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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

John Clayton III was awarded \$1.5 million by a jury in Greensboro, N.C., in September based on injuries he suffered as a passenger in a car whose driver had to slam on the brakes to avoid a collision. The car Clayton was a passenger in was a police car; he was being brought to the station on an outstanding arrest warrant when the officer-driver hit the brakes. Clayton claimed the sudden stop caused him "back problems."



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't trust him.
We're friends."

— Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956)



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New trustee to be chosen amidst tumult

Faculty, students and staff to rally at SMC tonight

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

With a group of outraged students, faculty and staff looking on, the Santa Monica College board of trustees is expected tonight to fill a seat recently left vacant by former trustee Pat Nicholson.

The board has drawn criticism from campus and community groups for the way it handled this year's \$10 million shortfall in state funding, including the elimination of a handful of academic programs.

Kelly Hayes-Raitt, spokeswoman for a cam-

paign called "86 the Trustees — Put the Community Back in Our College," said hundreds of students, faculty and staff will attend the meeting at the SMC business building, wearing bright yellow T-shirts, carrying banners and waving signs.

Group members say they want to make sure that one of four candidates they endorse gets picked for the job. Twenty-two people applied for the board seat and the field of candidates was narrowed down to five. One is expected to be chosen tonight.

"SMC's president received an 86 percent vote of no confidence," said Richard Tahvildaran, an SMC professor of political science, in a prepared statement. "We're putting the elected board of trustees on notice that they can't ignore the students, faculty and staff any

longer ... After all, we're the heart and soul of this campus."

Board members are usually voted in by residents. But because Nicholson left the post early, the board will appoint his replacement to serve a shortened term until November 2004. Board members are paid \$400 a month and receive full benefits, covering health, dental and vision.

The five candidates for Nicholson's former seat are Pam Brady, David Finkel, Graham Pope, Rob Rader and Bill Winslow. Hayes-Raitt said "86 the Trustees" endorsed all the candidates but Pope, who declined to meet with the campaign group members.

Pope did not return calls seeking comment.

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Homeless laws: The new, the old, the enforced

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series covering the issue of homelessness in Santa Monica).

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Before they approved \$1.8 million in social services for the coming year, City Council members were briefed last week on a handful of new laws designed to curb the growing homeless population in Santa Monica.

The three laws, passed by the City Council in the last year, have only recently been enforced. Though some business leaders

said the effects haven't yet been fully seen, police said they are working around the clock to uphold the laws.

"When it comes to enforcement of anti-social behavior, we have manifested a zero-tolerance posture," Santa Monica Police Department Chief James T. Butts told the City Council.

Patrolling the growing homeless population, which is estimated at about 1,400 people, always has posed legal challenges. In the past, police officers typically issued citations for drinking or urinating in public, camping in public, blocking a pedestrian walk-

way, or for other common offenses, SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega said.

But with the creation of the three new ordinances, local law officers now have a more diverse repertoire of tactics for dealing with the increasing vagrant population.

One of the laws makes it illegal for homeless people to sleep in the bluffs between Palisades Park and the Pacific Coast Highway below. The second law requires organizations that distribute food to large groups in area parks to obtain permits from LA County and City Hall. The third law makes it illegal for people to sleep in business



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
Policing the estimated 1,400 homeless people in Santa Monica has been a concern of City Hall's for years.

doorways downtown.

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The down and dirty of community service

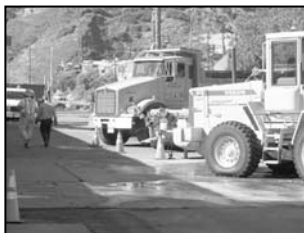
BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Giving back to the community isn't all that it's cracked up to be. Especially when it's court-ordered.

I recently found myself on the other side of the law and having to do 24 hours of community service. I thought cleaning up the beach, which I use nearly every day, would be a way of giving back. So the judge replaced my \$450 fine and sentenced me to the LA County Beaches and Harbors.

