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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The guy in the Ronald Reagan mask who robbed a Bank of America in San Diego in August got away, but all his money was dye-stained, in a caper that went wrong from the start. According to police, the mask covered his eyes; he wore a cape that tangled with his gun, causing him to drop it; his getaway car got blocked in by a delivery truck; he rammed the truck to get away, provoking an argument with the driver; the dye pack exploded; and the mask and gun got left behind.

TODAY IN HISTORY

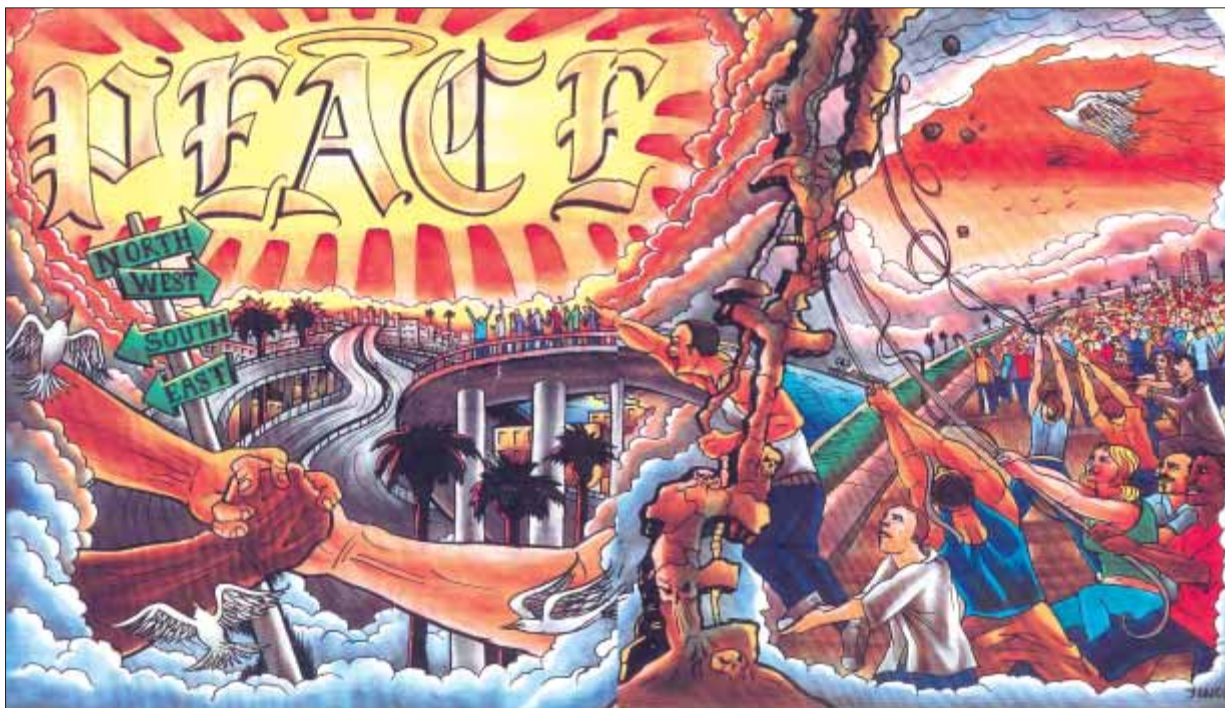
Today is the 280th day of 2006.
There are 85 days left in the year.

1765 The Stamp Act Congress convened in New York to draw up colonial grievances against England.

1777 The second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered 10 days later.)

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DRAWING PRAISE: Samohi student June Cha's redesigned mural, an attempt to promote racial harmony at the high school following conflicts on campus last year, won approval this week. His first rendering was deemed too harsh by critics.

Acceptable peace offering

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH — As an artist, one must be prepared for harsh criticism, especially when it comes to public displays.

Jun Cha, 17, a senior at Santa Monica High School, found out as much in May when a mural he designed for the student group

Against All Odds — which has been working to unite Samohi in the wake of racial conflicts on campus last year — was rejected by a committee charged with approving public art on campus.

The artist then went back to the drawing board, re-emerging with a design for a kinder, gentler mural that was approved by that same

committee this week.

The controversial rendering originally depicted angry African-American and Latino men charging a black wall, some with their fists in the air, while others were depicted throwing rocks or carrying bats to level it. Behind the wall were images

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Sense of history: Council throws developers a bone

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — It's no longer just a case of out with the old and in with the new on housing construction sites across the city.

Preserving historic structures will no longer have to compete with the construction of new housing following a move by the City Council this week that is expected to bolster the

city's housing stock.

Currently, if a developer wants to build condominiums or some other project on a lot containing a historic structure, the historic structure stays put. Now, developers should find a speedier approval process from the city and enjoy more leeway in their designs to reconfigure properties in return for incorporating the historic

See SENSE OF HISTORY, page 17

Crash victims to settle

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SECOND STREET — A non-profit agency that helps individuals with severe mental illness is close to settling 36 lawsuits filed by victims of the deadly Farmers' Market crash three years ago.

Sources close to the negotiations said Step Up on Second is prepared to pay the victims \$5 million — the total amount available as part of its insurance policy.

Step Up on Second, whose clients were in charge with placing plastic barriers at each of the market's entrances and exits, is involved in negotiations with attorneys for the victims following Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Valerie Baker's decision in June to not grant the organization immunity.

Tod Lipka, the chief executive officer of Step Up, would not comment on the negotiations, except to say that a deal is in the works.

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Feeling singled out

Walkers take a gander at the filming of a new dating show for MTV this week.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Listen with care. Misunderstandings come in like thunder clouds from out of nowhere. Easy does it when dealing with a child or loved one. Yes, you don't see eye to eye with this person. Answers won't come quickly. Tonight: Just let your imagination lead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Dealing with someone closely can have results, no matter where you are or what you do. Work as a team; be willing to put in that extra effort. You know what needs to happen; let it. Tonight: You need a timeout.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to play and party. In fact, work off steam through physical activity. You have way too much energy for your own good. Speak your mind, thinking of alternate opportunities. Be positive. Tonight: Enjoy your friends to the max.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Go out and about. Try something very different and new. You might want to indulge a family member, and taking this person out on the town might be perfect. This person wants you to be proud of him or her. Tonight: Others notice what is happening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to try something different from what you've done in the past. Understand what is happening with you and someone you care about. Extremes punctuate your interactions no matter which direction you head in. Tonight: Could you be overly serious?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to deal with someone in a more direct style. Discussions need to be on an individual level. You will come to a new understanding if you are willing to reveal yourself. Open up and talk. The other party will respond in a similar vein. Tonight: Make it cozy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You find that you could be difficult and touchy right now, especially if someone gets your goat or starts a hot talk. Friends and family share much more than in the past. Tonight: Listen, but also let someone have his or her way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Even and steady works if you simply float with the moment. Your perspective could change, especially as your temper could easily flare. You do want to think rather than react, especially when your image or wallet is involved! Tonight: Know that your energy isn't endless.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ If you emphasize the positives as opposed to the negatives, you will feel as if you are coming to the end of a problem. Join forces with someone rather than let go of a problem. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You need to look at the big picture and your responsibilities if you want to make headway and find out what to do. Your humor and lightness take you to a new level. Roll with a situation. Domestic priorities need to star. Tonight: Entertain at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ When sudden changes occur, don't get upset; rather, work on finding a more appropriate manner of expressing your dissatisfaction. Communication could be pivotal — not just right now, but also in the long run. Tonight: Enjoy friends and loved ones.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You'll like what goes on as long as you state your case and take charge of your finances. It is one thing for someone to want something but another issue to demand it. You have the ability to say no. Tonight: Remember your budget, dear Fish.

BORN TODAY Actress **Judy Landers** (1961), singer **John Mellencamp** (1951)

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 2

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	D	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	D	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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SURF CONDITIONS

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SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)

This weekend the NW element should back down slightly, yet the scant southern hemi swell should remain. Overall, most all breaks are looking at waist high surf. Winds should also recuperate some on Saturday, but the tide will be astronomically high by mid morning.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

TRACKING SW AND NW FOR 13TH...
EYEING SW POTENTIAL FOR 18TH...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

Dodgers fans are worn out

By Daily Press staff

LOS ANGELES — For decades, Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda has affectionately called Dodger Stadium “Blue Heaven on Earth.” Tomorrow, in honor of the Dodgers’ first home playoff game, Los Angeles fans are being encouraged to make Lasorda’s vision a reality.

The Dodgers are encouraging all fans in attendance to show their Dodger pride by wear-

ing Dodger blue to the team’s Division Series home opener against the New York Mets.

