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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In August, Alexandria, Ind., dentist David Steele proudly showed off to an Anderson Herald Bulletin reporter the two gold crowns he had fitted on his 1-year-old Persian cat, Sebastian. Though he said the crowns were ostensibly to strengthen Sebastian's teeth, the reporter said that their prominence suggested "a hip-hop star's guard-cat or a movie villain's pet." Steele also put a gold crown on his Boston terrier.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today the 294th day of 2006.
There are 71 days left in the year.

1805 A British fleet commanded by Admiral Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are different kinds of wrong. The people sinned against are not always the best."

DAME IVY COMPTON-BURNETT

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Inaugural SM 5000 is blocks party

BY JESSICA ROBERTS

Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE — The Santa Monica 5000 will begin with a bang and end with a party on Sunday, as some celebrities lend a little star power to the inaugural foot race through the city's streets.

Both the 5K and 10K routes will showcase much of Santa Monica — Main Street, the Ocean Avenue waterfront, City Hall — as well as a strong field of athletes, local runners and Hollywood stars.

"Grey's Anatomy" actor Isaiah Washington, who plays a surgeon on the popular TV drama, will lend his steady hands by pulling the trigger on the starting gun. The race will ultimately end with a post-race party at the Santa Monica Pier, complete with a pancake breakfast served up by Kim Powers from "Survivor."

The course is fast and flat, and expected to attract more than 1,000 registered runners for a race that will feature everything from a competitive elite race to a walkers and a baby-jogger division.

"We had a few goals for this race," said event organizer Karen Kalan. "One was

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GUILTY

VERDICT IS IN: Farmers' Market driver faces up to 18 years

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — The 89-year-old man charged with killing 10 unsuspecting shoppers when he drove his car

through a crowded Santa Monica Farmers' Market more than three years ago was found guilty Friday of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence.

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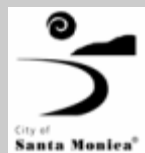
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ New beginnings occur for those who are willing to let their loved ones dominate more often. If you value a specific bond, you might want to try another approach or do something very different. Tonight: Express your caring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Mellow out and think through a difference of opinion. You might want to evaluate and think through a situation that impacts the quality of your life. Get done what you need to, so that you can relax. Consider a change in your routine. Tonight: Do only what feels good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ If a relationship has gone sour, you might be able to revitalize it and have what you want happen more easily. If you are single, a new bond could be knocking on your door. Be positive and take a leap of faith. Tonight: The ever-playful Gemini.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Anchor in and be more direct with a family member. A change that you could have been considering on the home front now becomes more than possible. Make your life as you wish. Tonight: Anchor in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ New beginnings become possible if you are open and willing to experience situations and people differently. Sometimes you might feel as if you have all the answers. You don't. Ask questions. Explore. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Expenses go overboard without you doing anything. Sometimes you are easily overwhelmed. Use your practical abilities to determine what you really need to buy. Don't make investments presently. Tonight: Order in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You are all smiles and ready to greet a very serious friend or loved one. You have a very appealing smile that helps others say yes. Seize the moment and go for what you really want. Please, no hemming and hawing. Make a personal wish today, and it might become a reality. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to do something differently but feel cornered by circumstances and situations. The good news is, this logjam will pass given a relaxed attitude and some time. Revamp your finances. Tonight: Vanish and take some time to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Accept what is going on within your immediate crowd of friends. You will enjoy yourself wherever you are, whenever you are with. Friendship abounds. Surround yourself with people. Tonight: You are the party.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You are on top of a situation, though you could be questioning whether this fact is true. Listen to others more carefully. They need your sensitivity and understanding. You are much softer and caring. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Reach out for someone you care about. This person seems to have a wall around him or her. If you express and manifest more empathy, you can break down barriers. Are you ready? Friends add to the moment. Tonight: Let your imagination flow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Work with a partner and deal with others directly. Take charge of your life. You could be exhausted by all that you need to juggle. Someone truly cares much more than you think. Accept his or her caring rather than push this person away. Tonight: Togetherness continues to be the theme.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The melodious sounds of fall

By Daily Press staff

The musical sounds of autumn are in the air this weekend as the Santa Monica College Concert Band performs their fall concert. The band will perform on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 4 p.m. in the Santa Monica College Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Boulevard. The show is \$10 and conducted by City Councilman Kevin McKeown. Performance pieces include: Jupiter by Gustav, Holst, Cartoon by Paul Hart, Sleep by Eric Whitacre, Irish Tune from County Derry by Percy Grainger, La Peri Fanfare by Paul Dukas. For information, call (310) 434-4323 or (310) 434-3000.

Good things come around for Circle of Friends

By Daily Press staff

On Oct. 28, the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission will celebrate Disability Awareness Month with an award ceremony, performances and artist displays. The commission is pleased to announce that the recipient of the first Santa Monica Disabilities Commission (SMDC) award will be Circle of Friends. The SMDC award is presented to a person or organization that has demonstrated exceptional dedication to improving the lives of persons with disabilities in Santa Monica. Circle of Friends has fulfilled this criterion to the fullest. The SAMOHI student-run program works to create relationships between SAMOHI students with disabilities and their typical peers. These relationships are fostered during regular meetings that create a positive effect for the students involved and for the school as a community. The Disabilities Commission commends the commitment of Circle of Friends to broadening the experiences of all SAMOHI students. The award will be presented at the Commission's Disability Awareness Month Celebration, to be held Oct. 28, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. The event will showcase talented members of the community, such as Master of Ceremonies Alan Toy, Associate Director of the UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge and Eve Hill, Executive Director of the Disability Rights Legal Center. Headlining the event is Lyena Strelkoff, who will be performing selections from her one-woman show "Caterpillar Soup." Following the performance and award presentation, the latest innovations in assistive technology and work by artists such as Ben Anderson, Kari Pope, Sam Smith, Paul Knotter, and Christine Leahey from UCLA's Arts and Disability Network will be on display in the library courtyard. Refreshments will be provided.

Time for a trim? Get your compost on

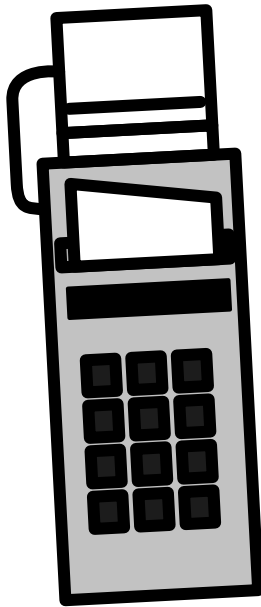
By Daily Press staff

The city of Santa Monica's Solid Waste Management Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works are offering a free composting workshop on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the patio in Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue. The rich nutrients from composted yard trimmings and kitchen scraps add to a garden's health by reducing waste, water consumption, and chemical use. Further, composting reduces costs associated with fertilizers, conditioners, and mulch. Composting also reduces the burden of recycling the material through green waste collection. The city of Santa Monica will distribute compost bins for the discounted price of \$25 to residents. For more information, call (310) 458-8916, ext. 1, or e-mail andrew.basmajian@smgov.net.

CORRECTION: In coverage of a City Council candidates debate that was published on Oct. 19 ("Council debate needed a jump"), it was incorrectly stated that challenger Mark McLellan specialized in the sale of single family homes. According to McLellan, he actually sells primarily multi-family housing.

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This weekend is when our next SW swell is due, and a touch of NW should roll in around this time as well. The SW will be dominant, brought on by those two southern hemi systems we started tracking early last week forming near New Zealand.

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Time	Tide Level (Feet)
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10-21 12:46	7.5
10-21 21:52	2.5

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iraq war is an affront to Americans

Editor:
Please, please, please speak up loudly. We do not need another “front” on the war on terror. We are in enough trouble already with Iraq. Don’t let this administration get us even deeper into trouble by pretending to protect us.

Leslie Johnson
Los Angeles

North Korean nukes are threat to Westside

Editor:
Los Angeles County is now threatened by the North Korean nuclear missiles. Southern California residents along with other West Coast residents are moving away from the rest of the nation on their perception that North Korea is a serious threat. Easterners don’t seem to have the same feel for the threat as we do. Perhaps that’s one reason why the White House over the course of several decades has fiddled around and not prevented North Korea from going nuclear.

California, with a population greater than North Korea, including a Korean expatriate community approaching a million views the threatening moves of Kim Jong Il as the sad and futile machinations of defunct but still very dangerous dictator. China’s economic miracle means an end to the Stalinist regime in North Korea. Overtly, the weight of responsibility seems placed on America, but the real recipient of North Korea’s bombast are the Chinese rulers in Beijing. The burden of the diplomacy is unevenly distributed between China, South Korea, Japan, Russia and America, but China is the real player.

The more diplomatic interests you have centered around a problem, the higher the probability is for something to go radically wrong. Under the last scenario, the people of California must be protected from the whims and fancies of North Korea’s unstable rulers or the likely probability that China or perhaps even Japan may take surprising military action against North Korea. We could be on the receiving end of a missile, even if China or Japan made an independent move on North Korea. China, South Korea or Japan being at close range to North Korean missiles cannot really do a thing to protect themselves from a North Korean attack, so they may be more willing to do something radical and out of the blue to protect themselves before they themselves are attacked. Even Israel, which recently warned North Korea not to sell nuclear weapons to it’s enemies, could conceivably attack North Korea. Russia might also attack if it thought North Korea capable of transferring weapons to Russia’s enemies.

How certain are we that the White House and Pentagon take our concerns here in California seriously? Washington seems so disengaged these days by trivial bits and pieces of information and back office gossip concerning the Congressional Page scandal, which oddly is light years away from the concerns and wants of Californians.

Ken C. Arnold
Santa Monica

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The Q Line

THOSE WERE THE DAYS, MY FRIEND

This past week, Q-line asked:
Is Santa Monica's history, culture and heritage properly celebrated and preserved, or should bygone eras just be allowed to be gone?

Here are your responses:

- ☉ “For the most part, Santa Monica has become a city of Skid Row ugliness. Preserve what? In the face of what? Ludicrous.”
- ☉ “Santa Monica Hospital is nothing like it was before UCLA took over 10 years ago. All that history of the Lutheran hospital we visited in times past is gone. Although UCLA would like us to believe it’s still the nice small local place it was. Now it’s just another huge bureaucratic heartless, faceless extension of the other UCLA hospitals.”
- ☉ “Any time a longtime tenet of a business or apartment building is unwillingly forced to vacate a property, then the tenet should be paid a realistic relocation payment from the owner. If the developer of the (Horizons Surf Shop) property is the original owner, then it was the

Sexy calendars: Not all are drop-dead gorgeous

MODERN TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

In recent years, there’s been a new kind of sexy calendar — one showing people who usually don’t take off their clothes in public posing naked or nearly naked. The calendars are then sold to raise money for charity. Often, the people posing are in heroic or sexy professions like athletes or firefighters. But not always. The latest calendar that’s out there is called “Men Of Mortuaries.”