I figured cleaning the beach wouldn't be all that bad. But when



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
Tough detail: Doing community service in Santa Monica is no stroll in the park.

I found myself spraying the walls down with a garden hose in the

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Suspect flees after stabbing



John Wood/Daily Press
Santa Monica police investigate at an apartment building in the 100 block of Ocean Park Boulevard Saturday morning after a juvenile was stabbed in his upper body during a dispute with his brother. The suspect, 16, who is not being identified because he is a minor, fled the scene but was arrested Sunday afternoon and will be charged with attempted murder. The victim is listed in serious condition at an area hospital.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might want to think carefully about others' motivations. Others will let you know if something doesn't work. Discuss options with your immediate advisers. Know when to defer and head in another direction. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want and desire within your immediate circle. You might want to think through a decision in a more creative mode. Evaluate what might be going on with a friend or child who is acting weirdly. Tonight: Go for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Take charge and exchange your point of view. Excitement surrounds a project. You might want to smile through a problem and/or check in with your advisers. You might not exactly agree with others, but you get powerful feedback. Tonight: Listen to someone's opinion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone close whom you care about. You might want to question more of what is going on within a friendship. Think twice about what immediately feels like a good idea. Work with those in charge. Tonight: Flow with the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You think one thing; someone else has a total reversal or a different thought. Your ability to get past an immediate issue takes you elsewhere. Help others follow your dynamic thinking. Working as a team proves to be fruitful. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's request.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. You might be surprised by what goes on around you. Be direct in your dealings with a loved one. Discussions add a new flavor to a relationship. Keep communication rolling. Your smile proves to be a winner. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Often, you might wonder about those around you. Keep wondering and ask for more information if you would like. Your laughter takes you in a new direction. Carefully think through a decision that revolves around a child or loved one. Tonight: Weigh the pros and cons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Question more of what you want. Let your creativity move in a new direction. Request more information if possible. A friend or associate delivers in an unprecedented manner. Think of what you want, and head for just that. Tonight: Play away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Stay on top of work, knowing what needs to get done. Laugh and enjoy yourself as you rarely have with a family member, getting to the bottom of a problem. Keep information flowing. A partner's steadiness does make a difference. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity takes you in a new direction. Extremes surround conversations, taking you to a new level. You learn a lot if you are willing to listen. Be imaginative in your choices, and another will demonstrate his or her caring. Tonight: Meet friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Discussions with a partner prove to be fruitful and significant. You might want to share more of your feelings with a loved one or a partner. Your finances vary because of a partner's or associates recent dealings. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Let your personality flow. Your vision of what might be possible could change a lot after a discussion with a partner. You might not agree with an idea at first, but sure enough, you get talked into it. Work with others. Tonight: Say "yes" to a special invitation.

CLARIFICATION: In the Nov. 1 edition of the Daily Press there was an error in an article about a man who posed as a police officer and picked up two young women. The suspect did not say he was from the Santa Monica Police Department but just from an unspecified law enforcement agency.

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LOCAL



Want to drink and drive? Visit a morgue first

BY JAMIE WETHERBE

Special to the Daily Press

While there are plenty more drunks on the road, Los Angeles County prosecuted about 50,000 drunk driving cases last year, officials said. And to deter people from driving drunk, more judges have been sending offenders to hospitals and morgues to see what the results of their actions could be.

Los Angeles County about 15 years ago gave courts the option to sentence DUI offenders to hospitals and morgues to see first-hand the consequences of driving drunk — usually in addition to community service or jail time.

"People will come out saying, 'this is the last time I'm ever going to have a drink,'" said Sandy Montalvo, director of the South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach court-referral community service program.

Los Angeles County's hospital and morgue program handles 1,500 participants a year — typically minors, said Troy Legaspi, a registered nurse and director of the hospital program in Los Angeles County.