“I just spent the last two days in New York and the fans there were outstanding. They were on their feet for nearly every pitch and they were loud,” said Lasorda. “I’ve always said that we have the greatest fans in all of baseball and we need to show the rest of the country that it’s the truth! I want all of them to show up wearing blue and support their team loudly from the first pitch to the last.”

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The QLine

LET USERS GET THEIR OWN

This past week, Q-line asked: **“Should City Hall render the entire city of Santa Monica a ‘hotspot,’ with Internet access for all?”** Here are your responses:

“Internet access for all sounds like another entitlement program to me. And the answer is ‘no,’ the city should not get involved.”

“When I use a photocopier at the library, a parking meter at curbside or if I use a pay telephone anywhere in the city, I pay. Web site users should pay.”

“What’s with the free ride for laptop users and Internet junkies. Make them pay for such use. We are sponsoring enough free-loaders in this city already.”

“I don’t think they should waste money doing all this wireless Internet stuff. If people can afford to pay for their laptop, they can pay for their Internet service.”

“No hotspot. We don’t need more brain-idling electronic smog.”

“The answer is ‘no.’ Technology changes and it changes quickly. The city is known for spending millions on wasteful projects. We’ll only find this one to be another. So the city should wait and technology should advance, and then perhaps, we should consider.”

“I think it would be a great idea to make Santa Monica an Internet hotspot for access for everybody. The way to pay for it would be out of the utility tax that all of us, as residents, get gouged for by the city of Santa Monica — 10 percent on gas, electricity, phone and water. The money is there, use it.”

“No, City Hall should not wi-fi the city because they’ll spend millions in out of date technology, and then turn around and tax us for it. Or they’ll tax us for it first and then go ahead and do the wrong thing, just like the water tax that they’re trying to do. These idiots are incompetent.”

Tune in the Emergency Broadcast System



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

Recently, the Lorraine Theatre in Hoopeston, Ill., closed its doors for two weeks because the owner felt the only current movie he was being offered to show on his screen was “lousy.” Owner Greg Boardman is not just interested in art films. The Lorraine often shows big-budget, popular movies. But he just couldn’t bring himself to show “Jackass II.”

The 84-year-old theater was once a vaudeville palace. Boardman repaired it and installed a state-of-the-art sound system. When he closed down temporarily because he decided not to show “Jackass II,” he did it because he just didn’t feel that the beautiful theater and the wonderful sound system should be used to show “someone vomiting on screen.” Tough to argue with the guy.

Boardman said that the studios have every right to make and release whatever films they want, but he has the right to not show them if he thinks they are “crummy.” He was perfectly content with having his screen blank. He took the financial hit and even paid his manager for the two weeks. Then he reopened the theater with “Invincible” and “Open Season.”

His stance on this got me thinking about television. What would happen if television executives, affiliates or station owners followed in Boardman’s footsteps? I know it’s not very likely, but if you can’t fantasize about the improbable or even the impossible, why bother fantasizing?

For the most part, I’m willing to admit that declaring which TV shows are good and which are “crummy” is pretty subjective. But I’m talking about the shows that just about everybody thinks are no good. I mean, for example, the last show on each network to make the schedule — shows about which executives said something like, “Well, we’ve got to put something on at that time, so let’s go with this one.”

Here’s my rule of thumb for this fantasy of mine: if those who are responsible for the show can’t talk about it proudly to their parents and their children, don’t show it.

I know that those who run television will say they can’t just have a blank screen for that time period. Okay, instead

of a blank screen, put up a sign that says, “This might be a good time to read a book, talk to your family or take a walk.” If that’s too radical, put some old classic TV show on in that spot.

Or maybe, like with Boardman and Hoopeston, Ill., it should happen at the local level. If station owners don’t want to run a show, they don’t have to run it. I know this happens every once in a while with some “controversial” programs, but maybe it should happen more often with ones that just stink.

In this fantasy of mine, television news doesn’t get off the hook. To use Boardman’s words again, there are a lot of “crummy” and “lousy” things they throw at us and call “news.” That’s because there is the ridiculous assumption that every day there is exactly enough important news to fill the scheduled newscasts. Not a minute more, not a minute less. That’s just silly. Obviously, on some days there is more important news than on other days.

On those “slow news” days, Boardman’s Rules should apply. Just because you want to fill that time, don’t give us stories about the latest diets, which celebrities might be pregnant, or what breed of cat is the smartest and call that stuff news. Start the broadcast, and when you run out of real news, stop.

If that blank screen is a problem again, this would be a great opportunity to show some important news event from history whose coverage was prize-winning — instead of a story on how to organize your garage.

But as I said, much of this is a fantasy. There will always be movies that some people find “crummy” or “lousy,” and there will always be TV shows that some people will put into those categories. But what is not fantasy is that those with the ultimate TV programming power can do something about it. And that’s us — the people who can turn the set off if we don’t like what they’re showing. And you know something? When I do that, like Mr. Boardman, I’m perfectly content having that screen blank.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY ALAN GOTTLIEB & DAVE WORKMAN

The dirty little secret of 'Gun-Free School Zones'

Three fatal attacks on school property in less than a week; more than 20 since February 1996 when a 14-year-old youth strolled into a junior high school in Moses Lake, Wash., and opened fire, killing two students and a teacher.

The dirty little secret of all these atrocities is that they happened in so-called "Gun Free School Zones." Prior to the enactment of that horribly misguided federal legislation and its state-level clones, one never read about school massacres because there weren't any. The Gun Free School Zones Act transformed the public school landscape into a free-fire zone for whackos by removing any possibility, however small, that an armed teacher, student or private citizen might be present to intervene. As a result, monsters like Colorado's Duane Morrison or Pennsylvania's Charles Roberts, and a host of others have committed mayhem, courtesy of gun control fanatics who pressured Congress and state legislatures to pass such statutes.

The exception is Luke Woodham, who shot up Mississippi's Pearl High School in 1997 after slitting his mother's throat. Midway through his spree, Woodham encountered Vice Principal Joel Myrick, who had rushed to his car to retrieve a .45-caliber pistol. Myrick aimed the gun at Woodham's head and held him until police arrived.

You read little about Myrick's heroism, and less about his handgun, in press reports.

After the Pennsylvania attack on an Amish school in Lancaster County, anti-gun Gov. Ed Rendell had a remarkable moment of candor when he admitted that tougher gun laws would not have stopped the gunman. "You can make all the changes you want," Rendell said, "but you can never stop a random act of violence by someone intent on taking his own life."

His remarks were largely ignored because nobody wants to admit that Rendell is right about this, same as they overlooked Myrick and his gun. Such facts don't fit the anti-gun agenda.

It is time to re-consider gun-free school zone laws and the zero-tolerance mentality such laws foster. Inflexible regulations aimed at keeping kids safe also place teachers in jeopardy. A teacher in Lacey, Wash. was recently suspended for having a gun in her purse. Licensed to carry, she was afraid of her estranged husband, against whom she has a domestic violence protection order,

and has filed for divorce. But now she's in trouble; allegedly victimized by her spouse and again by the law.

We can no longer afford the empty-headed Utopian illusion that such statutes keep anyone safe, because they don't. Like other restrictive gun control measures, this one has been a monumental failure, and it is literally killing our children.

Nobody is suggesting that all teachers arm themselves, but scrapping the law restores that option. School massacres didn't happen in the days when high schools had rifle teams, and when it was common in the fall to find both teachers and students with rifles or shotguns locked in their cars. That was before "gun" became a four-letter word among self-described "progressive liberals" who championed gun-free zones.

If what's happening at schools today is "progress," we might be better off — and a lot of students would still be alive — if we were back in those unenlightened days when school kids riding down country roads with .22 rifles across their bicycle handlebars alarmed nobody.

In the wake of our most recent school shootings, reaction from the gun control crowd has been pathetic. Brady Campaign President Paul Helmke blustered that "we need to do something about that." He suggested a national dialogue, as if more talk will stop suicidal maniacs.

His bunch has done enough already, with the help of gun-grabbing Congressional demagogues like Charles Schumer, Dianne Feinstein, Nancy Pelosi and their far left colleagues, and an all-too-cooperative "mainstream" press. They gave us a law that leaves our children and their teachers vulnerable to the whims of any nutball looking for 15 minutes of fame because of real or imagined problems or perversions.

Restrictive gun laws do not prevent crime and the notion of a gun-free school zone is a myth. More restrictions on law-abiding citizens will never stop people like Morrison or Roberts who proved yet again that feel-good laws have defrauded American citizens, and especially our children, of genuine safety.

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Military turns defendant into asset, gets break in case against Marines

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Military prosecutors scored a significant break in the case against seven Marines accused of murdering an Iraqi civilian when a Navy corpsman agreed to testify about what his former patrol mates did that night in the town of Hamdania.

