters who prefer working 9-to-5 rather than dawn-to-dusk.

"The main factor is that farming is such a precarious operation. A lot of American-born people are just not willing to take on the risk," said Ron Storchlic, interim executive director of the Institute for Rural Studies.

Hispanic farmers are spread across the country, with the largest concentrations in Texas, California, New

Mexico, Florida and Colorado. They are likely to run small farms, with nearly 50 percent managing operations of less than 50 acres.

Those with small farms often find niche markets for their produce, including farmers markets or small retailers. But it's not easy to find buyers on a small scale, and it remains to be seen how many of the farmers will survive in the long run, Storchlic said.

"You have to be a savvy marketer," he said.

In Monterey County, the nonprofit Agriculture & Land Based Training Association is helping small farmers, most of whom are Hispanic, find their niche and get the farming and management skills needed to stay in business.

Association spokesman Gary Peterson said people who farm smaller areas can make a living if they find the right market. For example, organic crops can go for about \$16,000 an acre, meaning a 10-acre farm could bring in a net profit of about \$40,000 or more a year, he said.

The group offers training, mostly in Spanish, to farmworkers and others who want to work their own or rented land and also leases 160 acres to beginning farmers.

Its organic distribution label has contracts with Stanford University, the University of California, Santa Cruz, and Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, among others.

Like other farmers, Hispanic growers struggle to compete with cheap imports. And for many workers, owning land remains a distant dream.

Florentino Collaso, 42, of Salinas came to the United States in 1986 as a farmworker. He now teaches at the agriculture association and is still saving to buy his own plot of land.

He already knows what he would plant: beets, cilantro, tomatoes, lettuce, radicchio and squash.

"But the land is so expensive," he said.

Vega believes it was easier for his father to buy land years ago.

"You can do it, but it's a lot harder today," he said.

One reason is competition from housing developers for open space. It doesn't help "when developers are waving \$100,000 per acre in farmers' faces," Vega said.

Vega faces the same uncertainty about the future as thousands of other farmers across the country: Who will take over his farm?

His sons aren't interested, and he said farming involves too much hard work to force it on anyone.

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NATIONAL



Fort Clatsop burns; police search for truck leaving scene

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER
Associated Press Writer

WARRENTON, Ore. — A replica of the compound in Oregon where the Lewis and Clark expedition spent the soggy winter of 1805-1806 after reaching the Pacific has been destroyed by fire, officials said Tuesday.

Volunteer firefighters worked for hours Monday night to try to save Fort Clatsop at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Park. But "half of the fort was burned up, and the other half is essentially a loss," said park Superintendent Chip Jenkins.

The site is being treated as a crime scene, he said. Investigators said Tuesday afternoon that they were looking for a pickup truck seen leaving the area as firefighters arrived.

Oregon State Police joined the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with dogs trained to sniff out the presence of any flammable liquids, said Ron Tyson, who heads a volunteer search and rescue team.

The fire happened just 40 days before a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial event was scheduled to be held at the fort, the culmination of a two-year, national celebration of the explorers' journey to the West.

"We will rebuild," Jenkins said. "The

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial events will go on through the winter."

He said he did not know when it would be rebuilt. But fliers soliciting funds for the project were circulating only a few hours after the fire was out.

The fort is not essential for bicentennial events scheduled for Nov. 11-14, said Cyndi Mudge, one of the organizers. There are Lewis and Clark sites scattered across the area, and events will still be held there as previously scheduled.

There was no electricity or natural gas source in the fort, Jenkins said. But during the day, fires sometimes burn in fireplaces inside some of the fort's quarters to recreate the ambiance of the time that Lewis and Clark spent in the fort.

Jenkins said some fireplaces were burning "for a couple of hours" on Monday, but that it wasn't clear whether those controlled fires were related to the blaze.

Ron Tyson, chief of the Olney-Walluski Volunteer Fire and Rescue, said the fire was phoned in by a passing motorist. The fort was well involved when Tyson got there about 15 minutes later, he said.

Fort Clatsop is the centerpiece of the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, which is among the newest of the nation's

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388 national parks and the second one in Oregon. The park is made up of several sites in Oregon and Washington tied to the westward end of the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804-1806.

The park covers 10,000 acres, including a six-mile trail under construction that traces the route the explorers used to get from Fort Clatsop, south of Astoria, to the sea.