Participants watch slides and videos, and engage in group discussions and demonstrations of commonly used medical interventions when dealing with crash victims.

And if patient confidentiality can be protected, participants watch what goes on in a hospital trauma room after a car crash.

Participants also spend four hours at the morgue, tour the coroner's office and watch autopsies — usually car crash victims, Legaspi said.

"I have never felt so sick in my life," said one offender who went through the program.

The program saves communities about

\$4,500 per participant by decreasing the number of repeat drunk driving offenses, Legaspi said, adding the nonprofit Corrective Behavior Institute's study showed only between 1 and 6 percent of youths who went through the program were arrested again for DUI. In Los Angeles County, about 30 percent of offenders are arrested again for DUIs, Legaspi said. "Clearly it's an effective program."

Judges also send those convicted of reckless driving, racing, speeding or vehicular manslaughter to the program, Legaspi said.

"The oldest person I've seen was in his 80s," he said.

Hospitals use the program to reach out to communities and nonprofits use the program to fulfill community benefit requirements set by the state.

However, morgues have more accommodation difficulties, Legaspi said.

The Los Angeles County morgue can only accommodate 2,500 participants each year. "It's a business, not just an educational opportunity," Legaspi said.

Court-referred participants also write a 500-word essay about the experience.

As one person wrote, the experience "encouraged me to no longer drink and drive. I enjoy my life very much, and I will do anything I can to preserve the life of myself and others."

Legaspi said that's the point of the program.

"You become used to the blood and guts," but not to breaking the news to victims' families, especially when it comes to a preventable collision like drunk driving, Legaspi said.

"I actually looked at a mother in the eyes and told her (that) her daughter died quickly and painlessly when I knew she didn't," Legaspi said.

surf report

The calm after the storm brought us some fun weekend waves here in Santa Monica, while the water cleared and the beach remained littered with garbage.

The combo of NW wind and S swells will wind down today, and one can expect waist-high sets to be the high-point for a few days.

OUTLOOK: New SSW swell will begin to show late in the day. By Tuesday that Southern Hemi will be good for waist-high stuff at well exposed areas.

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SUNDAY	11:07	2.6	11:29	0.1	5:43	4.6	4:37	4.8
MONDAY	N/A	N/A	12:02	1.9	6:15	5.0	5:40	4.8
TUESDAY	12:08	0.3	12:45	1.4	6:42	5.3	6:31	4.8
WEDNESDAY	12:41	0.5	1:22	0.9	7:06	5.5	7:15	4.7
THURSDAY	1:09	0.8	1:55	0.5	7:28	5.7	7:55	4.5
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The water appeared mostly clear by Sunday morning, though water-quality levels remained poor.

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LETTERS

Columnist has left the planet

Editor:

Let's see if I have this right. When Ann Coulter does it, then it's screed. When Ron Scott Smith does it, then it's gospel, (SMDP, Oct. 30, page 4). Both Smith and Coulter have more in common than I realized. Rather than "The Edge Of The West," they both provide what could be expected to come from the planet Uranus.

Bob Abernethy
Santa Monica

Addicts need help, not enabling

Editor:

This letter is regarding Daily Press reporter John Wood's article "Officials accept plan with little comment" (SMDP Oct. 30, page 1).

I don't blame City Councilman Robert Holbrook for walking out. City Councilman Kevin McKeown dubbing City Hall's homeless programs a "phenomenal success" — in spite of the growing population and problems brought by the present homeless situation — should have caused a major walk-out.

McKeown then went on to ask the Chamber of Commerce representatives if they had looked into pressuring liquor stores to stop selling alcohol to people who are intoxicated. Intoxication is the state of the alcoholic and to stop drinking in the middle of a binge is to bring on the delirium tremens that often prove fatal, and, at best, requires immediate hospitalization and medicated detox.