It was a sudden change in an oft-delayed case, but not necessarily a surprise — turning a defendant into an asset can be a smart play for prosecutors needing a witness for their side. And in this case, the plea deal could compel others among the accused to negotiate their way out of the case, experts in military law said.

Under the deal, prosecutors will drop murder and kidnapping charges against Petty Officer 3rd Class Melson J. Bacos, who in turn will plead guilty Friday to two additional charges during a hastily convened court martial, his attorney said.

Bacos was a medic who was patrolling with seven Marines last April when they allegedly abducted and killed 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad. All eight were charged with crimes including murder and kidnapping, and have been held at Camp Pendleton, the sprawling Marine base north of San Diego.

A former Navy judge advocate general said Bacos' testimony could be a blow for the Marines in the case.

"Almost inevitably it means that he will testify in some way or other against the interest of one or more of his co-defendants," said John Hutson, who is now president of New Hampshire's Franklin Pierce Law Center.

The seven Marines are at various stages in the military justice process. Two have been arraigned; preliminary hearings and other court appearances for the rest are set for coming weeks. Bacos is the first of the men to have a general court martial and will be the first to have his fate resolved.

According to charging documents, the troops entered Hamdania searching for an insurgent and, failing to find him, grabbed

52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad from his home and shot him.

An AK-47 and a shovel, allegedly stolen from a home, were left by Awad's body, apparently to make it look like the man had been digging a hole for a roadside bomb and was killed in an exchange of gunfire.

Bacos was accused of firing the AK-47 into the air as part of the cover up. Military prosecutors charged him with murder and kidnapping under the theory that he did nothing to stop the alleged crime.

Laurie Levenson, a law school professor at Loyola University, said the deal could indicate the prosecution's case lacks physical evidence. Bacos was recently transferred from the Camp Pendleton brig to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar for his own safety, said his attorney, Jeremiah Sullivan III. The youngest of the accused Marines, Pfc. John Jodka III, was transferred Wednesday evening. Jodka's attorneys are under a gag order and could not comment.

"Typically when there's multiple defendants, when one strikes a deal, others often do in a short time," said former Army prosecutor Tom Umberg. "You don't want to be the last guy standing, the first guy gets the best deal."

Gary D. Solis, a former Marine Corps prosecutor and judge advocate who teaches law of war at Georgetown University Law Center, said the prosecution might not offer additional plea agreements.

"The prosecutor's oath is to see that justice is done. He is not going to want to give away too many get-out-of-jail-free cards," Solis said. "If I am the prosecutor, I am giving one guy immunity, I'm not giving two guys immunity — you can deal away your case."

Marine spokesman Lt. Col. Sean Gibson said Wednesday it wouldn't be appropriate to comment on any potential negotiations between the accused and the prosecution. A phone message left for Gibson on Thursday was not returned.

David Brahms, a defense lawyer for one Marine, said Bacos' testifying made his job more difficult.

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Governor urges Mexican immigrants to assimilate into American culture

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says some Mexican immigrants “try to stay Mexican” when they come to the United States and he urged them to assimilate into the fabric of American society.

Recalling his own experience emigrating from his native Austria, the Republican governor said Thursday that immigrants should learn English and U.S. history and “make an effort to become part of America.”

“That is very difficult for some people to do especially, I think, for Mexicans because they are so close to their country here so they try to stay Mexican but try to be in America, so there’s this kind of back and forth,” he said.

“What I’m saying to the Mexicans is you’ve got to go and immerse yourself and assimilate into the American culture, become part of the American fabric. That is how Americans will embrace you,” he added.

Schwarzenegger’s comments were condemned by several Democrats supporting the candidacy of his rival in the November election, Phil Angelides. They depicted his remarks as part of a pattern of statements revealing insensitivity toward immigrants and others.

The governor’s “comments today were a calculated political insult to all immigrants,” California Democratic Party Chairman Art

Torres said in a statement.

Rep. Hilda Solis, D-El Monte, said in a conference call organized by the Democratic Party that “it’s not the governor’s place to tell immigrants to abandon their language and their culture.”

The office of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, one of the state’s leading Hispanic politicians, didn’t respond to requests for comment. Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, declined comment through a spokesman.

The governor’s comments, after an event in Los Angeles, echoed an opinion piece he wrote in September, which was published in the Los Angeles Times. He was critical of protesters who waved Mexican flags at immigration rallies.

“The message that sends is that you do not want to learn our language or our culture,” Schwarzenegger wrote.

Julie Soderlund, a spokeswoman for Schwarzenegger’s campaign, said in a statement that “Phil Angelides’ brand of divisive politics rings hollow for immigrants and American-born Californians alike who share the governor’s view of the American dream.”

The dispute follows a controversy last month about Schwarzenegger’s choice of words. The governor apologized for saying in a taped, private meeting that the mixture of Hispanic and black blood gives Puerto Ricans and Cubans “very hot” personalities.

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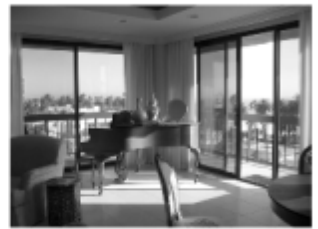
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Ramsey confessor Karr walks

BY KIM CURTIS

Associated Press Writer

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — John Mark Karr was freed Thursday after a judge dismissed child pornography charges against the one-time JonBenet Ramsey slaying suspect because prosecutors didn't have enough evidence to take the case to trial.

Judge Rene Chouteau ordered Karr released immediately, bringing an end to his two-month odyssey in the U.S. criminal justice system after he was extradited from Thailand on suspicion of killing JonBenet.

Karr, who was not in court for the hearing, did not comment to reporters as he left the Sonoma County Jail flanked by his attorneys and rode off in a black Volvo sport-utility vehicle.

The 41-year-old returned to Sonoma County last month to face the five-year-old case after DNA evidence cleared him of killing the child beauty queen in her Boulder, Colo., home in 1996.

The Sonoma misdemeanor case fell apart almost as quickly, as sheriff's investigators admitted losing vital computer evidence seized from Karr in April 2001 when he was working as a substitute teacher in Sonoma and Napa counties.

Defense lawyers tried unsuccessfully to get the charges dismissed and were seeking to have evidence barred from trial when prosecutors said they couldn't establish when the child porn images had been downloaded onto Karr's computer.

"The impression that we've had all along is that the prosecution had every intention

of getting this case to trial, regardless of the evidence," said defense lawyer Robert Amparan. "I am pleasantly surprised by them having done the right thing."

Prosecutors acknowledged that if Karr were convicted he would not have served any additional time in jail because he spent several months behind bars awaiting trial in 2001. They said they were seeking to have him register as a sex offender.

District Attorney Stephan Passalacqua said after the dismissal that his office "exhausted all resources available" to prosecute Karr, suggesting that the five-year delay in bringing Karr to trial was to blame for the weakened case.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Karr has benefited from his flight from these charges on the eve of trial in 2001," Passalacqua said in a statement.

Karr fled the state after being released from jail and had been on the lam until his arrest in Bangkok, which caused a sensation of news coverage when he told reporters he was with JonBenet when she died.

Karr, who moved to California from Alabama with his wife and three sons, first came to the attention of Sonoma County officials after an informant told authorities about alarming e-mails he had been sending her.

Investigators looked at Karr in connection with the unsolved 1997 murder of 12-year-old Georgia Moses, whose body was found dumped along Highway 101 in Sonoma County, Karr's lawyers said. He was never arrested in that case.

The sexually explicit pictures of children

were later found during a search of his home, authorities said.

His arrest led school officials to strip him of his teaching credential and his marriage ended in divorce later that year.

In hearings over the past two weeks, the defense accused prosecutors of misconduct for not alerting a judge sooner that evidence was missing, and they questioned the strength of the evidence that remained. The defense also said the search warrants were based on an unreliable witness with a history of mental illness.

Sheriff Bill Cogbill said he accepted the prosecutor's decision to drop the charges in light of the "current evidence standards and legal technicalities."

"We do acknowledge that there were some performance issues five years ago when we worked this case," Cogbill said in a statement. "We're conducting an internal affairs investigation into these issues, and we're continuing an audit of our evidence handling procedures."

Meanwhile, Karr's future remains unclear.

If he chose to reapply for his teaching credential, he would have to petition the California Teacher Credentialing Commission for a review and prove he is academically and morally fit, according to Mary Armstrong, the commission's general counsel.

"He has to show that there has been a rehabilitation, a change from the alleged misconduct," she said. Karr's credential was revoked when officials learned he had fled the charges against him.