The 50-by-50-foot fort was built by the local community in 1955 to mark the sesquicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition. It was erected near the site where experts believe the original stood. The exact site of the original remains unknown despite several efforts by scientists of various disciplines to find it.

Jenkins said scholarship has advanced in the 50 years since the replica was built and that could lead to a more authentic fort going up on the site.

"We will look to the current state of knowledge and take advantage of that," he said.

Fort Clatsop contained a replica of the explorers' winter quarters, based on drawings and descriptions in the journals of William Clark and Meriwether Lewis. There were regular demonstrations of weaponry and of skills the explorers relied on, such as tanning elk hides and making clothing.

"It was a memorial to Lewis and Clark but it was also a teaching tool," Jenkins said. "It was a well-built, lovingly-crafted tool. We will build a new tool."

A group of 41 people following the Lewis and Clark trail arrived at the fort hoping to see the structure Tuesday.

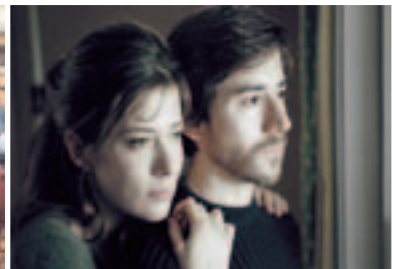
"We didn't get to see it, and I won't get to see it," said Bill Watson, a retired state trooper from Oaklawn, Ill. "We were looking forward to see it, today was the day. We can't get over it."

Watson was on a tour that began in St. Charles, Mo., 18 days ago, and was to culminate at the fort.

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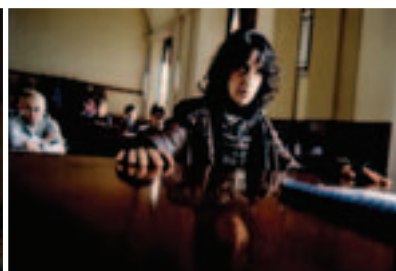


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NATIONAL

Republicans, Democrats alike conflicted over Miers

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — One of the Senate's senior conservatives, Republican Orrin Hatch, offered unconditional support Tuesday to Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers amid expressions of anxiety in some Republican

quarters over her legal philosophy.

The Utah Republican took on criticism that Miers has no experience as a judge and a largely unknown track record.

"A lot of my fellow conservatives are concerned, but they don't know her as I do," said Hatch, a former Judiciary Committee chairman. "She's going to basically do what the president thinks she should, and that is be a strict constructionist."

Hatch said he already has decided to support her confirmation. "I don't need any more. I know her really well. And I intend to support her," he told reporters.

President Bush, at a news conference in the White House's Rose Garden, asked the Senate to confirm Miers by Thanksgiving and urged Democrats to give her a chance to explain her views of the law and the Constitution.

He worried aloud that issues could surface, noting that half of the Democratic members of the Senate had voted against John Roberts, his choice to succeed William H. Rehnquist as chief justice of the United States. Miers, who was meeting Tuesday with Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Judiciary Committee member Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., was nominated to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"I know her. I know her heart. Remember, she was part of the search committee that picked John Roberts," said Bush, who used his Rose Garden news conference to reiterate his credentials as a conservative.

Bush has known Miers for more than 10 years, first as his personal lawyer and most recently as a White House counsel. "When it's all said and done, the American people are going to know what I know: This woman deserves to be on the bench. And she'll bring credit to the bench and to the law," he said.

Facing criticism from conservatives who were disappointed over his father's choice of Justice David Souter, who has become one of the most liberal members of the court, Bush insisted that Miers was a strict constructionist and a conservative and would stay that way. "She isn't going to change over the course of time," Bush said.

"I have said in the past that I would like a nominee with a proven track record on important issues to all Americans and whose judicial philosophy is well-formed," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., one of Congress' most fervent anti-abortion lawmakers. "I am not yet confident that Ms. Miers has a proven track record."

The conservative National Review, in a Monday editorial, called the Miers nomination a "missed opportunity." "Being a Bush loyalist and friend is not a qualification

"She shares President Bush's judicial outlook and that is that justices shouldn't be creating law from the bench, they should strictly interpret the Constitution."