It's just this kind of ignorance that is acerbating the homeless problem. After 12 years as a front-line worker with alcoholics and drug abusers, I can tell you that a heroin addict will not die in a withdrawal situation. Heroin withdrawal has been dramatized in the media and is a far from pleasant experience, but it is not fatal. However, an alcoholic or barbiturate addict can die in an unsupervised withdrawal. Years ago, before programs and hospitals got wise to addiction, Alcoholics Anonymous members would taper the drunk off of the liquor, so as not to bring on the DT's. Maybe Mr. McKeown should educate himself before applauding services that cater to transients' sick behavior.

When an addict is using, you cannot expect any change in the status quo. What you see is what you will continue to get, and to aid, abet and reward this sick behavior is to help them die. AA and 12-step programs are free. Get them into treatment and then address their living and job situation.

To give food, clothing, shelter, job training to people who are willing to get sober and help themselves is a good thing. To help the sick stay sick is not.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

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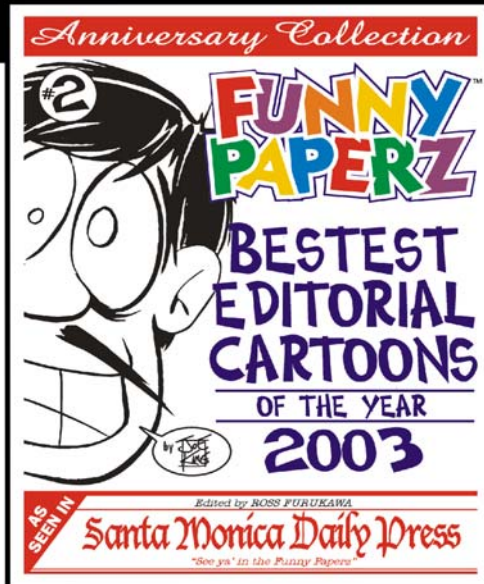
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City Hall must approach homelessness more effectively



I went to the City Council meeting last week for the annual review of homeless services. I listened as the City Manager of Human Services read the list of how many people were helped and how well the system was running. What disturbed me was this city agency is still using the 1999 census of how many homeless there are in the city and county.

I know from observation that the homeless population has increased. The new faces I see even from other parts of the county and other cities outside the state prove this. I have been on the streets long enough to know most everyone who drifts in and out of the city, as well as who is new out here on the streets of Santa Monica.

Since our beloved emperor, I mean, President Bush took office in 2000 there has been an increase in the homeless population due to many different factors. It's

mostly because of the downsizings within the corporate structure and exodus of jobs out of the country, as well as the increase in rents in Los Angeles County, the loss of rent control in Santa Monica, and the cuts in social services on the state and federal level.

How can you expect to solve a problem you know exists if you don't have all the updated data? If this were a cooperation and this was about profits, all the data would have been updated to ensure the information is correct. And the problem would have been solved. If this was a military operation and we didn't have updated data, people would lose their lives and we would lose the battle. This is happening in Iraq right now.

But about the homeless ... a problem people blame for everything from loss of profits to loss of tourism to the urine smell on the Promenade. Which, by the way, is not the homeless urinating there but the type of trees that are there, which, when they bloom and the flowers fall on the ground, smell of urine, according to city workers.

The truth of the matter is the lack of updated information on the homeless population and the blind eye towards getting this information is part of the cause of the whole system being clogged. There also is

the rise of inflation and price increases to be considered as well.

I'm not saying that this city does nothing to help our plight on the streets, but a new county wide census would help in updating the system. It would give the agencies more information to work with, would better facilitate the fund raising efforts and would help to show our elected officials how bad the homeless situation really is.

There also was the telling of the City Council that the two thirds of us are either mentally ill or chronically addicted. The homeless population is a concentrated view of society as a whole. In other words, what you see on the streets you can see in your own neighborhoods in a more diluted form.