Ousted HP chair appears in court for spying probe

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON

AP Business Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Ousted Hewlett-Packard Co. Chairwoman Patricia Dunn surrendered to authorities Thursday, a day after she and four others were charged in HP's ill-fated investigation to ferret out the source of boardroom leaks.

Dunn, 53, who initiated the probe that has shaken Silicon Valley's largest and oldest technology company, made a brief appearance in Santa Clara County Superior Court to sign a promise to return on Nov. 17 for her arraignment. She declined an onlooker's request for an autograph as she exited the courthouse and hopped into a chauffeur-driven sedan for the short trip to the county sheriff's office, where she was fingerprinted, photographed, booked and released.

Neither Dunn nor an attorney representing her, S. Raj Chatterjee, would comment Thursday afternoon.

But in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" to be broadcast Sunday, Dunn defended the investigation of directors and members of the media, saying she initiated the probe "at the request of this board to solve a serious problem."

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California court deals defeat to gay marriage advocates

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A state appeals court upheld California's ban on same-sex marriage Thursday, dealing a critical defeat to a movement hungry for a win after high courts in two other states upheld similar bans.

In reversing the March 2005 ruling of a San Francisco trial judge, the 1st District Court of Appeal agreed with the state's attorney general, who argued it is up to the Legislature, not the courts, to change the traditional definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

"We conclude California's historical definition of marriage does not deprive individuals of a vested fundamental right," the court said in its 2-1 decision. "The time may come when California chooses to expand the definition of marriage to encompass same-sex unions. That change must come from democratic processes, however, not by judicial fiat."

The ruling does not guarantee, however, that same-sex couples will never be allowed to marry here. Gay marriage advocates plan to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

"This is a disappointing second round in what we've always known is a three-round fight," said San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera, whose office challenged the existing marriage laws two years ago after the Supreme Court ordered city officials to stop granting marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Opponents of gay marriage praised the decision — and the court for exercising judicial restraint.

"The really important issue here is that the court understood that marriage has a meaning, and that unless you redefine marriage all the arguments the other side have made are meaningless," said Glen Lavy, an Alliance Defense Fund attorney who asked the appeals court to overturn the lower court ruling.

In their ruling, the justices noted that the state has gone a long way toward promoting equality for same-sex couples through its strong domestic partner law, which gives registered couples the same rights as married spouses. They rejected arguments from

gay marriage proponents that such a "separate, but equal" system was discriminatory.

"It is rational for the Legislature to preserve the opposite-sex definition of marriage, which has existed throughout history," Justice William McGuiness wrote on behalf of himself and Associate Justice Joanne Parrilli. "The state may legitimately support these parallel institutions while also acknowledging their differences."

In a strongly worded dissent, however, Justice Anthony Kline scoffed at his colleagues' suggestion that same-sex couples should not be entitled to marry now because they had not been permitted in the past.

"The fact that same-sex couples have traditionally been prohibited from marrying is the reason this lawsuit was commenced," Kline wrote.

Since 2004, when Massachusetts became the first state to legalize gay marriage, advocates have seen California as one of their best hopes for expanding the marriage movement. The stakes here became even higher this summer after high court rulings in New York and Washington state upheld same-sex marriage bans in those states.

California is one of 26 states with statutes limiting marriage to a man and a woman, while another 19 states passed constitutional amendments barring gay marriage after Massachusetts gays won the right to wed. Connecticut and Vermont allow civil unions.

Thursday's ruling came three months after the appeals court heard six hours of arguments in as many related cases — four of them filed by the city and lawyers for 20 couples seeking the right to wed, and two brought by groups that want to maintain the status quo barring same-sex unions.

The lawsuits arose out of the 2004 same-sex marriage spree that San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom ignited when he instructed city officials to issue marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples. Hundreds of couples from across the country flocked to City Hall to marry, but groups opposed to gay marriage persuaded the state Supreme Court to invalidate the licenses.



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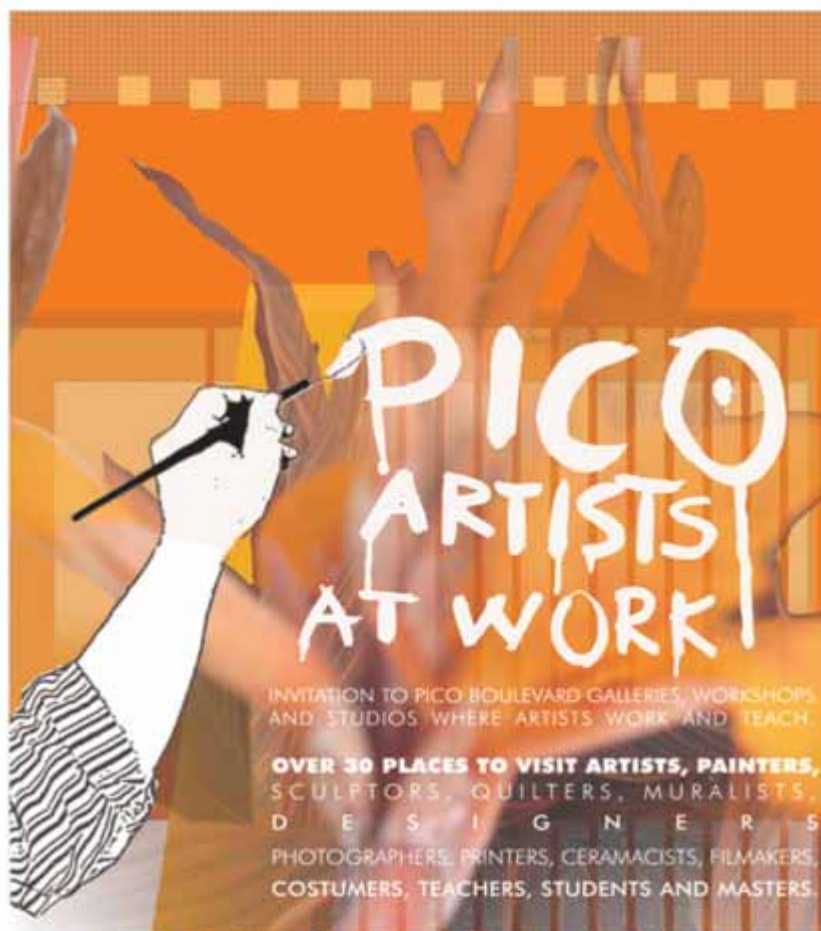


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Bug-killed trees are found to add fuel to the wildfire

BY SHANNON DININNY

Associated Press Writer

CONCONULLY, Wash. — The scorched sticks jutting from a floor of fine, gray ash in what was once a thick forest tell the story: The Tripod fire that roared through north-central Washington this summer burned hot, fast, and in some places, furious.

The dead and dying trees that escaped the fire spin yet another tale. Across the West, beetles have damaged or killed entire swaths of trees weakened by drought, creating fuel for spectacular wildfires. The Tripod blaze was a prime example, scorching more than 273 square miles of the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.

Insects don't determine whether a fire starts or its severity — drought and weather play an even bigger role — but they can exacerbate wildfire conditions in a tinder-dry forest.

"The fuel situation, I don't think anybody would tell you, is going to improve any time soon," said Mike Fitzpatrick, a National Park Service retiree who has also worked for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. "It's going to be the careers of people coming into fire management for the next 30, 40 years."

Forest Service officials are still working to map how their forests have been altered by bug kills in 2006. In 2005, mapping showed some 8.6 million acres of forest in 12 Western states, including Alaska, were infested with beetles, according to information provided to The Associated Press.

They also don't track the impact beetles have on fire activity, but in some places, their role can't be ignored.

The Pinnacles fire in southern California burned 2,730 acres, some of it vegetation killed by insects, said Bob Sommer, vegetation specialist for the San Bernardino National Forest.

A handful of fires burned in standing dead or downed timber in Idaho's Rocky Mountains, including the Potato fire, which burned more than 18,000 acres of the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Still smoldering is Washington's Tripod complex, two lightning-sparked fires that burned together in dense timber, much of it killed by insects.

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Foresters first began noticing beetle attacks on lodgepole pines in the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests in the 1970s. The trees there likely were established more than 100 years ago and are now reaching maturity, said John Townsley, a forest silviculturist.

They also have grown to thick stands, competing for less water, making them more susceptible to beetles. Like fruit flies are attracted to bruised fruit, beetles tend to go after trees that are already stressed.

The infestations alter the landscape in patches. Bugs may kill just five or 10 trees one year, but if the infestation continues in the same area, the dead fuel accumulates over time.

Researchers at the Fire Sciences Laboratory in Missoula, Mont., are working to map all the fuels and vegetation for the United States, beginning in the West. Using that information, computer models will allow fire managers to predict the growth and severity of wildfires and plan their attack, said Kevin Ryan, land fire program manager at the laboratory.