Of course, the most famous example of these calendars didn’t involve people in traditionally heroic or sexy professions, either. They even turned it into a movie called “Calendar Girls.” It was based on a story in which women, ranging in age from 45 to 65, posed tastefully in the nude and sold the calendars to raise money for charity.

These kinds of calendars create win-win situations: those who pose can say they are grinning and baring it for charity, and those who buy the calendars can say they’re not buying them because of the sexy pictures, but because they want to contribute to a good cause.

The “Men of Mortuaries” calendar was the brainchild of mortician Ken McKenzie. He wanted to raise money for KAMM Cares, a breast cancer charity. He also wanted to help change the image of morticians. He wanted to show the world that they’re “not all Frankensteins.” They’re regular people who just happen to have a job that requires them to deal with dead bodies all day.

To round up morticians to pose for the calendar, McKenzie advertised in a trade journal (Now, there’s a magazine I can do without). But morticians are used to looking so serious that some problems came up during the photo shoot. Some of the undertakers looked too much like, well, undertakers. Two of them refused to crack a smile. And some of the guys just weren’t as “buff” as McKenzie wanted them to be for the calendar.

But these were just minor setbacks. Remember what these guys do for a living. One of their jobs is to make dead people

look good. So changing the appearance of live folks must be just ... uh ... a walk in the cemetery for them. They didn’t do it with makeup and whatever other secrets morticians use. This is the 21st Century — the digital age, the age of Photoshop.

So they digitally added some muscles here and there, and replaced the frowns with sexy smiles. You might think this was cheating, but nobody thought it was cheating in “The Godfather” when Don Corleone “asked” the undertaker to make sure that Sonny looked good after he was blasted with gunshots.

It might not turn you on, but some people will buy these calendars displaying good-looking, shirtless guys, lowering a casket into the ground, and not just because it’s for a good cause.

London stock traders and some computer IT workers have recently put out sexy calendars. To some people, maybe a nude computer worker is sexier than a naked policeman or athlete because it’s more like looking at the woman or man “next door.”

So I expect more and more of these “regular people, cheesecake/beefcake” calendars. Don’t be surprised to see things like “Extreme Exterminators,” “Accountants with Good Figures” and “Women Who Put You On Hold.”

But if they ever ask me to pose with a group of opinion givers/columnists for a calendar, I won’t do it. I’m a serious journalist, and I have to draw the line somewhere. I won’t do it even if Andy Rooney himself is in the front row, holding a bowl of fruit in a strategic location.

Of course, if they hire that McKenzie guy and digitize the photo, I guess they could make me look pretty good. They could get rid of the gray hair, add some muscles where they belong, and maybe even knock off a few years. Come to think of it, they could probably make me look great!

All right, I’d do it. But only for a good cause.

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tenet who paid off the property. The tenet is always the one who pays off the owners’ rental property. The original owner should be willing to understand and appreciate that fact. Prudence would dictate that the original owner treat these longtime tenets as quasi partners. If it is a new owner planning to redevelop the property, then I have very little sympathy for the new owner. These high money people are not stupid. These new owners should have, and I am certain that they did, understand the new obstacles they would have to endure in the process of excising these longtime tenets from the property. It is unrealistic to believe that the surf shop will be able to stay. I trust it will be relocated to bigger and better quarters nearby.”

☉ “They should save all these old buildings and things. Not for the sake of history, but for the sake of the present. Every time they tear down an old building they build up something bigger, which means more people, more crowds, more traffic that we have enough of already. They should just leave everything the way it is and get rid of a few of these modern buildings and put up something smaller. That would be even better.”

☉ “History and heritage are totally overrated. If a building is more than 20 to 25 years old, then we don’t need it. Just tear it down and build a new one. We need new buildings to support the new Santa Monica. The new Santa Monica is about tourism. It’s about shopping. It’s about the future. We don’t need the history or the heritage. Good riddance.”

Consumers remain leery of purchasing the green, leafy stuff

BY OLIVIA MUNOZ

Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Before a deadly strain of E. coli was found in packaged spinach, Robin Boney ate it almost every day — in salads, omelets and sauteed with dinner.

"I loved it. Still do. I'm not going to stop eating spinach forever, but I haven't bought bagged spinach since the E. coli," said Boney, 54, of Clovis.

That lagging confidence has growers and marketers scared the country's estimated \$374 million spinach business will not recover following the recent bacterial outbreak that killed three people and sickened nearly 200 others.

Farmers in California, where three-quarters of all domestically grown spinach is produced, could face up to \$74 million in losses, according to researchers with Western Growers, a group that represents produce farmers in California and Arizona.

The Salinas Valley, nicknamed "America's Salad Bowl," will probably suffer the most, said Dennis Donohue, head of the local chamber of commerce. He estimates the region's \$180 million spinach industry will take a hit of about \$60 million.

"We're worried. We expect the economic consequences to be much more significant than just spinach," he said.

Consumers may shun other packaged greens, he said, an industry that has grown in recent years as convenience-minded Americans looked for healthy food options.

Since the outbreak, Boney has bought spinach from farmers' markets, but she's leery of greens that are packaged or have traveled too far, she said, looking over bins of organic leafy greens at a Whole Foods in Fresno this week. She skipped over the bulk spinach where a display sign showed it was grown in Santa Cruz County.

Federal food safety agents recalled bagged spinach traced to a batch processed at the San Juan Bautista plant of Natural Selection Foods LLC, which packages spinach under 34 brand names including Dole, the brand eaten by many of the sickened people.

Test results found the same strain of the deadly E. coli bacteria in cow manure at a cattle ranch near a Salinas Valley spinach farm earlier this month, but it's still unclear how the pathogen traveled to the plants.

The Food and Drug Administration gave spinach the all-clear on Sept. 29, but memories of the E. coli scare stick in the minds of shoppers, said William E. Rice, a marketing

professor at California State University, Fresno.

"As soon as somebody dies, then you've created something in people's minds that's very hard to overcome," he said.

The first buyers to return will be spinach lovers, but people who didn't eat the vegetable as much will be hesitant to take a chance on it, he said.

Chef Jim Ritchie has seen the decline in orders of his popular spinach pizza and had to change his menu during the recall.

"People panic really easily. It's easy for them to get scared off of something and harder for them to come back to it," said Ritchie, who also owns Senses, a Fresno restaurant that features mostly organic fare.

He used organic spinach from Earthbound Farm, a label produced by Natural Selection, until the recall, he said.

Sales of salads packaged by Natural Selection for such brands as Dole have dropped 70 percent since the recall and organic sales are down 10 percent, said Samantha Cabaluna, a spokeswoman for Natural Selection.

"Of course, we lost a lot. We were in the eye of the hurricane," she said.

The company has since adopted a product-testing method in which samples are taken from every load of greens and examined for E. coli and salmonella over an 18-hour period before they are shipped, Cabaluna said.

Several other products in the No. 1 agricultural state faced recalls recently, some of them voluntary. Producers of raw milk, carrot juice and lettuce destroyed some of their products after some customers claimed they suffered from E. coli and botulism.

While businesses at the end of the line for spinach are seeing the effects of the spinach recall, farmers readying for next season's crop are wondering how much to invest.

Growers in the Imperial Valley and Yuma, Ariz. —where planting is gearing up for the winter —are cutting back on planting by as much as half, a sharp contrast to a recent surge in spinach production mostly fueled by growing demand for bagged greens.

Past recalls have shown that shoppers rarely remember a brand or region, instead taking it out on the whole industry, Rice said.

"If history has anything to do with it, items that were pulled off the shelves because of disease will hurt in the long-term," he said.



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Pentagon robo-racers miss the money round

BY ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — After Stanford University won a Pentagon robot race through the Mojave Desert last year, engineers and students hoisted an oversized \$2 million check and poured bubbly champagne over their unmanned Volkswagen SUV.

Next year's winners won't be as rich.

The Pentagon's research arm, which has twice hosted the high-tech contests since 2004, blames an obscure section in a defense spending law signed by President Bush this week. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency believes the law prevents the agency from awarding the \$2.7 million prize money.

So instead, DARPA will hand out shiny trophies to the top three teams whose smart vehicles can weave through congested city traffic without human help.

"I promise that the trophies will be given because I'll personally buy them myself," Tony Tether, DARPA's director, told competitors earlier this year.

The absence of a lucrative cash prize has forced some teams to retool their game plan and others to drop out. Some fear it would be harder to attract corporate sponsors and hurt media coverage of the race, which drew a throng of reporters last year and inspired a PBS documentary.

"The icing on the cake is gone," said Ivar Schoenmeyr, team leader of California-based Team CyberRider, which is retrofitting a Toyota Prius hybrid.

DARPA has sponsored the cash prize competitions to spur development of smart vehicles that could be used in the battlefield. The agency, which was created during the Cold War and is best known for research that led to the Internet, is under a congressional mandate to help cut casualties by having a third of the military's ground vehicles unmanned by 2015.

Unlike previous races where robotic vehicles had to conquer the rugged desert, next year's challenge will test how well they can carry out a mock military supply mission through bottlenecked traffic.

The contest — to be held in November 2007 in an unnamed Western state — will test vehicles' ability to navigate themselves through city traffic, obey traffic laws and make U-turns — all without causing an accident.

Last year, the 195 teams that applied had to raise their own money. This year, 89 teams entered, including 11 that received up to \$1 million each by DARPA to participate. The decision to fund some teams was independent of the prize loss.

At least one team that failed to receive seed money dropped out. San Diego-based AutoCommute, which raced last year under another name, has been perfecting cameras that can accurately sense lane markings. The company in talks with several teams to sell the technology.

"When you're trying to scrape together money just to buy a sensor and another team can just drop money to buy the same thing, it's hard to be competitive," said team leader Michael Vest.

Tether declined to be interviewed for this article, but said in a statement that he was pleased with the response from competitors.

"I never felt that people came for the money in the first place, although I knew they wouldn't turn the prize money down," Tether said.

DARPA's inaugural race in 2004 was a bust when all the contestants failed to com-

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plete the \$1 million course. Last year's winner-take-all race produced five vehicles that crossed the finish line, but only Stanford won the \$2 million check by zipping through the 132-mile course in six hours and 53 minutes.

"Having a prize money is a great additional motivator," Stanford computer scientist Sebastian Thrun said. "I'm sad to see that lost, but that's not going to affect my willingness to compete."

Some all-volunteer teams like CyberRider are inviting computer whizzes worldwide to share their computer algorithms, which tell a vehicle how to react. It has turned to Wiki collaborative software to make sharing easier. CyberRider, which lost half of its team members partly because of the absent prize money, said the communal style saves time and money.

"I'm not saying it will be successful, but it's the only way we can participate with limited resources," Schoenmeyr said.