Those who are addicts and severely mentally ill need to be addressed first and foremost. The mentally ill need to be put back into facilities where they can receive the care and attention they need. With the chronically addicted, there needs to be more facilities to treat chemical addictions and detoxes. Most of the recovery facilities do not even let the chemically addicted in. The CLARE Foundation is a prime example. My sponsor has put heroin and speed addicts in there and as soon as they find out they are not alcohol

abusers they put them out. And they begin the cycle all over again — this time they become resistant to any type of recovery having been rejected by the recovery community. This leads to the anti-social behavior that is one of the major complaints of the housed residents of Santa Monica.

Another thing I see which is wrong with this picture is we as a whole community have to begin to work together to solve this problem of homelessness. We have to communicate with each other and the leaders within the homeless community to the neighborhood leaders, all the way to the top in City Hall. We have to stop the insanity of doing the same thing over and over and over again and expecting different results. We have to stop the bickering and name calling and use our energy in a positive light. The homeless agencies — for all that is good and bad about them — are all we have to stand against the tide of homelessness in this city. If we do not start to communicate and look at all avenues to solve this problem then the problem will only get worse.

(Charles Springer is a homeless resident of Santa Monica, as well as a freelance artist and writer. He can be reached at Chaz_59@yahoo.com)

LOCAL



New trustee will receive full benefits, stipend

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SMC spokesman Bruce Smith said the candidates will be asked a series of questions individually before a replacement is chosen. One of the candidates, David Finkel, is in Israel and had his interview taped last week.

"They're pretty pointed questions," said Smith, adding the board plans to swear in the chosen trustee tonight. "General stuff to get an understanding, but, specifically, 'These are tough times how do you deal with it?' kind of thing."

The five candidates come from a wide array of backgrounds.

■ Pam Brady, of Malibu, is a former member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board and has been heavily involved in the Parent Teachers Association on both the state and national levels. She is a motivational consultant to companies and has won the Young Women's Christian Association woman of the year award.

■ David Finkel, of Santa Monica, is a retired LA Superior Court Judge. He served on the Santa Monica City Council from 1986 to 1990 and was a part-time teacher of social sciences at SMC in 2002 and 2003.

■ Graham Pope, of Santa Monica, is the candidate most closely involved with SMC. A certified public accountant by trade, Pope serves on the SMC foundation board, a fundraising group, and is chair of the committee that oversees Measure U tax money for school buildings. He also is past president and current board member of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

■ Rob Rader, of Santa Monica, is an executive at MGM and a member of the board of trustees for the Bayside District Corp., the nonprofit that manages downtown. He earned a law degree and bache-

lor of arts degree from Harvard and a masters degree from Stanford.

■ William Winslow, of Santa Monica, is a lawyer who practices in downtown LA. He is a member of the general advisory board at SMC, a local group that acts as a liaison to the community. He also is a member of the SMC associates, a private organization that funds speakers and programs.

Whoever gets chosen to fill the seat has a difficult job ahead. More budget cuts are expected to be handed down from Sacramento in the coming months.

About \$10 million has been cut at SMC since February. Classes are down by 26 percent, five programs have been eliminated, and hundreds of jobs for teachers, workers, administrators and student workers are gone. Enrollment at the school, which is considered one of the best junior colleges in the state, is down from 31,000 to 25,000 this fall.

To protest the cuts made over the last nine months, some students are expected to walk out of classes at 12 p.m. today.

College trustees have repeatedly stressed how difficult the cuts were to make but said they were left with no choice. Because of the uncertainty in Sacramento, accepting any alternative plan would leave too many unanswered questions, they said.

Still, the drastic situation has left students, faculty and staff feeling cheated.

"The trustees eliminated important programs for students — especially for Latino men," said Angelica Garcia, a sophomore at SMC, in a prepared statement. "We wanted to make sure that the candidates for the open seat realize how important reinstating these programs are — and that they understand they must work with us to restore a positive college atmosphere."