So far, though, a lack of research prevents fire managers from attributing extreme fire activity to beetle kills, Ryan said.

"The dynamics of the fuel depend on forest type, heat, moisture. You can't make a universal statement about whether or not there's more or less hazard just because the beetles have occurred," he said.

"I've joked for years, 'If the fire doesn't kill, then the bark beetles will. If the bark beetles don't kill, then the fire will,'" he said. "One of the certainties of life is that you can't get out of it alive, and the same is true for forests. It's the dynamic of the forest."

In Colorado, where bug kills have spread from patches of forest to entire hillsides, the beetle problem has been recognized by more than just foresters: Real estate agents in at least one county are voluntarily warning that a pine-beetle infestation could erode home values.

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Mexicans liking their chances at U.S. tracks

BY PETE HERRERA

AP Sports Writer

RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. — Juan Gonzalez crossed into the United States at El Paso, Texas, 15 years ago. Waiting for him on this side of the border were a house, a car and race horses.

It was a stress-free, uplifting journey for a Mexican man who knew he was coming to the U.S. to train quarter horses.

"It wasn't difficult because I came assured of having a home, a salary and a car," Gonzalez said in Spanish. "I had everything I needed."

Including a work permit.

A much different scenario than the one his older brother, Eliseo, faced in 1968 when, at age 17, he left the family's ranch in Mexico. His trip to the U.S. included days of walking through the mountains of western Mexico and, with the help of a coyote, illegal passage through Tijuana into San Diego.

The Gonzalez brothers are now partners in New Mexico's horse racing business and part of a growing population of Mexican immigrants becoming increasingly involved in the Sport of Kings in America. Trainers like Juan Gonzalez are buying horses for Mexican cattlemen and businessmen who want to tap into horse racing in states from California to Kentucky.

It's difficult to pinpoint how extensive the influx of Mexican immigrants into horse racing has been, but track owners and others involved in the sport agree it has grown substantially over the past 20 years.

"It's changed a lot. More and more owners, trainers and jockeys are migrating north and it's a good thing for both countries," says Harold Payne, general manager at Sunland Park, located minutes from the border town of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

The All American Select Yearling Sale held in September at Ruidoso Downs has become a big draw for horse owners from Mexico, according to Lowell Neumayer, director of the company that conducts the sale.

"We sold 469 yearlings this year and 31 percent of them were bought by Hispanic people," Neumayer said. "Most of them have addresses in Mexico but bank in the United States."

Neumayer said some of the top selling horses in this year's sale were purchased by buyers from Mexico. Among them was Hector Francisco Garcia, from Durango, Mexico, who paid \$155,000 for a Corona Cartel colt out of former world champion filly Jumping Tac Flash.

Neumayer said Mexican nationals have always been horse racing fans, but the new owners are raising the bar on the animals they buy.

"They've always been in the business, but they wouldn't come to this sale because the horses were too high," he said. "Now, they're coming and buying the better horses."

Texan Joe Gutierrez grew up in San Antonio and owns a construction company in Zapata, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley. He got involved in horse racing about five years ago and last month paid \$75,000 for a yearling filly at the Ruidoso sale.

"I'd say that in the Rio Grande Valley, 70 to 80 percent of the quarter horse owners are Hispanic," he said.

Trainer Sal Gonzalez, no relation to Juan Gonzalez, is also a native of Mexico. He said immigrants from Mexico, Guatemala and other South American countries are

involved in every aspect of horse racing in the U.S.

"I see it when I go to other farms and to horse sales," he said. "I was at a sale in Lexington, Kentucky, where there were about 6,000 horses. The help was nothing but Hispanics, from managers to handlers. We're loaded with people."

Sal Gonzalez personifies how the landscape has changed for Mexicans in horse racing. Where 40 years ago they worked mostly as jockeys, now they're just as likely to be horse owners and trainers.

Gonzalez came to the United States at age 13 to attend a Catholic school. Two years later he hitchhiked from El Paso to Los Angeles and went to work at a car wash. A friend invited him to Santa Anita and Gonzalez got a job there washing dishes.

"I thought, 'this is where I belong,'" he said.

He worked his way out of the kitchen and onto the track.

"I worked as a hot walker, groom, jock's agent, jockey. I did everything," he said.

Today, Gonzalez manages a large breeding farm in Anthony, N.M., and continues to train. In March he won the \$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen with Proud Tower Too.

"Wherever I can run a horse and win a race, I'll go," he said.

The success of trainers like Sal and Juan Gonzalez hasn't gone unnoticed south of the border.

Three years ago Juan Gonzalez won the All American Futurity with a 2-year-old named By By JJ. The race is one of the richest and most coveted quarter horse race in the U.S. and for most of its 47-year history has been won by horse owners and trainers from Texas, Oklahoma or California.

Ramon Ronquillo, another Mexican trainer, had a horse in the All American the year Gonzalez won the race.

"We felt very good that a Mexican won the race," Ronquillo said.

Valentin Valverde, a 22-year-old groom in Ronquillo's barn, said Gonzalez has become a "role model," for Mexicans like himself.

"They thought a Mexican could not win the All American and we proved it could be done," said Juan Gonzalez.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who watched the win by By By JJ at Ruidoso Downs, applauded Gonzalez' pursuit of a better life in the U.S.

"It shows the strength of sound immigration, it shows the strength of the two cultures," he said. "He's very proud to be in the United States, but he's also very proud of his heritage."

Juan and Eliseo Gonzalez grew up in a family of 17 kids in Los Altos de Jalisco, Mexico. Their father trained horses and Juan Gonzalez says the seven brothers all have been trainers at one time or another.

Juan Gonzalez was hired to train horses at Sunland Park by Mexican horse owner Chico Diaz, who provided him with a house in El Paso, a car and a salary. His training career took off immediately and now he owns homes in El Paso and Ruidoso. Since his win in the All American, his stable of horses has doubled.

Eliseo Gonzalez for years worked in California outside of horse racing. He spent years working with waste management and at a tannery in Petaluma, Calif. He joined his brother after Juan won the All American. He, too, is planning to have his own stable of horses.



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Alaskans' relationship with Chavez is warm

BY JEANNETTE J. LEE

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — In the Arctic village of Ambler, residents are paying \$7.25 a gallon for home heating oil as the days darken and the chill of winter seeps into the dozens of homes, most poorly insulated, along the Kobuk River.

The impoverished Inupiat Eskimo community of 280 welcomes any help in the costly drudgery of keeping warm, even if it comes, as critics point out, from a country engaged in a geopolitical spat with the U.S.

"When you have a dire need and it is a matter of survival for your people, it doesn't matter where, what country, the gift or donation comes from," said Virginia Commack, who at 56 years old is considered a young elder in Ambler.

Ambler and nearly 150 other Alaska Native villages have accepted money for heating oil from Venezuela, whose president, Hugo Chavez, repeatedly referred to President Bush as "the devil" in a speech to the United Nations last month. Chavez has also called Bush a "terrorist," and denounced the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

The Venezuelan government, through its Texas-based oil company Citgo, plans to buy 100 gallons of heating oil this winter for each of more than 12,000 households in rural Alaska.

The donation has refocused attention on the rampant and longstanding problems in the oil-rich state's Native villages, where poverty, fuel prices, unemployment and unchecked crime far surpass national averages.

For years, Alaska Natives have reproached the state and federal governments for sending too little money to their tiny, far-flung

communities. Many lie at least 100 miles off the state's skeletal road system in climates where winter temperatures routinely plummet far below zero. Fuel and grocery prices are bloated by the high costs of long-distance shipping by small plane and barge.

"It's pretty clear that the people need help and they're not going to get it here," said Steve Sumida, deputy director for the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council in Anchorage. "Who else is providing the assistance?"

A recent editorial in the Anchorage Daily News, the state's largest newspaper, bashed the Legislature's decision in March to reject an \$8.8 million state supplement to a federal program that helps poor Alaskans with home heating costs. The program has not kept pace with inflation and rising fuel costs over the past decade.

"It's embarrassing that residents in a state with so much oil wealth should be looking to a foreign nation for help," the Sept. 26, editorial said. "It's hard to blame villagers for accepting the gift."

Senate Finance Co-Chairman Gary Wilken, R-Fairbanks, said at the time that the request was cut because it would be unsustainable should oil prices drop.

State revenue burgeoned this year as oil prices peaked to an all-time high of more than \$70 a barrel. In 2005, 86 percent of the general fund, or \$2.8 billion, came from oil, according to the state Department of Revenue. That does not include the oil royalty check sent each year to nearly every Alaska resident.