DARPA's authority to hold cash prize competitions is spelled out in a law that expires in September 2007, two months before the competition. Earlier this year, Congress switched the authority from DARPA to its boss, the Director of Defense Engineering and Research. President Bush signed the law this week.

DARPA said the change essentially strips its power to dole out prize money. But congressional aides countered that the change actually expands the authority to other defense agencies. Jenness Simler, a committee aide on the House Armed Services Committee, said DARPA can still give out cash prizes as long as it works with its boss.

Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Col. Brian Maka, said the agencies are still working out the details.

"We are not aware of a decision to not award cash prizes," Maka said in a statement.

Tether told a House Armed Services subcommittee earlier this year that cash prizes "attract publicity and inspire excitement" and gives the little guys a chance to compete.

Groups are increasingly holding prize competitions to spur innovation. For example, the nonprofit X Prize Foundation hosted a \$10 million contest that led to the first private manned spaceflight in 2004. Earlier this month, the foundation dangled another \$10 million to the first company that can process the genomes of 100 people in 10 days. NASA is funding the Centennial Challenges to solve a range of space problems.

Some analysts said the absence of cash prizes likely won't hurt DARPA, which has built a cult following. Many teams have evolved from garage tinkerers to savvy challengers, pairing up with corporate sponsors to help offset costs and hiring public relations machines.

"I don't think it's going to be a death knell," said Peter Singer, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and author of the upcoming book "Wired for War" about robotics and warfare.

Famed robotics professor William "Red" Whittaker of Carnegie Mellon University, whose teams placed second and third last year, said the whole thing is overblown.

"No one is dreaming of big bank accounts or struck by lottery fever," he said. "People are out there to innovate."

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Rodeo Promenade, anyone?

The daily procession of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys may soon come to an end on tony Rodeo Drive.

Vehicles would be banned on part of Rodeo Drive under a proposal to create a promenade.

The City Council will decide within a month whether to take the “drive” out of a block-long section of Rodeo and create a pedestrian-only zone between Wilshire Boulevard and Dayton Way.

Vice Mayor Jimmy Delshad said he wants to examine foot-traffic zones in cities “with high-class areas” such as Paris and Cannes before proceeding.

Rodeo Drive promoter Fred Hayman said Rodeo would lose some of its luster if fancy cars disappeared.

“Exotic cars are part of the attraction of California,” Hayman said.

“It’d be a nightmare,” said Gillian Cohen, a Rodeo regular who was shopping at Ralph Lauren on Thursday. “I think it will have benches and bring homeless people around. They’ll sit, and people will start playing music.”

LOS ANGELES

Israelis share with LAX security

Israeli security experts gave Los Angeles International Airport officials advice on fortifying the air field against terrorist attacks.

Security officials from the authority that operates Ben-Gurion International Airport examined terminals, the air field and the perimeter during a 3 1/2-day tour of LAX. A preliminary assessment of vulnerabilities was given local airport officials Thursday.

“They had a half-dozen suggestions; some of them are very low tech, some of them are very high tech,” Airport Commission president Alan Rothenberg said.

Details weren’t disclosed for security reasons.

Rothenberg said some suggestions would be easy for the city’s airport agency to implement, but others would require Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Homeland Security assistance.

Councilman Jack Weiss invited the delegation to Los Angeles after attending a homeland security summit in Israel earlier this year.

TORRANCE

Feds sniff out marijuana dispensary

Federal drug agents raided a medical marijuana dispensary.

Investigators suspect Green Cross director Rafael Chavez and his brother, Edward Chavez, are common drug dealers, committing crimes including possession and distribution of marijuana, a Drug Enforcement Administration affidavit said.

DEA agents and local police officers descended on the Hawthorne Boulevard pot dispensary Thursday afternoon.

“Though (Green Cross) purports to sell marijuana to individuals solely for medicinal reasons, there is probable cause to believe that the location sells marijuana to individuals who do not have any medical condition,” DEA Special Agent Joseph Bryson wrote in his affidavit.

There were no arrests.

Rafael Chavez said his co-op, which opened in April, was established to offer safe access to marijuana for medical purposes.

“It’s legal in California, and I’m being harassed by federal agents,” he said.

California voters passed the Compassionate Use Act, Proposition 215, a decade ago. It allowed doctors to recommend marijuana for specific medical ailments, including cancer, anorexia, chronic pain and AIDS.

But possession and use of pot is illegal under federal law.

“We served a federal search warrant. Marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance and is illegal,” DEA spokeswoman Sarah Pullen said.

THERMAL

Illegal dump sounds Super

An illegal dump on the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian reservation was declared a Superfund site by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA demanded cleanup of the site because of high levels of toxic chemicals, including chromated copper arsenate from treated wood burned on the property.

The EPA sent the cleanup order Wednesday to George Auclair Jr., the tribal member who maintains the 20-acre site on the reservation, authorities said.

EPA officials visited the site in June and found large piles of chemically treated wood in the form of stakes used for grape vines, lead acid batteries, tires, clothing, used oil and appliances, agency spokeswoman Letitia Moore said from San Francisco.

Last summer, about 90 percent of the material burned in a fire, creating an even greater hazard, she said.

“He has a larger problem than he had before,” Moore said.

Under the EPA order, Moore said Auclair has five days to show he has resources to clean up the site, 10 days to identify a work plan, put up fences and signs and two weeks to come up with a removal plan.

The Superfund designation means the EPA will clean up the site and seek costs from Auclair if he doesn’t contact the agency in five days, Moore said.

Torres Martinez tribal chairman Ray Torres said he welcomed the Superfund designation and EPA action. Tribal officials have been in a dispute with individual members operating illegal dumps on the reservation for years.

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No more overseas duty for troops deep in debt

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Thousands of U.S. troops are being barred from overseas duty because they are so deep in debt they are considered security risks, according to an Associated Press review of military records.

The number of troops held back has climbed dramatically in the past few years. And while they appear to represent a very small percentage of all U.S. military personnel, the increase is occurring at a time when the armed forces are stretched thin by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We are seeing an alarming trend in degrading financial health," said Navy Capt. Mark D. Patton, commanding officer at San Diego's Naval Base Point Loma.

The Pentagon contends financial problems can distract personnel from their duties or make them vulnerable to bribery and treason. As a result, those who fall heavily into debt can be stripped of the security clearances they need to go overseas.

While the number of revoked clearances has surged since the beginning of the Iraq war, military officials say there is no evidence that service members are deliberately running up debts to stay out of harm's way.

Officials also say the increase has not undermined the military's fighting ability, though some say it has complicated the job of assembling some of the units needed in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The problem is attributed to a lack of financial smarts among recruits; reckless spending among those exhilarated to make it home alive from a tour of duty; and the profusion of "payday lenders" — businesses that allow military personnel to borrow against their next paycheck at extremely high interest rates.

The debt problems persist despite crackdowns on payday lenders and the financial counseling the Pentagon routinely offers to the troops.

Data supplied to the AP by the Navy, Marines and Air Force show that the number of clearances revoked for financial reasons rose every year between 2002 and 2005, climbing ninefold from 284 at the start of the period to 2,654 last year. Partial numbers from this year suggest the trend continues.

More than 6,300 troops in the three branches lost their clearances during that four-year period. Roughly 900,000 people are serving in the three branches, though not all need clearances.

The figures gathered by the AP represent just a piece of problem, because the Army — which employs an additional 500,000 people and accounts for the vast majority of the 160,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan — rejected repeated requests over the past month to supply its data, saying such information is confidential.

At Point Loma, Patton said clearance revocations in key areas such as military police forces have gotten so common that he often looks for two sailors to fill a single posting.

Still, Patton said he had never heard of anyone racking up bills to get out of combat. "There are folks who find ways of avoiding

being deployed, as there always will be, but I've never seen any do it through finances," he said.

Security clearances are revoked when service members' debt payments amount to 30 percent to 40 percent of their salary. The exact amount depends on the military branch.

There are three levels of clearance — confidential, secret and top secret. Not all troops need clearance. Marine infantrymen don't, but some Marine specialists, such as those in intelligence, do. So do many jobs in the Navy and Air Force.

Financial problems are the overwhelming reason security clearances are revoked. Other reasons include criminal activity, questionable allegiance and ill health.

A key reason the military revokes clearances on financial grounds is the fear that soldiers in debt might be tempted to sell secrets or equipment to the enemy.

Also, "when they are over there fighting, we like them to have their heads in the game," said Maj. Gen. Michael Lehnert, commander of Marine Corps bases in the western United States. "We like to have them ... not worrying about whether or not they are going to be able to make the mortgage payment or car payment."

Members of the brass also blame runaway interest rates at payday lending businesses, many of which are clustered outside bases around the country. Several states have cracked down on payday lending practices, and on Tuesday, President Bush signed legislation limiting how much these businesses can charge military personnel.

Some personnel fall into debt upon returning from combat.

"It can be hard to cut that sense of elation and desire to live for the moment," Lehnert said. "Some tend to get themselves overextended financially."

Also, when they go to war, they get combat pay, and none of their income is taxed. That can lead them to overspend when they come home.

Patton said that like other services, the Navy offers zero-interest emergency loans. Also, military personnel commonly take money-management classes as part of basic training.

"Every time we go in and do an indoctrination brief, there is instruction or training in place to give them some of the pitfalls of debt," said Terry Harris, a personal finance educator at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida. "We do inform them about the pitfalls of security clearances being lost to that."

The increase in finance-related revocations could actually be a good sign — it could reflect greater awareness among the troops, according to Chief Master Sgt. Rodney J. McKinley, the Air Force's highest-ranking noncommissioned officer.

"We have a few more people coming forward and saying, 'Hey, I'm having some financial difficulty and need help,' versus going down the other path where they keep so quiet," McKinley said.

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ACLU seeks better conditions at LA prisons

BY ANDREW GLAZER

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge said Thursday he was troubled by reports of overcrowding and filth at the processing center for the nation's largest county jail system, but feared conditions were so pervasive that an order to make changes would force inmates into other strained facilities.

U.S. District Court Judge Dean D. Pregerson, who has been presiding over a lawsuit challenging jail conditions, called Thursday's hearing. The American Civil Liberties Union sought an injunction requesting Sheriff Lee Baca and county supervisors to make immediate improvements.

Pregerson ended the nearly four-hour hearing by saying he needed time to think before issuing a ruling.

"I don't think it's going to do me any good, you any good, or citizens of the county any good to issue an injunction that doesn't do anything," Pregerson said. "The problem is that the end of the pipeline is clogged. The Men's Central Jail is full."

Since mid-September, hundreds of men were detained for up to four days at the jail's Inmate Reception Center "in almost unspeakable conditions," the ACLU alleged in documents filed in federal court Wednesday.

Up to 60 men were kept in cells meant for 20 people as they awaited transfer to a per-

manent jail, the ACLU alleged. Some had to take turns standing for hours at a time so that others could have room to sit or sleep on the floor.