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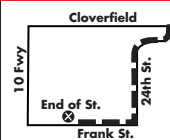
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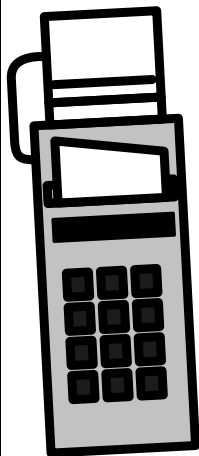
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LOCAL

Police chief: Homeless are not all criminals

HOMELESS, from page 1

Responding to resident and council concerns that the laws aren't adequately enforced by police, Butts said the SMPD conducts weekly undercover panhandling stings to root out aggressive beggars and is actively enforcing the October 2002 law that forbids people from sleeping in downtown doorways.

One problem is that for the sleeping law to be enforced, businesses must post a sign publicizing the law. Butts said some businesses shy away from posting the sign because it draws attention to the problem.

About 150 businesses have posted signs, and 52 citations have been issued for violations, said Julie Rusk, City Hall's manager of human services.

Fabrega said the June 2003 law banning sleeping in the bluffs above PCH also is routinely enforced, though he didn't say how many citations have been issued. The steep, dangerous bluffs for years were the location of makeshift homes set up by vagrants.

Butts said in the coming year, the SMPD will continue to patrol the public food lines but he stopped short of providing specifics. Though the law has been challenged in court for being a violation of First Amendment rights, officials are confident it's legality will be upheld.

Under the October 2002 law, groups serving food must obtain health permits from LA County. If the feedings exceed 150 people, an event permit also must be obtained from City Hall. Those permits are limited to two or three per group each 90 days, Rusk said.

Rusk said because of an extensive education effort by City Hall, including the mailing out of 70 information packets and holding of two community meetings, one group has voluntarily moved indoors to the Ocean Park Community Center, the city's largest provider of social services, and another three groups have applied for the required permits.

Six groups are still holding the regular feedings in area parks, Rusk said. It's unknown how many groups hold sporadic feedings. Fabrega said no citations yet have been issued under the law.

Asked by council members if any of the six remaining groups, all of which travel to Santa Monica from out of the area, would be willing to partner with a

local social service agency and hold their feedings indoors, Rusk said, "All of these groups know the issue is on the table and the opportunity is out there."

Business leaders have repeatedly stressed their concerns that the growing homeless population scares away tourists and hurts local business. At last week's annual review of the social services provided by City Hall, Dr. Mike Gruning, chairman of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and a Montana Avenue merchant, urged council members to step up enforcement of the laws.

He asked the council to consider requiring groups that feed more than 30 people to obtain permits from City Hall, instead of waiting until groups reach 150. Gruning said it would make for "light years" of progress in addressing the homeless issue downtown.

Policing the growing homeless population became such a concern that in 1991 a team was formed of five police officers dedicated solely to the homeless issue. Called the Homeless Liaison Program team, the officers work closely with merchants and residents on homeless issues.

"If somebody's having an issue with the homeless between two and four in the morning they will reschedule and try to come and work with not only the businesses but also the residential people with problems," Fabrega said, adding that non-HLP officers also respond to homeless-related calls.

In the 2002-2003 fiscal year, the HLP team received 770 calls for service involving homeless persons and from Oct. 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, paramedics received 908 calls related to homeless persons, Rusk said.

Fabrega said there is no way of quantifying the total number of calls to the SMPD related to the homeless because they do not categorize complaints in such a way.

The bottom line, Butts said, is that most of the crimes the homeless commit are against other homeless. But not all of them are criminals, he added.

"... the bigger issue is the overrepresentation of homeless persons that are either victims of crime or are involved in crimes," Butts said, adding that being deranged may be scary but it's not illegal.

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LOCAL



Beach clean-up falls on the shoulders of criminals

SERVICE, from page 1

Topanga State Beach bathrooms during a surf contest one Saturday morning, I realized that I had been in a state of delusion. The courts may call it "community service" but it's a little more down and dirty than that.