A spokesman for Alaska Gov. Frank Murkowski said the governor believes the donation is a political ploy to undermine Americans' faith in their government, however, it's up to each village to make their own

decision on the offer.

"It seems like a very strange irony that we produce the oil and yet every year there seems to be a chronic problem in getting the fuel to people that need it," John Manly said. "Governor Murkowski has tried to do that, but obviously there's still some work to be done. It's not an easy job to keep up with rising costs."

Of the communities tagged to receive the money in November all but a handful have accepted. Officials in four villages in the Aleutian and Pribilof islands rejected the offer because Chavez's comments offended them, but most recipients say survival trumps the faraway political fracas.

"When it comes to feeding and taking care of your family, you have to compromise sometimes," said Shield Downey, a part-time janitor at Ambler's health clinic. "I don't have anything against our government, but if it needs to be that we get assistance from a different source, so be it."

The money is slated for Tglingit and Haida Indians in southeast Alaska, Athabascan Indians in the Interior and Eskimos along the western coast. The villages that qualify for aid must be at least 75 percent Alaska Native, according to the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council.

Citgo has given millions of gallons of discounted heating oil to poor households in several states, including New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Maine.

Citgo, the fifth-largest supplier of oil to the U.S., does not operate in Alaska, but spokesman David McCollum said the company "wouldn't rule anything out" when it came to establishing a presence in the state.

Grizzly bear sighting has search team taking a Pass

By The Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — An air and ground search has turned up no sign of grizzly bears in the Independence Pass area after a sighting reported last month.

No grizzly has been seen in the state since 1979.

Two experienced hunters reported seeing a grizzly and two cubs on Sept. 20 in the San Isabel National Forest. Tyler Baskfield, spokesman for the Colorado Division of Wildlife, said the hunters were considered credible witnesses.

Baskfield said Thursday the search would resume if there is another sighting.

"We probably won't know anything until spring," he said.

He said hunters with black bear licenses are not entitled to shoot a grizzly when the big game season starts on Oct. 14.

To avoid the costs and complications of shipping oil to the villages, Citgo will send the monetary equivalent, about \$5.3 million, to Native non-profit groups. The non-profits will purchase heating oil for each household directly from local retailers, Sumida said.



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U.N. Security Council urges North Korea to nix testing

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council urged North Korea on Friday to cancel a planned nuclear test and return immediately to talks on scrapping its nuclear weapons program, saying that exploding such a device would threaten international peace and security.

A statement adopted unanimously by the council expressed "deep concern" over North Korea's announcement.

It was read at a formal meeting by the council president, Ambassador Kenzo Oshima of Japan, and warned of unspecified council action if North Korea ignores international calls not to conduct a test.

Japan, which would be in close proximity to any North Korean test, proposed the initial text. Oshima had pressed to have it adopted before Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe travels to Beijing on Sunday and Seoul on Monday with a message that the North should stop testing.

"We very clearly and strongly believe that to threaten conducting nuclear tests, or even worse, to conduct such tests ... would not help anybody including North Korea," Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said. "This message is very clearly conveyed in the useful presidential statement which we today adopted. ... Let's hope that things will cool off and that everybody will return to six-party talks."

The statement urges the North not to carry out the test, saying it would not help the North address its concerns, especially strengthening its security.

It warns Pyongyang that a nuclear test would bring international condemnation, "jeopardize peace, stability and security in the region and beyond," and lead to further unspecified council action.

The council said it "deplores" the pursuit of nuclear weapons by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

"The Security Council will be monitoring the situation closely," the statement says. "The Security Council stresses that a nuclear test, if carried out by the DPRK, would represent a clear threat to international peace and security and that should the DPRK ignore calls of the international community, the Security Council will act consistent with its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations."

The statement also urges North Korea to return immediately to six-party talks on its nuclear program and work toward implementation of a September 2005 agreement in which the North pledged to give up its nuclear program in exchange for aid and security guarantees.

North Korea has boycotted the six-nation talks for a year,

angered by American financial restrictions imposed because of the North's alleged illegal activities such as money laundering and counterfeiting.

At closed-door consultations Friday, the council decided to issue the text as a presidential statement rather than a press statement. Presidential statements have greater weight because they become part of the council's official record. Press statements reflect the council's unanimous thinking but do not become part of record.

Japan's vice foreign minister said the test could come as early as this weekend, the anniversary of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's appointment as head of the Korean Workers' Party in 1997.

Japan said it will push for a punitive U.N. resolution if North Korea doesn't heed the Security Council statement urging it to cancel plans to test a nuclear weapon.

"If North Korea conducts a nuclear weapons test despite the concerns expressed by international society, the Security Council must adopt a resolution outlining severely punitive measures," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement released in Tokyo after the council meeting.

With tensions rising, Kim met hundreds of his top military commanders and urged them to bolster the nation's defenses, the North's official Korean Central News Agency reported earlier Friday. Officers greeted him with rousing cheers of "Fight at the cost of our lives!"

North Korean state television showed still photos of the bouffant-haired leader waving to an assembled crowd of about 500 olive-suited officers in dress caps. Kim later posed for a group photo with his commanders in front of Pyongyang's sprawling mausoleum for his father and national founder, Kim Il Sung.

The meeting was the reclusive leader's first reported appearance in three weeks and the first since Tuesday, when his government shocked the world by announcing plans to test a nuclear device on its way to building an atomic arsenal.

It was unclear when the rally took place, or how many attended, but it could show that Kim is trying to polish his credentials with the military at a time when international pressure is mounting on Pyongyang.

The KCNA dispatch made no mention of a nuclear test. Kim's last reported public activity was when KCNA reported on Sept. 15 that he visited the scenic Diamond Mountain near the border with South Korea.

The North claims to have nuclear weapons, but hasn't performed any known test to prove that. North Korea says it needs an atomic arsenal to deter a possible attack from the United States. Washington has repeatedly said it has no intention of invading North Korea.

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of Gandhi, Che Guevara, Dr. Martin Luther King, John Lennon and rapper Tupac Shakur.

The word "peace" was written in bold, black letters against a blue and white background. In the opposite corner, a man carried a banner that read "Bang the Hate."

The mural, which some students hoped to place near the center of campus, was intended to remind students about the dangers of discrimination and racial hatred, while simultaneously honoring Eduardo "Eddie" Lopez, a 15-year-old Samohi student who was killed in February by a suspected gang member while hanging out with friends on Pico Boulevard.

Lopez' image was prominently displayed. The popular student-athlete was drawn wearing his football jersey, leading the charge, something which his family and friends said he would do today if it was another student who was the victim of gang violence.

At the time it was presented, members of the Samohi mural committee, comprised of art teachers, students, administrators and parents, felt the mural was too violent and did not convey the message Cha intended, which was to promote peace and unity.

Cha took suggestions from the committee, and earlier this week, his latest rendition was approved.

"The first mural received a lot of negative feedback because it was a little hostile and aggressive," Cha said Friday. "I took the suggestions I was given and I think I came up with a mural that everyone can get behind."

The mural committee, which was formed in 1995 in response to walls deteriorating because of students posting fliers and other

notices, recommended Cha redesign the mural so that it included women, more ethnicities and displayed the word "Peace" more prominently. Cha was also asked to design the figures in such a way that they didn't seem as menacing.

The angry mob has been replaced by a multi-cultural group of men and women pulling down a crumbling wall that reads "Hate." White doves can be seen flying through the air. Black, Latino and white hands are clasped together near a sign reading: "North, West, South, East." Gone are the words "Bang The Hate," along with the sharp, aggressive style Cha used to depict people in the crowd. Instead, "Peace" reigns throughout much of the mural.

"The meeting (with the mural committee) was good. People seemed to enjoy the mural," Cha said. "I didn't want to give up on it. I felt obligated to do something, not for Eddie necessarily, but for the fact that (gang violence) is going on and we need to be reminded that we need to stick together."

"Peace is not really a reality, and I don't think it ever will be, but at least we can connect with one another at one point in time."

Cha said the next step is finding a location to paint the image, something which will be discussed in the coming weeks.

School board member Oscar de la Torre, who runs the Pico Youth & Family Center, a community center for youth ages 16 to 24, said the mural will go a long way in uniting students.

"I thank the youth for leading the way and proposing a solution to past conflicts on campus," said de la Torre, who supported Cha's earlier work. "The mural itself is part of the solution, being that it symbolizes the peace we all must work for."

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Non-profit to settle with victims of crash

STEP UP, from page 1

“Step Up has contracted with the city of Santa Monica for a number of years to provide support at the Farmers’ Market with such things as cleaning up trash and standing at the barriers,” Lipka said. “For us, the program is an opportunity for Step Up to provide vocational training to our members and give them on the job work experience.”