Attorney David Lawrence, representing the county, said the ACLU's descriptions of the processing center "have been grossly distorted."

"While these declarations appear in abstract to paint a picture of something draconian, you have to read between the lines," Lawrence said.

Sheriff's Capt. Timothy Cornell, who is in charge of the Inmate Reception Center, said there was little he could do to improve the crowded conditions because the jail doesn't have enough space for new inmates.

Since Sept. 13 more than 1,000 inmates

spent the night at the facility — exceeding the "fairly constant" number of 500 to 900 inmates per night, according to an ACLU jail monitor.

"Inmates are compelled to sleep on filth, urine-stenched floors," ACLU lawyer Mark Rosenbaum said Thursday.

The ACLU was seeking an immediate reduction in the number of inmates to 20 per holding cell, and that they receive adequate food, water, sanitation and medical care.

The preliminary injunction also seeks to prohibit the county from holding any inmates at the center for more than 24 hours. It would require the county to fund a study looking into policies that will help reduce the jail population.

Erin Brockovich sues California hospitals over Medicare bills

BY ROBERT JABLON

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Erin Brockovich, the legal crusader whose fame was spread by the Julia Roberts film about her life, is suing some 30 California hospitals and nursing homes for allegedly overbilling Medicare.

The lawsuits say the facilities improperly billed Medicare millions of dollars to pay for follow-up treatment of patients who were the victims of neglect or medical mistakes, although they list no specific examples of abuse.

"They're just going in and filing lawsuits with no evidence that anybody's been harmed, no patients they can point to. It's a

fishing expedition," California Hospital Association spokeswoman Jan Emerson said Thursday. "They're doing it all over the country."

A message left for Brockovich's assistant on Thursday was not immediately returned.

A spokesman for one of the law firms handling the suits said it is typical for specific instances of wrongdoing to be spelled out later when lawyers for both sides exchange documents during a period of time known as "discovery."

Brockovich, 46, gained fame with the 2000 movie "Erin Brockovich," which told how, as a legal assistant to attorney Ed Masry, she helped win a \$333-million settlement on behalf of residents of the Mojave Desert town of Hinckley who said Pacific

Gas & Electric tanks leaked cancer-causing chemicals into their groundwater.

Her fame may help in the new cases, University of San Diego law school professor Shaun Martin said.

"You latch onto Erin Brockovich if nothing else than because you want to have a higher profile," he told the Fresno Bee. "The judge is less likely then to dismiss a lawsuit, and you want a jury to be star-struck."

The lawsuits include one filed in Fresno County Superior Court against Community Medical Centers, which runs Fresno's University Medical Center.

A call to Community Medical Centers seeking comment was not immediately returned Thursday.

The suits were filed under federal law that allows private citizens to sue on the government's behalf and collect a portion of any money awarded.

They are being pursued by Los Angeles-based Girardi & Keese along with Wilkes & McHugh, a Tampa, Fla.-based law firm that specializes in cases involving neglect or abuse of the elderly at nursing homes or hospitals.

A call to attorney Thomas Girardi seeking comment Thursday was not immediately returned. Ken Connor, a Leesburg, Va., attorney serving as a spokesman for Wilkes & McHugh, said the firm filed hundreds of similar lawsuits against hospitals in other states on behalf of plaintiffs other than Brockovich.

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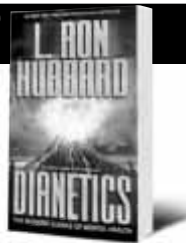
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Home-buying downturn drives up Western rents

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Apartment rents in many of the West's major markets are rising at their fastest pace in years, driven by a home-buying downturn that has empowered landlords to demand more money.

As higher interest rates and eroding home prices discourage prospective buyers, more people are deciding to lease — a choice that is filling up once-vacant apartment units and lifting rents.

The San Francisco Bay area, where home prices in September fell for the first time in more than four years, epitomized the trend.

In Silicon Valley, for instance, the average September rent climbed by more than 10 percent from the prior year to \$1,450, according to data to be released Thursday by RealFacts Inc., a Novato-based research firm.

It marked the first double-digit increase in the high-tech heartland since the early stages of the dot-com bust in early 2001 when Santa Clara County's average rent peaked at \$1,959.

Rents also shot up by 7.5 percent to a September average of \$1,443 in five other Bay Area counties defined as the greater San Francisco market.

Despite the Bay Area's rapid run-up, Southern California remained the West's most expensive place to rent an apartment, according to RealFacts. The average rent in Los Angeles and Orange counties climbed 7.4 percent to \$1,546 while rents increased 7.6 percent to an average of \$1,452 in Ventura County.

The market conditions also have shifted in favor of landlords in five other markets where rents rose by at least 5 percent. They were: San Bernardino and Riverside counties, up 6 percent to \$1,129; Seattle, up 6.3 percent to \$957; Las Vegas, up 5.7 percent to \$859; Phoenix, up 7.2 percent to \$794; and Portland, up 5.6 percent to \$789.

Besides the recent weakness in home sales, an improving job market and steadily growing U.S. population that just surpassed 300 million also has fueled rental demand.

Rents declined in just two of the 20 Western markets surveyed by RealFacts. They were: Colorado Springs, Colo., down 0.3 percent to \$708; and Boise, Idaho, down

0.1 percent to \$703.

Tucson, Ariz. offered the West's lowest apartment rents at \$647, a 4.7 percent increase from a year ago.

The rapidly rising rents in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California represent a dramatic turnaround from recent years when low mortgage rates and a sharp run-up in housing prices fed a home-buying frenzy.

In Portland, for example, apartment rents were increasing by less than 1 percent just a year ago.

Silicon Valley also was hard hit by the dot-com meltdown, which triggered a slump that pushed the region's average rent to a low of \$1,259 in June 2004.

RENTS ON THE RISE

Raising the roof

The Associated Press

A look at average rents in major Western markets as of Sept. 30 and the percent change from previous year:

Los Angeles/Orange counties: \$1,546, 7.4 percent

Ventura County, Calif.: \$1,452, 7.6 percent

San Jose, Calif.: \$1,450, 10.4 percent

San Francisco/Oakland: \$1,443, 7.5 percent

San Diego: \$1,298, 3.8 percent

San Bernardino/Riverside counties: \$1,129, 6.0 percent

Solano County, Calif.: \$1,121, 4.2 percent

Seattle: \$957, 6.3 percent

Sacramento, Calif.: \$948, 2.6 percent

Las Vegas: \$859, 5.7 percent

Denver: \$856, 0.8 percent

Reno, Nev.: \$845, 4.8 percent

Phoenix: \$794, 7.2 percent

Portland: \$789, 5.6 percent

Fresno, Calif.: \$763, 3.4 percent

Colorado Springs, Colo.: \$708, -0.3 percent

Salt Lake City: \$704, 4.6 percent

Boise, Idaho: \$703, -0.1 percent

Albuquerque, N.M.: \$680, 2.6 percent

Tucson, Ariz.: \$647, 4.7 percent

Source: RealFacts Inc.

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Landmark Observatory is poised for its close-up

BY JACOB ADELMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The landmark Griffith Observatory overlooking the city from atop the Hollywood Hills is about to re-emerge from a nearly five-year restoration and renovation.

The \$93 million project has restored the once-peeling exterior of the triple-domed building to its original state, updated its exhibits and doubled floor space by adding an underground level.

"It was a world-class facility when it was opened in 1935 — it now is again in the 21st century," Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said at a recent press conference announcing the observatory's Nov. 3 reopening.

The observatory has provided a backdrop for many movies, hosted generations of school groups and drawn crowds of star-gazers for celestial events. It closed in January 2002 for repair of decades of wear and tear.

Designers also sought to modernize and expand the observatory and its exhibits without changing the way it looks from the outside. Work was also done on tile work, murals and other decorative flourishes in the building.

The Zeiss telescope in the eastern dome is the same instrument that the estate of the observatory's original benefactor, silver and real-estate magnate Griffith J. Griffith, bequeathed to the city some 70 years ago.

"More people have looked into that telescope than any other telescope in the world," observatory director E.C. Krupp said.

The solar telescope, or coelostat, in the western dome, meanwhile, funnels sunlight into the same vintage instruments that generations have used to safely view the sun's fiery surface up close.

The Foucault pendulum still swings in the center of the building beneath restored neoclassical murals by Hugo Ballin, and a bust of the late actor James Dean remains on the observatory's grounds, where part of "Rebel Without a Cause" was filmed.

But the observatory building, which was expanded by 40,000 square feet, also has plenty of new attractions. They include scale models of planets (including recently demoted

Pluto) that hang in the bunker-like underground level, and exhibits on tides, optics, electricity and other natural phenomena line the corridors.

The projector that throws stars and planets onto the planetarium's domed ceiling has also been replaced with a newer model that can more accurately replicate the heavens.

The combination of old and new embodied in the renovated observatory continues Griffith J. Griffith's mission of helping people understand their place in the world through a knowledge in the stars, Krupp said.

"He said, 'If all mankind could look through that telescope, it would change the world,'" Krupp said.

Some 7,000 people are expected to visit the observatory when it reopens next month. Visitors are required to make online reservations before visiting and must ride a shuttle bus between offsite parking lots and the observatory grounds.

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GOP candidate is tied to threatening letters

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — State investigators on Friday searched an office of a Republican congressional candidate whose campaign mailed thousands of intimidating letters to Hispanic immigrant voters.

About 10 uniformed California Department of Justice agents arrived with a search warrant and could be seen opening cabinets, scouring desks and packing up a computer inside the storefront campaign office of Tan D. Nguyen, a Vietnamese immigrant trying to unseat a popular Democratic incumbent.

Nguyen has acknowledged that his campaign sent the letter, which wrongly said immigrants could be jailed if they voted. He blamed a campaign worker he said he has fired.

Nguyen has resisted calls from leaders in his own party to quit the race, saying he did not approve the letter and did not know about it.

State and federal officials have been investigating the mailing for possible violations of election or civil rights law.

"We're aggressively pursuing our investigation to determine exactly who is responsible for the letter," Nathan Barankin, spokesman for the state attorney general's office, said Friday.

Nguyen was not in the Garden Grove office when agents arrived, but a volunteer said he planned to return for a mid-afternoon news conference.

County Republican Chairman Scott

Baugh said Thursday that after speaking with state investigators and the company that distributed the "obnoxious and reprehensible" mailer, he concluded that Nguyen was personally involved.

He said the party's executive committee voted unanimously to urge Nguyen to drop out of the race against Democratic Rep. Loretta Sanchez.

The letter, written in Spanish, was mailed to an estimated 14,000 Democratic voters in central Orange County. It warns, "You are advised that if your residence in this country is illegal or you are an immigrant, voting in a federal election is a crime that could result in jail time."

In fact, immigrants who are adult naturalized citizens are eligible to vote.