The program, which handles tens of thousands of people every year, is designed to deter you from ever committing another a crime and at the same time, it saves Los Angeles County millions of dollars in labor costs. Us "court referrals" get time to think about what we've done, feel a little pain while doing manual labor and contribute to our communities whether we want to or not.

That's the difference between community service and community volunteerism — and it was no more apparent than it was on my second day. I was raking an embankment and trimming hedges in a criminally orange vest, and just a few feet away were dozens of families picking trash up as part of a worldwide beach cleanup effort.

I felt like a criminal. But I'm not. I'm just stupid.

Earlier this year, I was stopped by LAPD for driving with an expired license. I let it expire because I told myself I never had enough time to go to the infamous Department of Motor Vehicles and get a new one. That was bad thinking because, not only did I have to sit at the DMV for six hours when I finally did renew the license, but I spent four hours in the courtroom waiting to answer to the charges and another 24 doing manual labor.

If there was one thing I learned from my experience, it's that if it wasn't for criminals, the beaches would be a mess and taxpayers would be footing the bill to clean them up.

And while most people in the work program are criminals, some of the ones I worked with weren't. Most maintained their innocence while others admitted their guilt. All of them couldn't believe that I was there for such a small infraction. I worked with a Harvard graduate who had a propensity to drink and drive and an established freelance writer who was falsely accused of shoplifting a bottle of champagne at Costco. He refused to pay the fine on principle and took six days of community service.

Nearly 20,000 people worked the beaches from Malibu to the South Bay last year and most of them were convicted for driving without a license, DUI or petty theft. Most juveniles are often sent for smoking and curfew violations.

Last year, the South Bay/Harbor/Long Beach Beaches and Harbors Volunteer Center — which handles the Santa Monica Bay — saw 18,797 court-referral cases. That includes 1,090 juvenile cases, said De De Hicks, president and CEO of the center. That was an increase of about 5 percent over the previous year. Now more than ever before, the county sentences DUI offenders to the hospitals and morgues to teach them a lesson. (See related story, page 3).

And while I only had to do 24 hours, most people serve between 100 and 150 hours, according to Sandy Montalvo, director of the court referral community service program in South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach. And while I wasn't asked, some offenders can serve in schools, hospitals, at Red Cross blood drives or for other nonprofit organizations.

Montalvo said they refer individuals, but the nonprofits ultimately make the decision as to what type of offenders they are willing to work with.

Even though it may have been one of the worst experiences in my life, I'm glad I did it. It's a character builder and, what's more, I appreciate the program's fundamental goal even more — putting people to work and making them understand there are consequences for their actions.

I know it works. I can guarantee everyone I worked with doesn't want to go back — ever. After cleaning public toilets, they might think about their painful experi-

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ences and not shoplift or get behind the wheel after too many cocktails.

But the ones with experience know how to milk the system. And seeing as though I didn't feel I deserved to be there, I was all about making it work in my favor. So I listened to the seasoned workers and kept my mouth shut.

The first rule in community service is to work as slow as possible. I learned that when I showed up at 6 a.m. at Will Rogers State Beach and met a UCLA graduate named Sandra, who had already logged plenty of hours in her 19-day sentence. When I asked her what she had done, she replied, "I pulled a Winona Ryder." It turns out Sandra, who earned her bachelor's degree in communications and is now studying for her master's degree in psychology, eyed a pair of cute jeans at Robinson's May in Westside Pavilion Mall. But they were too expensive for her taste, so she took them. Being a novice criminal, Sandra got caught.

Her advice to me was to work "slow and steady."

I knew it would be hard for me because, as a daily newspaper editor, I have to get a lot done in a short amount of time. I'm not accustomed to wasting time and working slow. But I dealt with it. I gazed out a lot at the ocean, watching dolphins play in the surf at Zuma Beach and daydreamed. I worked at a snail's pace and took advantage of my cell phone's free weekend minutes to catch up with old friends.