“Since we contract with the city, Step Up was named in the suit,” Lipka added. “While we have believed from the very beginning that Step Up has had no responsibility for the tragedy — in fact Step Up members were victims themselves that day — our insurance company decided the most prudent course of action was to settle the case.”

Step Up was sued along with City Hall, Southland Farmers Market and Bayside District Corp., a management company that oversees downtown along with City Hall.

In a 19-page ruling that took more than three weeks to draft, Judge Baker found City Hall could not be held liable for the accident because it had established and executed a traffic control plan that was approved by a licensed traffic engineer.

Known as design immunity, municipalities are protected in a lawsuit if the design of an intersection, or in this case, a traffic management plan, meets conditions established by law. In this case, Baker ruled that the way in which streets were closed and traffic redirect-

ed during the Farmers’ Market was acceptable.

City Hall may still have to pay millions in damages because of its relationship with Bayside, which filed a motion to be removed from the case, a motion which Baker denied along with a motion by Step Up.

Southland, which promotes the expansion of farmers’ markets, was also excused from the case, leaving only Bayside, Step Up and George Russell Weller, the 89-year-old who drove his Buick LaSabre through the crowded market on July 16, 2003, killing 10 and injuring 68 others.

Weller’s \$500,000 in auto insurance has been made available for victims.

THE JURY’S STILL OUT

Weller is currently on trial for 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter. The criminal trial wrapped up Friday and the jury is expected to continue deliberations on Tuesday, as courts will be closed Monday for Columbus Day.

If convicted on all counts, Weller could face up to 18 years in state prison.

Prosecutors contend Weller acted recklessly and failed to use all means at his disposal to direct his sedan away from the market, instead sending it on a deadly collision course.

Defense attorneys claim Weller suffered from “pedal error,” and mistakenly drove into the market, the impact of collisions causing his air bag to deploy, preventing him from gaining control of his car. The incident lasted roughly 20 seconds, defense attorneys said.

Council moves to save city’s historic structures

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structure into the plans.

Depending on where the structure is located, developers are often limited as to where and what they can build on their property, creating significant restraints that increase costs. The only option available is to develop as is, or apply for financial hardship and have the historic building demolished.

A set of incentives approved by the council on Tuesday should change all that, allowing for more of the city’s time-honored properties to remain a part of the city landscape for years to come.

The incentives include an expedited review process for construction projects, an exemption from affordable housing requirements and the elimination of some key restraints to increasing building heights and density.

That should allow developers to be more

creative in the design phase, incorporating key elements of the historic structure, while at the same time maximizing space, which could even include an additional floor.

The owner of a circa-1900 Victorian cottage on Fifth Street that was designated a city landmark in 2002 developed the incentives, along with local architects, in an effort to move the home a little closer to the street in order to make room for three condominiums at the rear of the property. Without the incentives, architects working on the project said the owner would be inclined to abandon it altogether or have the cottage removed.

While there are only a handful of properties that would be eligible for the incentives, those who specialize in housing development and the preservation of historic landmarks said the incentives are significant, in that they give property owners a viable option other than the demolition of a historic structure.

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Parents, kids can't hide from the monsters

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press Writer

Not since Van Helsing stalked Dracula and those villagers with torches rushed toward Frankenstein's castle has the monster-battling industry been so busy.

Whether a child fears ghosts or witches or other creatures that go bump in the night, there's a growing list of products designed to banish them: Need a "Go Away Monster" board game or a book on the subject? Plenty are available. You'll also find "anti-monster" spray and under-bed lights designed to scare away the meanest of imaginary beasts.

If that doesn't do the trick, a company in Dallas promises that its Magical Monster Trap will reduce fears of closet-dwelling bogeymen to puddles of harmless liquid.

With so many kids apparently lying awake fearing what lurks in the shadows, Halloween traditions that celebrate monsters may seem somewhat counterintuitive. And it's hard to hide from monster season: These are the weeks when homes, daycare centers and schools across the country are festooned with images of monsters, witches, werewolves and graveyards. The popular retailer Lillian Vernon offers devil and skeleton costumes for children as young as 18 months.

But therapists say monster tales can have their place, giving children a constructive landscape on which to work through their fears and helping them to develop tools to cope with the real-world dangers.

"Kids naturally, around the ages of 4 and 5, develop these fears of the dark and other fears," says Dr. Stephen Garber, a behavioral psychologist and co-author of "Monsters Under

the Bed and Other Childhood Fears."

"The culture intentionally is exposing them to this to help inoculate them," he says. "They're overcoming it, and for the vast majority of kids, they're not so traumatized."

The key, says Garber, is teaching children to handle the presence of the scary things __ real and imagined. "Our role as parents is to support our kids and help them face fears, not avoid them," Garber says. "By learning that I can have a fear, and I can get used to it and get over it, that builds a confidence that I can deal with anxiety."

He's not a fan of the anti-monster sprays or traps, which can convince children that parents share the belief that there are monsters in the closet. Instead, he suggests helping children use their imaginations positively. "If they've got this fear of a monster chasing them, have them imagine shrinking it with a ray gun," he says, "and having the monster run away."

But while Garber doesn't suggest we shield kids from fear, he does advise that we protect small children from disturbing real-world images. "If there's anything we need to protect our kids from, it's the evening news," he says. Without realizing it, children may make a connection between real and imagined monsters.

In "The Monster Show: A Cultural History of Horror," author David J. Skal points out that by 1962, tens of thousands of American children "had become devoted readers of magazine with titles like 'Famous Monsters of Filmland' and 'Castle of Frankenstein.'" Skal notes that this surge in fascination with monsters coincided with the growing fear of atomic annihilation that pervaded the era.



City of Santa Monica

Ordinance Number 2206 (CCS)

(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 9.04.20.10.030, 9.04.10.02.450, 9.36.270, 9.32.170, AND 9.56.030 TO ALLOW FOR MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INCENTIVES FOR PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE THE RETENTION AND PRESERVATION OF A DESIGNATED LANDMARK BUILDING OR CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE TO AN ADOPTED HISTORIC DISTRICT

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2206 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2206 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") contains five amendments to the Santa Monica Municipal Code that are applicable to projects that involve the retention and preservation of a designated Landmark building or Contributing Structure to an adopted Historic District ("subject projects"). The Ordinance would allow modifications to specified development standards for subject projects provided nine conditions are met. The Ordinance exempts these projects from the requirements of Section 9.04.10.02.450, Construction Rate Program. The Ordinance also makes clear that the Landmarks Commission has sole regulatory authority over design review for subject projects, as well as for any new construction on parcels containing them. Therefore, and provided that a Certificate of Appropriateness is obtained from the Landmarks Commission, subject projects are exempt from review by the Architectural Review Board. Finally, the Ordinance exempts a designated Landmark building or Contributing Structure to an adopted Historic District that is retained and preserved on-site as part of a multi-family project from the obligations of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program.

Ordinance Number 2206 (CCS) was adopted on October 3, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



City of Santa Monica

Ordinance Number 2207 (CCS)

(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY PROJECT DESIGN AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIED USES IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS IN THE CITY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, STANDARDS RELATED TO PERMITTED BUILDING HEIGHTS, EXCEPTIONS TO THE HEIGHT LIMIT, UNIT DENSITY, PARCEL COVERAGE, FLOOR AREA AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW CRITERIA, AND MODIFYING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION PROGRAM

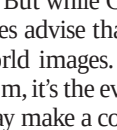
The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2207 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2207 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") modifies project design property development standards for specified uses in certain residential, commercial and industrial districts in the City. Those standards include, but are not limited to, standards related to permitted building heights, exceptions to the height limit, unit density, parcel coverage, floor area and architectural design review criteria. The Ordinance retains the current maximum build out potential for specified land uses called preferred permitted projects. These projects include, among others, projects that comply with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties, 100% affordable housing projects, community care facilities, senior group housing, certain multi-family apartments (where 25% of the units are 3 bedrooms or larger, 66% of the remaining units are 2 bedrooms or larger and the project is registered with USGBC to receive a LEED rating of silver or higher), and mixed use housing depending on the Zoning District.

The Ordinance is applicable to all development applications determined complete after November 15, 2006, with one exception. For those applications that include a subdivision map that requires prior approval of the City Engineer, the completion date is January 8, 2007. The Ordinance does not change any of the provisions of Ordinance Number 2186 (CCS) that regulates auto dealerships, associated automobile parking structures and automobile storage lots.

Ordinance Number 2207 (CCS) was adopted on October 3, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

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Ordinance Number 2208 (CCS)

(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING CHAPTER 1.20 TO THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PRIORITY FOR CITY SERVICE

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2206 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2208 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") adds Chapter 1.20 to the Santa Monica Municipal Code. It authorizes the City Council by resolution to establish project types that will receive priority in the City's provision of services related to the processing, review and issuance of permits and licenses for development activities. Priority service for development activity constitutes granting the full range of City services as soon as the next available service opening occurs without regard for who is next in the service queue, unless otherwise required by law. The Chapter does not apply to emergency response services of any City department.