Investigators met with Nguyen for two hours Thursday, said his attorney David Wiechert. "He would do the public a disservice if he dropped out," Wiechert said.

Near Garden Grove in Santa Ana, Hispanic and Vietnamese leaders condemned the letter and said it should not become a wedge that drives their communities apart. They urged the secretary of state to send a letter to homes that received the mailing to clear up any questions about voter rights.

"This letter reminds us of what we were running away from in Vietnam, where people can't vote the way they want," said Xuyen Dong, who heads the Orange County chapter of the Vietnamese Professional Society.

Along state's cheese trail, artisans opening their doors to some gourmet aficionados

BY LISA RATHKE

Associated Press Writer

GRANVILLE, Vt. — The biggest investment Daniel Hewitt made on his sheep farm was a cheese plant that features a tasting room with a view — visitors can watch the art of cheesemaking while sampling his European-style tommes and blue cheeses.

Hewitt's Three Owls Farm is located in the heart of the Vermont cheese trail, where artisan cheesemakers welcome visitors to their dairy farms in hopes of educating customers about their craft and drumming up business.

"It's important having people know where their food and local cheeses are coming from," Hewitt said. "The more educated people become about their sources of food, the more likely we'll get good food, I believe."

Visitors drop in from Boston, Quebec and New York. Some have downloaded the cheese trail map from the Internet; others wander in. When they time it right, they get to see cheesemaking. Other days, they can see the animals and sample the cheeses.

At Three Owls Farm, visitors can pay \$250 to be a cheesemaker for a day — a hands-on experience that includes milking the sheep.

"There's nothing like tasting the products, to sell people on them," said Jonathan Wright, of Taylor Farm in Londonderry. "This is one place where people can really come and see the process of cheese making,

they can see the animals, they can make the real connection to how these products are produced."

Before the cheesemakers developed the trail, Vermont already was on the map in the cheese world.

The state has the highest number of cheesemakers per capita, said Catherine Donnelly, co-director of the Vermont Institute of Artisan Cheese in Burlington.

They produce more than 100 kinds of soft and aged hard cheeses using milk from cows, goats, sheep and water buffalos.

Most are made from raw milk rather than pasteurized milk, which cheesemakers say is more flavorful. And from farm to farm, the flavors and textures vary like wine.

"Taste can be altered by the temperature of the room in which you're working, the size of the holes in the mold in which you drain the cheeses, just the bacteria that are in the milk from your farm," Hewitt said.

That flavor earned Cabot Clothbound Cheddar — produced by Cabot Creamery and Jasper Hill Farm in Greensboro — best in show at the American Cheese Society's annual competition in July.

Zabar's, the famed New York food emporium, sells maple smoked gouda from Taylor Farm, cheddars from Cabot and Grafton Village Cheese Company, and a variety of cheeses from Blythedale Farm in Corinth and the Vermont Butter & Cheese Company in Websterville.



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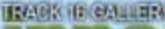
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'Metronatural': A city motto or nudist camp?

BY GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press Writer

ON THE NET

<http://www.metronatural.com/>

SEATTLE — When Washington state announced its new tourism slogan — “SayWA” — last spring, Pike Place Market vendor Kenny Telesco was willing to give it a chance.

He practiced saying it with “jazz hands” and asked tourists to “SayWA” as they posed for photos. But he’s not sure he can stomach Seattle’s new tourism slogan, unveiled Friday in 18-foot-tall letters atop the Space Needle: “metronatural.”

“How do you use that in a sentence?” Telesco asked. “Welcome to Metronatural.” ... It’s an airport where you can buy organic bananas.”

Others suggested “metronatural” evoked an urban nudist camp, and started speculating about whether it would last longer than the widely panned “SayWA,” which the state dropped recently because it failed to catch on.

“Metronatural” is the result of a 16-month, \$200,000 effort by Seattle’s Convention and Visitors Bureau, which included 60 people from the bureau, the mayor’s office and businesses. The bureau plans to spend \$300,000 marketing the slogan, er, “destination brand position,” which was developed by a local marketing firm called Exclaim. The advertising will largely be targeted at generating business for the Washington Convention and Trade Center.

“Seattle offers the best of both worlds,” Don Welsh, the bureau’s president, said in a news release. “We have a vibrant urban center surrounded by pristine wilderness and outdoor recreation.”

The idea of “metronatural” was to capture that, Welsh said, adding that so far, feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. He said some people might not get it if they’re simply told what the slogan is, but once they see it on photographs of the city, Puget Sound or the Cascades, it really resonates.

A sampling of vendors and tourists at Pike Place Market, one of the city’s premier

attractions, suggested the photos could probably stand on their own: Seattle is beautiful and vibrant enough that it doesn’t need a slogan, several said, let alone one that plays on that buzzword of yesteryear “metrosexual.”

That’s the approach that Vancouver, British Columbia, took when it updated its tourism marketing. Instead of having a tag line, advertisements simply say “Tourism Vancouver,” with a large “V” styled to resemble an Olympic medal hanging from an athlete’s neck.

It was Vancouver’s decision to update its slogan that prompted Seattle to follow suit.

Seattle’s seldom-seen old slogan, developed in 1999, was a picture of an eye, an “at” symbol and the letter L: “See-At-L.” And yet, tourists came.

In fact, a look at the city’s tourism industry would seem to suggest that it’s been doing fine without “metronatural.” A record 9.1 million people visited Seattle last year, according to the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The cruise port is bustling, and the convention center drew nearly 400,000 people last year.

“Metro” and “natural” are “not two words that impress me as words that are going to stick out in someone’s mind, like you want a slogan to stick out in someone’s mind,” said John Silas, a 30-year market veteran who makes and sells hardwood cribbage boards. “The idea feels sterile and commercial and it’s lacking the heart of Seattle.”

“The only thing ‘metro’ about John is how he gets to work in the morning,” offered a nearby vendor, referring to the King County Metro bus system.

Former Seattle Monorail advocate Dick Falkenberg, a tour guide, said Friday he had heard all about the new slogan.

“It’s ‘SayWA.’ No, wait, it’s worse than ‘SayWA,’” he said. “It’s ‘urban-metro.’”

Close enough.

N.M. airport transformed with rocket displays for X-Prize Cup

By the Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — The city’s international airport has been transformed, with rockets and spaceships going on display as the X Prize Cup brings space-related businesses and would-be space tourists for a two-day festival that opens Friday.

“It’s very hectic in a good way, and there’s a lot going on,” said Josh Neubert, X Prize community and events coordinator.

Organizers were conducting dry runs of exhibits and making sure everything is ready to broadcast the event on the Internet. The annual exposition of the growing commercial space industry runs Friday and Saturday.

This year’s event will include high-powered rocket launches, the unveiling of the Rocket Racing League’s developmental racer, static engine test firings, flyovers by the T-38 astronaut trainer and “a variety of other rocket surprises in the air and on the ground.”

Starchaser Industries, a British rocket manufacturer that has opened an office outside Las Cruces, had its three-person Thunderstar space capsule loaded onto a

transport truck Wednesday and displayed around town on its way to the airport.

Business owners said all the space-related activity is paying dividends.

“I’m here because I like airplanes and spacecraft,” said Tom Hutchinson, owner of the famed La Posta Restaurant in Mesilla.

He also said a week’s worth of space events is indicative of the kind of economic impact the proposed spaceport could have on southern New Mexico.

“I think everybody in the service sector sees a little bit of a bump in their service activity,” Hutchinson said.

As a warmup to the X Prize Cup, the International Symposium for Personal Spaceflight wrapped up its two-day run.

Spaceport America officials offered an update on the status of the \$225 million project that will be built in Sierra County, about 45 miles north of Las Cruces.

New Mexico Spaceport Authority Executive Director Lonnie Sumpter said the project is about a year away from obtaining a license from the Federal Aviation Administration.



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY — Birds seem to love to do their business here.

For the past few years, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Transportation Facility has been under aerial assault — bird droppings that is.

On Thursday, the school board waged a war of its own on birds, awarding a \$56,642 bid to Karcher Environmental Inc. for "the remediation of Avian Fecal Matter."

Apparently, the district has tired of serving as a target.

"The transportation office has become overrun with pigeons and seagulls, and it's a safety hazard because the droppings are where people have to be," said Superintendent Dianne Talarico on Friday.

The problem concerns an open-aired repair shop where birds, specifically pigeons,

have been nesting at the facility on 19th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

"It's been off and on for a couple of years," said Director of Transportation Neal Abramson. "It's gotten bad this year."

Abramson said the problem has died down over the past few months and said the birds tend to attack during spring and summer when they are nesting eggs. The facility has managed to steer clear this past week.

Due to the high volume of bird droppings, Abramson said the staff finds itself constantly cleaning during the peak season.

Karcher is expected to install netting to prevent the bird droppings. The timeline for the installation has yet to be determined, but will be performed after work hours and on weekends.

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"Those don't always work," Abramson said. "Those pigeons are pretty smart."

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GEORGE RUSSEL WELLER

July 16, 2003:

George Russell Weller, 86, drives through the Farmers' Market on Arizona Avenue with his Buick LeSabre, killing 10 people and injuring 63.

December, 2003:

The 914-page accident report is released to the public.

Jan. 5, 2004:

Weller is charged with 10 counts vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence.

Jan. 6, 2004:

Weller pleads not guilty to all charges.

Jan. 13, 2004:

Weller turns himself in to police.

Jan. 14, 2004:

A civil lawsuit is filed against City Hall and Bayside District Corp., claiming that the deadly crash could have been prevented with the installation of metal barriers.

Oct. 25, 2004:

Preliminary hearings in the criminal trial begin.

Nov. 3, 2004:

Weller is ordered to stand trial.

March 29, 2006:

Judge Valerie Baker orders six of the 36 civil cases to go to trial because of the advanced age and/or deteriorating health of the plaintiffs.

May 22, 2006:

The civil trial against Weller is postponed until 90 days after the conclusion of the criminal trial.

Sept. 1, 2006:

Jury selection begins in the criminal trial of Weller.

Sept. 12, 2006:

Criminal trial begins.

Oct. 5, 2006:

Closing arguments are heard. The criminal trial is sent to the jury.

Oct. 20, 2006:

After nine days of deliberation, a jury convicts Weller, now 89, of 10 counts vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. He faces up to 18 years in prison.

Oct. 27, 2006:

Hearing to decide sentencing date for Weller.

Weller found guilty

SENTENCING: Sources believe prosecution won't seek jail time for Weller

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decide the length of the punishment after hearing from family members of the victims, supporters of Weller and the District Attorney's Office.

A date for the hearing will be established on Oct. 27.

Weller — who was 86 at the time of the July 16, 2003 crash — was not present in the courtroom on Friday when the verdict was read, and had been absent for the duration of the trial because of failing health. He will remain free on his own recognizance until sentencing, when he must return to the courtroom.