DAN BARTLETT
White House counselor

for the Supreme Court. She may have been the best pick from within Bush's inner circle," the magazine said. "It seems impossible to maintain that she was the best pick from any larger field. It seems highly unlikely that she will be the kind of justice who, in combination with Roberts, Scalia, and Thomas, will attract additional votes by the sheer force of her arguments."

In a round of television interviews Tuesday, White House counselor Dan Bartlett sought to reassure conservatives who have expressed concern that Miers might not be conservative enough for their tastes because she had no strong record on hot-button issues like abortion and gay rights.

"She shares President Bush's judicial outlook and that is that justices shouldn't be creating law from the bench, they should strictly interpret the Constitution," Bartlett said on CBS' "The Early Show."

Bartlett said that Bush had not asked Miers her views on issues like abortion or gay rights. "President Bush thinks it's very important not to impose a litmus test on judicial candidates," Bartlett said on NBC's "Today" show.

Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council said conservatives put great weight in Bush's judgment but they would have preferred a nominee with a documented conservative track record. The president's recommendation "gives us some level of comfort but that has to be combined with some evidence," he told MSNBC. Perkins did not take a position on the nomination and said he will be looking for clues to her judicial philosophy during the confirmation hearings.

With Miers' selection, Bush was looking to satisfy conservatives who helped confirm Chief Justice John Roberts without inflaming Democrats who repeatedly warned against the selection of an extreme conservative to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who has voted to uphold abortion rights and preserve affirmative action.

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INTERNATIONAL



U.S. military launches another offensive in Iraq

BY ANTONIO CASTANEDA

Associated Press Writer

HAQLANIYAH, Iraq — Some 2,500 U.S. troops along with Iraqi forces launched their second major offensive in western Iraq in a week Tuesday, sweeping into three towns to take them back from insurgents who had killed Marines there last month.

The U.S. military announced its first casualties of the offensives, with four troops killed by roadside bombs during the fighting and a fifth elsewhere.

The assaults in western Iraq aim to put down al-Qaida in Iraq and other Sunni-led insurgent groups that have waged a campaign of violence aimed at wrecking a crucial Oct. 15 national vote on a new constitution. The United States has hoped the new charter would bring together the country's fractious communities, but Sunnis sharply oppose it.

Sunni Arab moderates threatened Tuesday to boycott the voting after the Shiite-led parliament passed new rules over the weekend that make it effectively impossible for Sunnis to defeat the charter at the ballot box.

The new rules deepened alienation over the political process among Sunnis, who had decided to participate in the referendum but to vote no. A boycott would undermine the referendum's legitimacy and strike a blow to hopes that political progress would weaken Sunni support for the insurgency.

"Boycotting the referendum is a possible option ... because we believe that participating in the voting might be a useless act," said Saleh al-Mutlaq, a leading Sunni politician.

The United Nations also expressed concern about the new electoral rules, saying they don't meet international standards. U.N. officials have been meeting with Iraqi authorities and are confident that Iraq will ultimately agree to sound electoral rules, spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

"Ultimately, this will be a sovereign decision by the Iraqis and it's up to the Iraqi National Assembly to decide on the appropriate electoral framework," Dujarric said. "That being said, it is our duty in our role in Iraq to point out when the process does not meet international standards."

In Baghdad, a suicide attacker set off a car bomb at the main entrance to the heavily fortified Green Zone, a district of Iraqi government buildings and the U.S. and British Embassies. The powerful blast killed two policemen.

The attack came on the first day of Ramadan, the holy Islamic month of fasting. Al-Qaida in Iraq called on its followers to step up attacks against U.S. and Iraqi forces and make it a "month of victory for Muslims and a month of defeat for the hypocrites and polytheists."

Previous Ramadans since the invasion and occupation of Iraq two years ago saw a spike in violence in Iraq.

Al-Qaida in Iraq urged Sunnis to boycott the referendum, saying U.S. authorities would fix the vote. "You know very well that the Americans are going to supervise collecting the voting boxes and counting the votes," it said.

The military launched its latest offensive in a cluster of cities in the Euphrates River valley about 140 miles northwest of Baghdad. Code-named "River Gate," it was the largest U.S. offensive in the troubled Anbar region of western Iraq this year, the military said. It also included hundreds of Iraqi troops, the largest such contingent of

any of the offensives this year.

Airstrikes by U.S. warplanes and dozens of helicopters set off explosions that lit up Haqlaniyah, Parwana and Haditha before dawn Tuesday. Barrages of gunfire also were seen in the night sky. Large sections of Haqlaniyah's power were knocked out.