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Rice's delay throws wrench into meeting on Iran's nuclear plans

BY THOMAS WAGNER

Associated Press Writer

LONDON — A meeting of world powers Friday on whether to refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council over its nuclear program was disrupted when Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's flight was delayed, giving leaders little time to reach a consensus and making it unlikely.

The United States has led calls for sanctions against Iran, and even before the meeting was going ahead Russia warned against "extreme" measures in an indication of the reluctance to move decisively.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana told security experts in Paris that "the door to negotiations is and will be always open."

The officials from the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China were to convene later Friday.

The representatives were expected to confirm that the European-Iranian negotiations are at a standstill and issue a statement referring the Iran file back to the Security Council and stating the principles they agree on, a senior council diplomat said, speaking on condition of anonymity because talks are still taking place.

Those talks had been seen as a final attempt to avoid a full-blown confrontation between Iran and the Security Council after Tehran ignored an Aug. 31 deadline to suspend uranium enrichment or face punishment.

Plans for the session were thrown into question, however, after Rice's flight from Iraq to London was delayed by about two hours because of mechanical problems on her C-17 military transport.

Sean McCormack, the State Department spokesman who was traveling with Rice, said she would join the talks in progress but that Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov would not be able to stay later than scheduled. For that reason, the six officials would not be able to finish their work and issue a statement about Iran, he said.

Instead, they would accomplish as much as possible and hold a telephone conference Monday or Tuesday, McCormack said.

"I think it is going to be a discussion first of all hearing from Solana. They can talk about what they hear from the Iranians," the spokesman said.

During her delay in Iraq, Rice spoke with Solana and the British and Russian foreign ministers to work out the revised plan, deciding to get as much done as they could in their limited meeting time, McCormack said.

To avoid alienating the Russians and the Chinese — both major commercial partners of Iran — any sanctions are likely to be relatively mild, including embargoes on missile and nuclear technology, and possible travel bans and other penalties on Iranian officials involved in their country's nuclear program.

Solana conceded this week that "endless hours" of talks with Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, had made little progress and suggested the dispute could wind up at the U.N. soon.

He said again Friday that talks with Iran could not be open-ended, but stressed his belief that diplomacy is the only possible solution.

"I'm convinced that 'the Iran dossier' can only be solved, and will be solved, through negotiations," he said.

Lavrov said Thursday that Moscow remains opposed to sanctions against Iran for now.

"Some members of the six nations already want to impose sanctions against Iran. We, however, think first we must continue multilateral actions," he said.

"I think that until all diplomatic possibilities have been exhausted, sanctions would be extreme," Lavrov said. "I think we need to do all we can to push Iran toward starting negotiations."

On Friday, Lavrov's deputy, Alexander Alexeyev, said Russia and China would reject the use or threat of force against Iran.

"Iran is a large regional nation that has noticeable influence on the situation in a wide and very tense region. Speaking to it in the language of threats and ultimatums, attempts to drive it into a corner, are counterproductive," the Interfax news agency quoted Alexeyev as saying.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday that his country would not be intimidated.

"Those who threaten Iran by sanctions and embargo should know that this nation lived under the hardest situation in the past 27 years and achieved nuclear technology. This nation will not be frightened by the threats," state-run television quoted Ahmadinejad as saying.

Iran insists that its enrichment of uranium is purely for peaceful purposes to be used for nuclear energy. But the United States and many European nations believe Iran wants to enrich uranium to produce nuclear weapons.

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J-Lo on the go Jet company files suit for unpaid flight bills

A private jet company has sued JENNIFER LOPEZ, saying the singer and actress is late on payments for a pair of chartered flights. Avjet Corp. of Burbank sued Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court, seeking nearly \$35,000. It claims Lopez has yet to pay for two

flights on Gulfstream jets from Farmingdale, N.Y. — one to Puerto Rico on Jan. 26, and another to Burbank on May 25. Each flight cost about \$16,000, according to the lawsuit, and with interest the bill totals \$34,241. An invoice lists the passengers as

Marco Muniz — the real name of her musician husband, Marc Anthony — and Lopez under the name Jennifer Muniz, along with four other guests. Calls made after business hours Thursday to Lopez's attorney and publicist were not immediately returned.

Lopez, 36, has appeared in such films as "Selena," "Out of Sight" and "Monster-in-Law." She and Anthony co-star in "El Cantante," a biopic of salsa legend Hector Lavoe that premiered at the Toronto Film Festival last month.

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Bon Jovi, Clinton showing some brotherly love

When JON BON JOVI told former President Bill Clinton about a new plan to restore homes in one of Philadelphia's most blighted neighborhoods, his pal was all ears. Clinton "was intrigued enough that he offered his services, and said, 'If I can help you in any way, don't hesitate.' And we didn't," Bon Jovi told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Clinton stood beside the rocker in Philadelphia on Thursday as he announced his project, called the Phase V Homeownership Project, to renovate 15 decaying homes — "messes of row homes," Bon Jovi said — on two blocks on the city's north side. Bon Jovi, co-owner of the Philadelphia Soul of the Arena

Football League and creator of the team's charity foundation, teamed up with Habitat for Humanity, the Saturn automobile company and a local charity for the effort. The rock star received the City of Brotherly Love Award from Mayor John F. Street Thursday night. The presentation was made at the National Constitution Center after the Liberty Medal

ceremony, which honored former presidents George H.W. Bush and Clinton. Bon Jovi closed the event with a performance of his song "Who Says You Can't Go Home." "We are all, in fact, connected," Bon Jovi said. "We can make a difference." He's been on a philanthropy kick lately. Last year, he and Bon Jovi bandmate Richie

Sambora surprised Oprah Winfrey with a \$1 million donation to her Angel Network and Habitat for Humanity to build 28 homes in the Hurricane Katrina-ravaged town of Houma, La. "I mean, it gives me great joy," he said of his charity work. "There's just too many haves and have-nots in the country."

AP

Longoria 'very bruised' after a 'Desperate' fall

Who knew being a "Desperate Housewife" could be so dangerous? EVA LONGORIA, who plays saucy Gabrielle Solis on

the ABC dramedy, was taken to the hospital after being injured on the set. "Eva slipped on one of the stairs coming out of her trailer,"

her publicist, Liza Anderson, said Thursday. "Nothing is broken, but her ribs are very bruised." The 31-year-old actress will not require any time off for the

injury. It was not the first time Longoria needed to be taken to the hospital from a 'Housewives' set. In August

2005 she was hit in the head by a piece of equipment and needed emergency attention. Then, too, she didn't miss any work.

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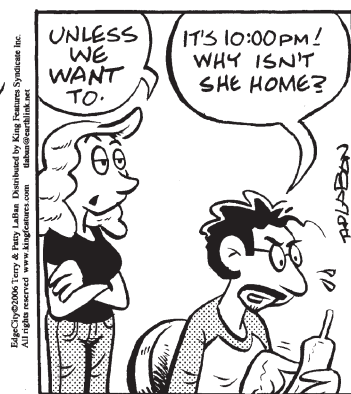
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10:30am, 11:40am, 12:45, 2:10, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 9:30	
Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R)	
10:20am, 12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:05am	
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- 38 Blotto
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- 40 Witherspoon of "Walk the Line"
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- 42 Does some house-work
- 1 Like mares
- 2 Highest point in Turkey
- 3 So far
- 4 Wax-coated cheese
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Janice was born in Los Angeles April 13, 1927 and attended Hollywood High School and USC. Janice lived in Brentwood and Santa Monica and worked in real estate until she moved to the San Luis Obispo area in 1998.

Janice is survived by her daughter Laurie Cohen Aguilar, her son Steven Cohen, former husband William Cohen, three grandchildren, Gabe and Nick Lucero, and Sam Cohen.

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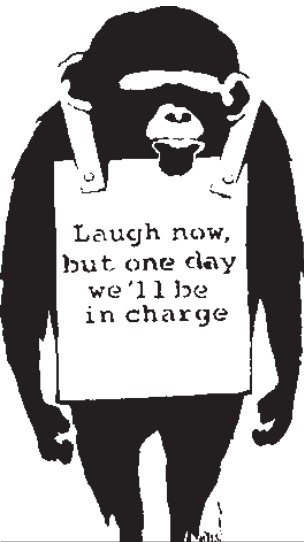

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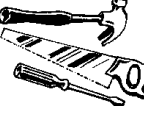
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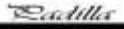
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