Various sources, including members of Weller's defense team, said the prosecution is not seeking prison time for the retired food broker. District Attorney Ann Ambrose would neither confirm nor deny that any discussion of a sentence had taken place.

"The decision will be in the hands of Judge Johnson," said Ambrose, who prosecuted the case. "We are obviously pleased about the outcome of this case. We have felt very strongly over the last three years that this was a case that needed to be aired in a public forum and that members of the community needed to hear the case, evaluate the evidence and make a decision."

The verdict surprised Weller's defense attorneys, who maintained throughout the trial — which lasted more than a month — that Weller's actions were the result of "pedal error." They argued that Weller was subject to the rare phenomenon, mistakenly pressing the brake instead of the gas pedal following a fender-bender with another vehicle.

Defense attorney Mark Overland — visibly disappointed and frustrated with the outcome of the case — said emotions may have played a role in the jury's decision. Jurors who addressed the media after the verdict was read, however, maintained they were instructed not to empathize with either side.

"I think it's a very emotional case in the sense that you have 10 innocent people that were out for an afternoon at a farmers' market — people can identify with that and all of a sudden they're dead," Overland said. "One of the victims was a 3-month-old child, another was 3 years

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SCENES FROM A TRAGEDY: On July 16, 2003, George Russell Weller drove his Buick LeSabre (at top) through a crowded Farmer's Market, leaving behind evidence of widespread carnage and fatalities in downtown Santa Monica.

File photos

A healing Santa Monica reacts to Weller verdict

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — The day when George Russell Weller plowed his car through the Farmers' Market on Arizona Avenue more than three years ago is still crystal clear in Vince Garcia's mind.

Immediately after the deadly July

16, 2003 crash, a crowd of frantic people burst into Western Spirit, a store specializing in western wear that Garcia manages on Third Street. People were screaming for Garcia to call 9-1-1. A vehicle had just driven into the nearby Farmer's Market, located just a few yards from the store, killing 10 people and injuring more than 60 others.

On Friday, just hours after a jury found Weller guilty on all 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter, possibly sending him to prison for up to 18 years, Garcia said he was pleased with the verdict. He hoped it would send a clear message that regardless of age, those who commit a crime will be punished.

Weller, who was 86 years old at

the time of the crash, is now 89 and in ailing health.

Reaction to the verdict in Santa Monica ranged from disbelief to satisfaction. Some could not believe that a jury would find an elderly man in the final stages of his life guilty of a crime that many thought was a

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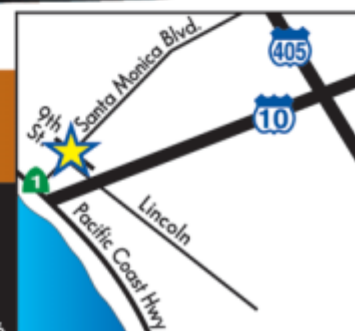
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Weller defense vows to appeal jury verdict

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old. They showed very graphic photographs of these individuals."

Overland vowed to appeal the case and said he was confident his client would be exonerated, insisting there was "no evidence of gross negligence as the law defines it."

"This verdict will not hold up on appeal," Overland said.

THE FLIP SIDE

Ambrose argued that Weller tried to flee the scene of an accident just prior to entering the market on Arizona Avenue, and had several chances to stop his 1992 Buick LaSabre by steering it towards parked trucks instead of "soft targets," like pedestrians.

"Clearly, anyone who makes the decision to get behind the wheel of a car has to take responsibility for their actions once they are behind the wheel of a car, and that includes Mr. Weller," Ambrose said. "It has been our position from the beginning that no matter if you are 16 or 86, you make the decision to get behind the wheel of a car, you have a duty of care. If you violate that duty of care, you will be held responsible for your actions."

It took the jury — comprised of four women and eight men — nearly three weeks to return with a verdict. Jurors received the case Friday, Oct. 6.

Along with testimony from more than 50 witnesses, jurors had scores of exhibits to evaluate, including complex reports on the accident by law enforcement and a telling videotape of Weller being interviewed by the Santa Monica Police Department hours after the crash.

Jurors also had to review gruesome photographs of the broken and bloodied bodies of the victims, as well as testimony from expert witnesses called by the defense to support their claim of pedal error.

Some jurors struggled with the definition of gross negligence, with at least four leaning towards the lesser charge of vehicular manslaughter with negligence, a misdemeanor.

Negligence can be generally defined as the failure to exercise the degree of care that would be exercised by a reasonably prudent person under like circumstances. The term "gross negligence" is the failure to use even the slightest amount of care in a way that shows recklessness or willful disregard for the safety of others, as if the person responsible was intent on causing harm.

"There were 10 bodies, so it wasn't really so much about whether he was guilty or not," said juror George Grenados. "It was just a matter of understanding the difference between ordinary negligence and gross negligence."

Grenados, 48, and four other jurors interviewed following the verdict said Weller's advanced age did not factor into their decision to convict him on all 10 counts.

"We all put ourselves in the situation, and probably the older you are, it will take a little more time to react, naturally," said juror Yolanda Hernandez, 54, of Montebello. "But I felt he had time to react and make better choices than the ones he did."

Several jurors said Friday that the video-

taped interview with Weller was a key piece of evidence, as it showed a man that seemed angry, annoyed and callous — not caring that he had just killed 10 people and wounded 68 others. They claim the video supported statements by two witnesses who said Weller was overheard just minutes after the crash saying, "If they saw me coming, they should have gotten out of my way."

"Actually, it came out like he had anger, but at one time also it indicated that he was trying very hard to stop the vehicle," Hernandez said. "I have no idea what happened on that day, but anger could have been a factor."

Jurors saw statements from at least 100 supporters of Weller who said he was an exemplary man who donated his free time to mentoring young adults. Some jurors believed Weller was a "good citizen," however, his conduct before the crash did not absolve him.

"He's a human being and Mr. Weller is a very good citizen, you know, at his age, but it doesn't really affect him at all," said juror Simon Magtivity, of Santa Monica. "This really is about the prosecution's side that 10 people were dead and 68 people were injured. You have to balance those."

MEDIA FRENZY

Interest in the Farmers' Market trial was intense, with several local news outlets following it throughout. For some jurors, the outside attention proved a challenge, under orders not to watch or read news reports about the case or discuss it with family and friends. Indeed, one juror had to be excused by Judge Johnson after the Santa Monica resident raised concerns about his ability to remain impartial after overhearing people talking about the case while he and his wife sipped coffee on Main Street.

Judge Johnson thanked the jurors for their service.

"You all were very attentive and listened carefully to the evidence," the judge said. "You are the tops. In all the trials I've had, you were the most punctual jury."

While some questioned the defense team's decision to not have Weller testify, nor even attend the trial, Overland said he had no regrets about the case he and his colleagues presented.

"I think we did the right thing. There were reasons for it and we stand by those reasons," Overland said. "We wouldn't change anything with the trial ... The thought of a plea bargain never came to mind."

Since the accident, Weller's health has deteriorated to the point that Overland seemed unsure the 89-year-old would even comprehend the verdict. Once a gregarious, community-oriented person who used his free time to tutor students during retirement, Weller has since become a recluse who rarely leaves his home.

"His life has never been the same since (the accident)," Overland said. "We had over 100 people who spoke on his behalf, telling how wonderful and how much of an influence this man was to them in their lives ... It's unfortunate and tragic that this is how he is going to be remembered — for 20 seconds of his life rather than all the good he has done in close to his 90 years."

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Guilty verdict in crash trial leaves SM residents divided

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tragic accident, while others believed justice was served.

The 600 block of 25th Street that Weller calls home was surprisingly peaceful on Friday, belying the stark verdict that had just been issued in a Downtown LA courtroom. The street was filled with the noises of hammers, as the house next to Weller's single-story home was under construction.

"It's a shame," said Kit Dreyfuss, who lives across the street from Weller. "I think it was a very bad decision on part of the jury."

Dreyfuss has known Weller since she moved into her home in 1969. She called her neighbor "one of the finest people you'll ever meet."

"It's terrible for the people killed, it's terrible for the people injured, and it's terrible for him [Weller]," Dreyfuss said.

Meanwhile, city officials expressed hope that the verdict would close a very sad chapter in Santa Monica's history.

"I don't know any of the people who were injured, nor do I know Mr. Weller, but I do know his close relatives and I can assure you they are as devastated as everyone is by this," said Mayor Bob Holbrook.

Since the accident, the city has taken heightened measures to ensure a similar tragedy is not repeated. Rubber cones and saw horses served as barricades before the acci-

dent. Today, cars and trucks are in their stead.

City Councilman Richard Bloom, who was mayor when the crash occurred, said he was surprised by the verdict. Bloom thought Weller would be acquitted of all charges.

"I know the healing is going to be long-term and ongoing," Bloom said. "It's not something that is going to go away anytime soon in the eyes of those who are close to the events."

It was business as usual on Friday along the Third Street Promenade, where shoppers and power walkers were enjoying the beautiful weather. Those who had heard the Weller verdict through word-of-mouth said they were shocked.

"I don't think he's going to live long, so why make him suffer in jail?" asked Sameer Jooma, owner of Giorgio Vasari on Third Street. "He's not a risk. It wasn't anything malicious."

Jooma remembers the day when the accident occurred. He never once thought Weller had purposely driven his car into the market.

"Maybe he blanked out," Jooma said.

Esther Kim of Santa Clarita agrees that Weller probably did not drive into the market intentionally. Kim, who was sitting on the promenade with a friend, said the judge should sentence Weller to one year in prison with community service.

Daily Press Staff Writer Kevin Herrera contributed to the reporting of this article.

Victims, families awaiting civil trial

BY MAYA MEINERT

Special to the Daily Press

SM COURTHOUSE — After being found guilty on Friday of 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence for his role in the 2003 Farmers' Market crash, George Russell Weller will next face a civil trial, scheduled to begin early next year.

Thirty-six lawsuits were filed against Weller; City Hall; the Southland Farmers Market Association, operators of the farmers market on Arizona Avenue; Bayside District Corp., a non-profit organization that operates downtown with money from City Hall; and Step Up on Second, a social service agency whose members volunteer at the market.

City Hall was released from liability in July because of a law that grants design immunity to cities that have constructed an intersection or traffic management plan according to state standards and approved by a licensed engineer.

Southland Farmers' Market Association was subsequently granted a motion for summary judgment.

Meanwhile, Step Up on Second is in the process of negotiating a multi-million dollar settlement with victims and their relatives.

That leaves Weller and Bayside District Corp. as defendants in the civil case, set to begin Jan. 16, 2007.

Weller, who was 86 at the time of the accident, drove his car through a bustling Farmers' Market on Arizona Avenue on July, 16, 2003, killing 10 and injuring 68 others.

Attorneys for some of the plaintiffs reacted strongly to Friday's verdict.