Some of the strikes took out bridges across the Euphrates in the area to prevent militants from escaping over them into the desert, said Lt. Col. Christopher Starling, the operations officer in Regimental Combat Team 2, which is leading the offensive.

Dozens of roadside bombs were encountered on the main arteries into the towns as U.S. troops moved in, Marine commanders said. Later in the day, U.S. snipers took positions on rooftops in Haqlaniyah as troops blared warnings on loudspeakers ordering residents to stay inside their homes, witnesses said.

The military launched a similar offensive on Saturday, 93 miles upriver, by the Syrian border. Operation "Iron Fist," which continued Tuesday, concentrated in the towns of Sadah, Karabilah and Rumana, aiming to uproot al-Qaida in Iraq insurgents who receive reinforcements and supplies from Syria. At least 57 militants have been killed in that operation.

The military said a Marine was killed Monday by a roadside bomb in Karabilah, the first U.S. death in Operation Iron Fist. In the hours before Operation River Gate began, a roadside bomb hit U.S. troops in Haqlaniyah on Monday, killing three, the military said.

A soldier was shot Monday morning near Taqaddum, a town close to the city of Fallujah, also in Anbar but away from the two offensives, the military said.

The killings raised to at least 1,941 the number of U.S. military members who have died since the beginning of the war in 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The towns of Haqlaniyah, Parwana and Haditha, with a combined population of 100,000, have no Iraqi police or troops based in them, leaving their streets open to roving insurgent groups.

On Aug. 1, an ambush by insurgents in Haditha killed six U.S. Marine snipers, and a large roadside bomb on the outskirts of the city on Aug. 3 killed 14 Marines and an Iraqi interpreter.

Last spring, Haditha General Hospital, the region's largest, was heavily damaged by a suicide car bomb that set fire to the building, and insurgents used staff and patients as human shields during fighting with Marines that followed.

The U.S. military has said that Iraq's most wanted terrorist, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the head of Al-Qaida in Iraq, once had a home in Haditha.

Earlier this year, hundreds of U.S. forces conducted individual sweeps in the three towns.

The newest operation is "step forward to eliminating insurgents and giving the country back to the Iraqi people," said Col. Stephen W. Davis, who added it would help residents in the Haditha area freely vote in the constitutional referendum.

On Monday, the United Nations announced in New York that it is distributing millions of copies of the draft constitution in this country ahead of the referendum. But residents in Baghdad and several other provinces told the AP on Tuesday that they have not received the document or seen it being handed out in their areas.

Under referendum rules, the constitution is defeated if two-thirds of voters in any 13 of Iraq's 18 provinces vote "no." Leaders of the country's Sunni Arab minority were

hoping to use that to knock down a draft charter they say will tear Iraq into Shiite, Kurdish and Sunni fragments, leaving the Sunnis the weakest.

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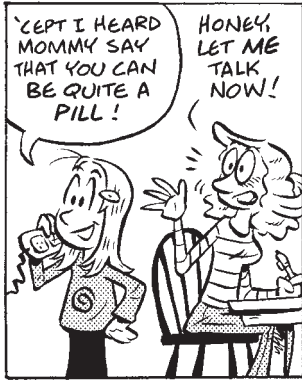
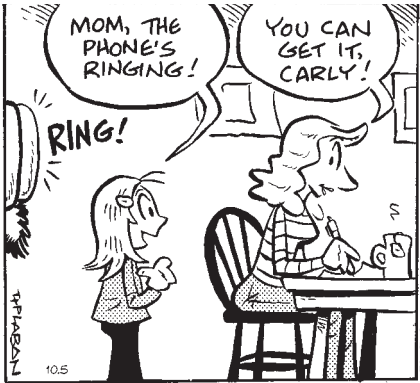


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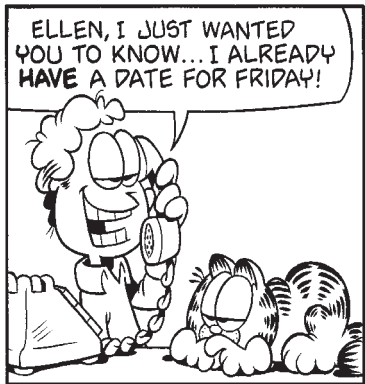
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