"It would add weight to the defendants'... arguments that Weller is solely responsible," said Michael Piuze, attorney for the families of three people who were killed by Weller.

"The verdict of guilty cannot help the plaintiffs in the civil case, and there have been people associated with the case who have thought the real purpose of the prosecution was to help out the city of Santa Monica," Piuze said.

Stan Jacobs, attorney for a woman seriously injured by Weller who ultimately died before her civil trial went to court, is one of those people.

"Weller is the fall guy, when the real culprit is the city of Santa Monica," said Jacobs. "The city of Santa Monica played Russian Roulette with the people who attend that market."

"The city should be held accountable."

Attorneys for the plaintiffs appeal the decision by Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Valerie Baker to grant City Hall immunity, however, the California Supreme Court has refused to hear the case.

Dana Alden Fox, an attorney with the law firm Lynberg & Watkins, which is representing City Hall, had a different reaction to the verdict.

"I was not shocked," Fox said. "I think the District Attorney Ann Ambrose presented a compelling case. This verdict validates the city's position in the civil case that the city is not responsible or liable for this tragic incident."

Attorneys for the plaintiffs have filed a motion to have the trial postponed until sometime in March 2007 to allow them time to prepare for trial. That hearing is scheduled for Oct. 24.

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to get a lot of fast runners, another was to get a lot of local everyday runners ... and then we wanted a lot of celebrities."

Actor David James Elliot of "JAG" will compete in the race and several other celebrities, including actress Lisa Arturo, Alex Bell and Powers from "Survivor" and "CSI's" Yennifer Behrens will assist with the event. Bell will serve as the official announcer during the race.

The last chance to pre-register for the race is today at the New Balance store (2828 Wilshire Blvd.), where Pat Connelly, coach of the Los Angeles Road Runners, will give a talk at 2 p.m. entitled "Getting the most out of your race."

Connelly will also appear at the race, leading stretching at the ceremonial start stage and giving medals for everyday runners. He will provide gait analysis for interested runners at the finish line.

An elite wave of runners will compete for the \$5,000 prize

purse of the Los Angeles Sports & Fitness Invitational, including American men Bolota Asmeron, Fernando Cabada and Team Running USA athlete Jacques Sallberg. Asmeron won the 5,000-meter race at the 2006 Stanford Invitational (13:39) and competed in the same race at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Cabada set the American 25K record in winning the Fifth Third River Bank Run (1:14:21). Sallberg is a Pasadena resident who placed fourth at the 2006 USA 3,000 Meter Steeplechase Championship.

Josh Spiker from Ventura and Christian Hesch from Morro Bay are other local talents expected to participate.

Haron Lagat and Richard Kimeli, both from Kenya, should give the Americans tough competition after placing second and third at the Inaugural National City Invitational Mile on Oct. 1.

Kenyan Emily Chebet is expected to lead the women's field, competing in her first race in the United States. Chebet placed second in the Kenyan 10,000-meter Championships in July and took the bronze medal in the 10,000 meters at the

Africa Athletics Championships last August.

Jennifer DeRego, an American who placed second in the Glide Floss Bridge to Bridge 12K in San Francisco, will also run.

The 5K race will feature \$5,000 in prize money, including \$1,000 for both the men's and women's winners, in addition to time bonuses and incentives for the top Santa Monica finishers.

The post-race party on the pier will feature a pancake breakfast, magicians and four live bands — Los Angeles-based Kelly's Lot, New Maximum Donkey, Seeking Zenith and For Pete's Sake. The rides at the pier will also be open.

"We're hoping that families of people who are running will come out and meet up at the post-race party," Kalan said.

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Fairbanks U. wants to 'rep' Alaska

BY DAN JOLING

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska's two college hockey teams will face off Friday night, with one under an assumed name.

Officials in the athletic department at the University of Alaska Fairbanks have declared that their teams will be known as the Alaska Nanooks, stripping their logos of their official school name and the city where they're based — and positioning the school as the state's dominant campus a la the Wisconsin Badgers and the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

"The goal is to ensure that when college sports fans reference Alaska, they immediately think of the premier program from the flagship campus of the University of Alaska statewide system, located in the best city in Alaska — Fairbanks," said UAF athletic director Forrest Karr.

The scrolling sign on Fairbanks' civic center Thursday morning trumpeted the matchup between the Fairbanks school and the University of Alaska Anchorage as "Alaska vs. UAA."

The UAF rifle team in March — before the name change — captured the 2006 NCAA National Championship, its eighth and the program's seventh in the past eight years. But the Nanooks have hardly been dominant over its archrival in other sports.

The UAA Seawolves hold a 72-48-9 lifetime lead in hockey. It leads the men's basketball rivalry, 58-27, and women's basketball, 45-29.

It also has more students. Alaska-Anchorage had nearly 15,000 full- and part-time students in 2005, compared to 5,700 at

UAF and 3,000 more at the nearby Tanana Valley campus.

However, the reaction from the UAA athletic department has been minimal. Athletic director Steve Cobb forcefully expressed indifference.

"I can't think of anything I can react to less," Cobb said. "They can call themselves anything they want to."

Cobb said he would not have any comment on UAF business or its intentions.

"I'm very comfortable that we're the University of Alaska Anchorage, have been and are going to be," he said. "I couldn't pretend to know what they're thinking."

Alaska-Anchorage students took more of an interest.

"It's really ridiculous. It sounds like a gimmick," said John Wilcox, a senior art major. "Changing their name to Alaska Nanooks undermines the idea that UA is a unified system. It's like they want people to think they are the premier school. If they are Alaska, what does that make us?"

UAA assistant hockey captain Justin Bourne said he was a little bit offended. It would be like Minnesota Mankato pronouncing itself "Minnesota" over the bigger school in Minneapolis, he said.

"We're the bigger school," Bourne said. "Whatever, we'll deal with it on the ice."

Cobb did not see potential for confusion at games.

"I don't think our fans are going to see any confusion," he said.

Kate Ripley, spokeswoman for the University of Alaska system, which oversees both schools and is based in Fairbanks, said the change was made without consulting

President Mark Hamilton.

"This was definitely a campus decision," she said. "It isn't one he was consulted on and it isn't one he's involved with. He knew about it after it was being done."

He has no plans to intervene, Ripley said.

The idea has been in the works for years, said Karr, who was appointed interim athletic director in July 2005 and named to the permanent job in January.

"Our coaching staff has been advocating the change to Alaska Nanooks for many years and our new administrative team feels marketing Alaska Nanooks is important for a variety of reasons," he said.

UAF team uniforms have not been consistent, he said. Some said "Alaska" and some, including those for the popular NCAA Division I hockey team, have had "UAF" emblazoned across the chest.

"It was kind of confusing to people when we had different pictures on the Web site," he said. "We wanted consistency."

Most flagship institutions proudly display state names on athletic uniforms, he said.

The name change will be an important tool in recruiting and marketing, he said. The word "Alaska" carries more cachet than the acronym "UAF," which coaches said generated little reaction outside the state.

Karr is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. That city name also is dropped outside formal communications, he said. Like UAF, the Madison campus was the first public institution within the statewide institution.

"They're considered the flagship for athletics," he said.

NY bones find stirs a debate

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The discovery of human bones in a damaged manhole at the World Trade Center site has outraged victims' families, who say the city hasn't done enough to ensure the remains of those killed in the 2001 terrorist attack are located and treated with respect.

Some relatives called for a new, systematic search by outside experts, such as the military command that identifies missing soldiers' remains.

"We can no longer rely on accidental discoveries," the group WTC Families for Proper Burial said in a statement Thursday. "This must be a deliberate search. May this awful news be the catalyst needed to go back and do the job well."

The remains, some as big as arm or leg bones, were found Thursday by a Port Authority contractor working with a Consolidated Edison crew excavating a manhole, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the trade center site.

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Shiite militia seizes control of Amarah

BY CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Shiite militia run by anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr seized total control of the southern Iraqi city of Amarah on Friday in one of the boldest acts of defiance yet by one of the country's powerful, unofficial armies, witnesses and police said.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki dispatched an emergency security delegation that included the Minister of State for Security Affairs and top officials from the Interior and Defense ministries, Yassin Majid, the prime minister's media adviser, told The Associated Press.

The Mahdi Army fighters stormed three main police stations Friday morning, planting explosives that flattened the buildings, residents said.

About 800 black-clad militiamen with Kalashnikov rifles and rocket-propelled grenade launchers were patrolling city streets in commandeered police vehicles, eyewitnesses said. Other fighters had set up roadblocks on routes into the city and sound trucks circulated telling residents to stay indoors.

Fighting broke out in Amara on Thursday after the head of police intelligence in the surrounding province, a member of the rival Shiite Badr Brigade militia, was killed by a roadside bomb, prompting

his family to kidnap the teenage brother of the local head of the a-Madhi Army.

The Mahdi Army seized several police stations and clamped a curfew on the city in retaliation.

At least 15 people, including five militiamen, one policeman and two bystanders, have been killed in clashes since Friday, Dr. Zamil Shia, director of Amarah's department of health, said by telephone from Amarah.

The events in the city highlight the threat of wider violence between rival Shiite factions, who have entrenched themselves among the majority Shiite population and are blamed for killings of rival Sunnis.

Mahdi Army militiamen have long enjoyed a free rein in Amarah, the provincial capital of the southern province of Maysan. The militiamen often summon local government officials for meetings at their offices, and they roam the city with their weapons, manipulate the local police and set up checkpoints at will.

Since British troops left Amarah in August, residents say the militia has been involved in a series of killings, including slayings of merchants suspected of selling alcohol and women alleged to have engaged in behavior deemed immoral by militiamen.

Associated Press writer **Hamza Hendawi** contributed to this report.

Utah's vibrant economy running short of workers

BY PAUL FOY

AP Business Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Under pressure to finish a big construction job on time, Doug Welling sometimes finds himself on the backside of Utah's vigorous economy.

The president of Jacobsen Construction Co. has plenty of work — but not always enough workers.

Welling's company has called on subcontractors from outside the state for a \$212 million project to shore up the Utah Capitol from the threat of earthquakes.

"And maybe we have to pay a little more to get the work done," he said.

Utah is at the center of a booming Rocky Mountain economy, the country's most vibrant region, according to economists.

Bullish signs are everywhere: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently announced a \$1 billion-plus redevelopment of the heart of downtown Salt Lake City with new condos, retail and office space.

In the suburbs, a mobile-home park is giving way to McMansions.

And in the oil town of Vernal in eastern Utah, laborers taking high-wage jobs in the oil fields have left some restaurants with unable to staff all mealtime shifts.

Population growth and higher energy prices are some of the reasons behind the strong economy in Utah and the West.

The Rocky Mountain region is finally maturing after 150 years of isolation from the nation's industrial economy. The new technology era "doesn't care about mountains as barriers" and people want to live here, said Mark Knold, a state economist.

scarcity of labor, a problem that would be worse if not for the growing Hispanic work force.

Utah logged a record 2.8 percent jobless rate for September, lower than any state but Hawaii, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Friday. The national rate was 4.6 percent.

Utah's job growth increased by 5 percent, its highest jump in a decade and nearly four times the national average. The demand for workers is bidding up wages, which rose by an average 5 percent in the past year across all sectors, Knold said.

State government, meanwhile, is reaping a windfall.

Coffers are bulging with \$1.6 billion in cash, up substantially over prior years. Tax revenues soared 12.9 percent in first quarter of the state's fiscal year. Corporate profits were up by 42.7 percent over the same period a year ago.

Taxes from a resurgence in oil and gas drilling and mining were up 34.5 percent for the quarter.

Gene England, president of the Salt Lake City-based trucking firm CR England, said his company tried to recruit drivers from Mexico but encountered too much red tape. Now he's looking to Puerto Rico, where unemployment was 10.8 percent in September, the nation's highest.

"There's just not enough (drivers) to go around," said England, who adds that drivers who lease rigs from the company can earn "six figures."

In another sign of Utah's red-hot economy, help-wanted ads are running an unprecedented 32 to 36 pages on Sundays, said Greig Smith, senior vice president of advertising for the business arm of Salt Lake City's two daily newspapers.



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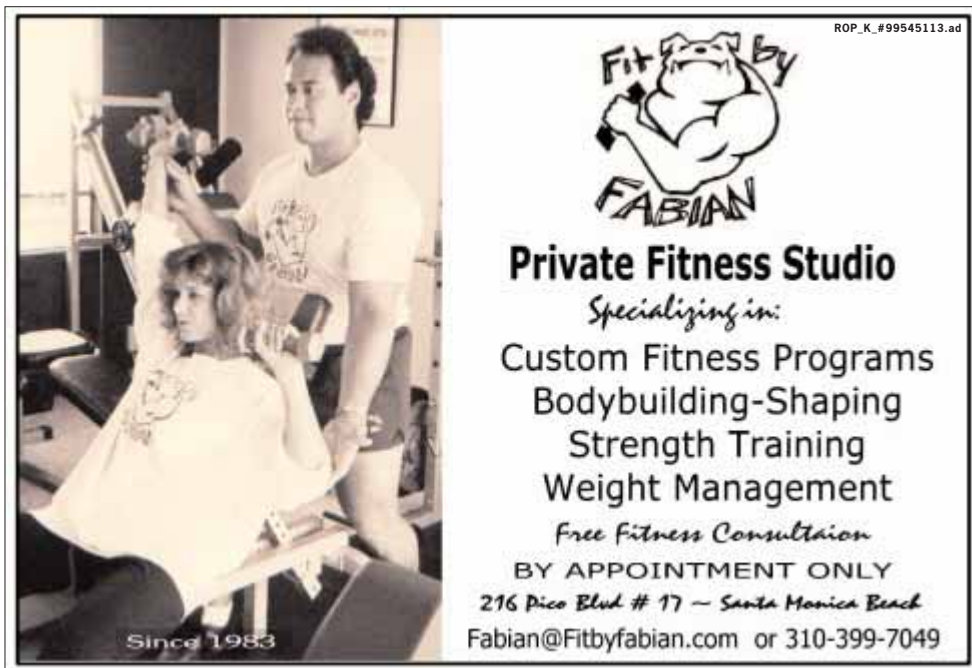
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BASEBALL

Pair of rooks: Series starters are newbies

BY RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT — The World Series will have a pair of rookie starters for the first time, with Justin Verlander pitching for the Detroit Tigers and Anthony Reyes going for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Reyes, 5-8 with a 5.06 ERA in 17 regular-season starts, will have the fewest wins of any Game 1 starter in World Series history.

They will be the first rookies to start in the World Series since John Lackey won Game 7 of the 2002 World Series for the Anaheim Angels against San Francisco. Livan Hernandez was the last rookie to start Game 1, selected in 1997 by Florida Marlins manager Jim Leyland — now guiding the Tigers.

When these teams last met in the World Series, the Cardinals' Bob Gibson pitched a five-hit shutout to beat the Tigers and 31-game winner Denny McLain 4-0 in the 1968 opener at the old Busch Stadium.

The Cardinals' Dizzy Dean won the opener of the only other Series matchup between the clubs, pitching an eight-hitter to beat Alvin Crowder 8-3 at Detroit's Navin Field in 1934.

The previous low for wins by a Game 1 starter was set by Howard Ehmke for the 1929 Philadelphia Athletics, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. He went 7-2 during the regular season, then beat the Chicago Cubs and Charley Root 3-1 in Game 1.

Two rookies have never started a World Series opener before, Elias said.

Verlander, 17-9 with a 3.63 ERA during the regular season, said he wouldn't have been pitching the opener had the New York Mets won the NL pennant. But when the Cardinals won, he was Leyland's pick.

Verlander packs 100 mph heat and is 1-0 in

two postseason starts, but his 5.91 ERA in the playoffs was the highest among Tigers' pitchers. He will be pitching on nine days' rest.

"I definitely used the time," he said Friday. "Pitching late into October my first year, the innings are a lot, and there's some fatigue going on. Being able to rest my arm a little bit and kind of recuperate before this next series definitely helps."

He didn't get a decision in the first round, allowing three runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings at Yankee Stadium as the Tigers rallied in Game 2 — starting their seven-game winning streak. He won 8-5 at Oakland in Game 2 of the AL championship series despite giving up four runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Reyes pitched just once in the playoffs, starting Game 4 of the NL championship series against the New York Mets — his first appearance since Oct. 1. He allowed runners in all four of his innings, walked four and threw 86 pitches. But he gave up his only runs on the solo homers by Carlos Beltran and David Wright.

He found out Friday that he'll be starting.

"I'm just trying to not think about it right now, just trying to relax and just get rested up and get ready for tomorrow," he said.

While Detroit had six days' rest following its sweep of Oakland, the Cardinals went to seven games against the New York Mets, using Jeff Weaver, Chris Carpenter and Jeff Suppan in the final two games.

Kenny Rogers will start Game 2 for Detroit, followed by Nate Robertson and Jeremy Bonderman.

"We wanted Kenny to pitch two games at home," Leyland said.

Weaver will open Game 2 for St. Louis, followed by Carpenter and Suppan.

FOOTBALL

FBI questions Milwaukee man in apparent phony bomb threat

BY EMILY FREDRIX

Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE — FBI agents questioned a 20-year-old Milwaukee man Thursday as they tried to determine who made apparently phony Internet threats of "dirty bomb" attacks at NFL stadiums this weekend.

Milwaukee police contacted the FBI on Wednesday night about the man.

"From the information we have, we believe he was involved to some extent, but we don't know at what level," said FBI agent Douglas E. Porrini. He added: "That person was released, but we're not saying that he won't be charged."

The threat, dated Oct. 12, appeared on a Web site, The Friend Society, that links to various online forums and off-color cartoons. Its author, identified in the message as "javness," said trucks would deliver radiological bombs Sunday to stadiums in New York, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Cleveland and Oakland, Calif., and that Osama bin Laden would claim responsibility.

The Homeland Security Department alerted authorities Wednesday in the cities mentioned, as well as the NFL and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. But the FBI and Homeland Security said there was no intelligence indicating such an attack might be imminent.

"I don't think it was put out there to be real," said FBI agent Linda Krieg in Milwaukee. "Whoever put it out there is not in a position to actually carry through on it. It was not a credible threat."

The man being questioned did not appear to have any ties to terrorist groups, according to an FBI official in Washington who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still going on.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said stadiums are well protected through "comprehensive security procedures" that include bag searches and pat-downs.

Associated Press writers **Lara Jakes Jordan** in Washington and **Gretchen Ehlike** in Milwaukee contributed to this report.

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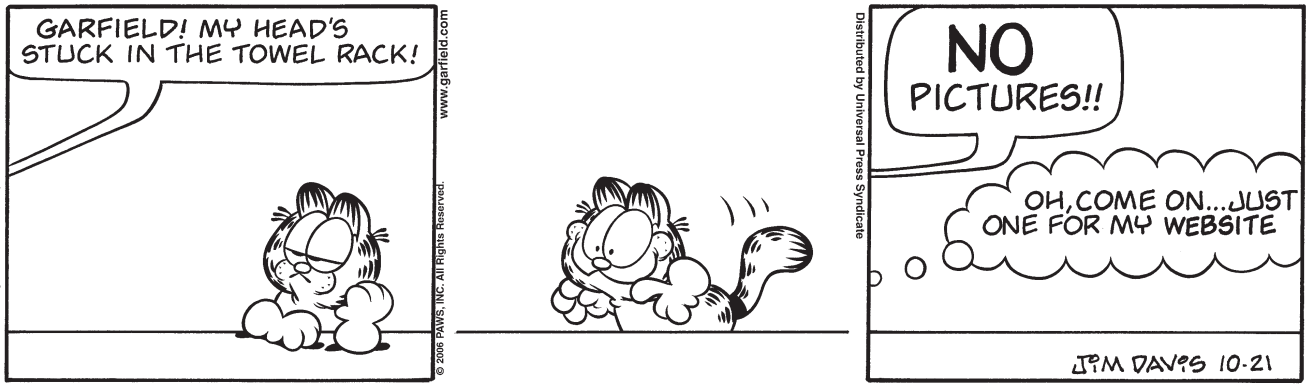
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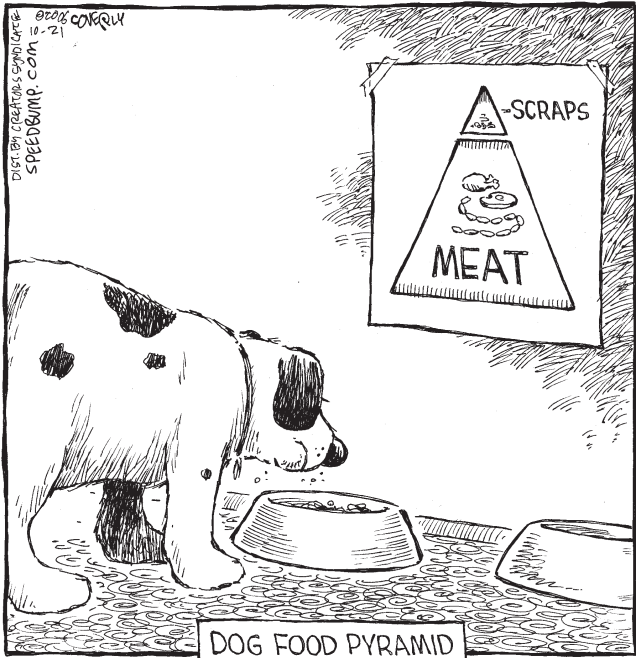
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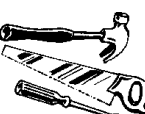
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Tuesday, October 31st

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