The county workers who

supervise us took it easy on us most of the time. Some of them let us slack off a little, but others watched us like hawks, and they are the ones who know about the "slow and steady" rule.

My third day was by far the worst — I mopped up puddles of urine and piles of feces in a beach bathroom just north of Gladstones on Pacific Coast Highway at 6:30 a.m. I did all of the bathrooms that day — at Topanga State Beach, Will Rogers and the beaches and harbors maintenance shop. My criminal colleagues got to sweep stairways and empty garbage cans. Towards the end of the day, I was thrilled for my last assignment — detailing the inside of the tractors used to comb the beach.

There were some things I just refused to do, like picking up used condoms on the side of the PCH.

The first day was the easiest — I got the creme de la creme of assignments — Malibu, where everything is easy. Myself, Sandra, and Michael, a travel writer, spent the morning sweeping the maintenance yard. Then we hopped around other small, out-of-the way beaches, sweeping the stairs there. I found some new surf spots and Sandra and I flirted with a couple of surfers. We may have had a chance if it weren't for those damn orange vests that we had to wear.

It was while we were sweeping the stairs that I realized how inefficient the government really is. Three of us swept the same staircase. So when I had completed the middle section, I had swept sand onto the portion that Sandra had already swept. And everything I had swept, Michael had swept new sand onto.

Even though it was community service, I still took pride in my work. I actually found myself trying to please my supervisors. So it disturbed me on my second day when Jose made me do the men's bathroom over at Topanga because I didn't mop the floor well enough.

After three days, I was thrilled to be back at my desk at the SMDP, working morning, noon and night.

After that experience, I can honestly say I love my job.

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NATIONAL

Wyoming has the gas, wants to be top supplier

BY MEAD GRUVER
Associated Press Writer

OPAL, Wyo. — The Bush administration is counting on Western states to bridge the gap between shrinking supply and rising demand for natural gas, and Wyoming is the top natural-gas producer in the West.

Getting all that gas to market — as much as a 10-year supply for the entire nation — is another issue.

One problem is that Wyoming's pipelines have been running at or near capacity. Another is environmental wrangling that has all but halted new drilling in the northeastern part of the state.

All the while, Midwestern electric utilities' demand is growing 1 to 2 percent per year while production from usual sources, such as the Gulf of Mexico, is down 7 to 10 percent per year, according to Mark Doelger, chairman of the Wyoming Natural Gas Pipeline Authority.

"We're the only area in North America that's showing any growth and can continue to grow in the short-term and long-term," he said. "Gas from Wyoming is the only certain solution to them."

Although Alaska also has tremendous gas potential and there is increasing talk of importing liquefied natural gas from overseas, neither by itself will be enough to meet demand the Department of Energy predicts will grow by a third by 2020.

Steve Waddington, a PacifiCorp executive who is on loan as Gov. Dave Freudenthal's energy adviser for a year, is frustrated that a proposed pipeline from Alaska and LNG get so much attention when Wyoming's gas is more practical.

"People don't tend to realize there's huge potential for meeting this demand right here in the Rocky Mountains," he said.

Wyoming has 18-20 trillion cubic feet of proven reserves, a year's supply for the nation, and up to 200 tcf of potential reserves, according to the Pipeline Authority.

But in recent years the industry has been hamstrung getting gas to those who need it. Even though pipelines have been running at capacity, pipeline companies don't want to spend money on new pipelines until there is more gas to carry. At the same time, oil companies don't want to drill for more gas unless there are more pipelines.

Freudenthal revived the Pipeline Authority earlier this year to bring the two sides together. It is still being decided whether the authority will end up owning pipelines or simply help provide bonding to encourage private pipelines.

Despite the hurdles, two pipeline projects are proceeding that will double Wyoming's gas exports over the next few years.

One is Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Co.'s 16-inch, 253-mile Grasslands Pipeline being built between northeast Wyoming's gas fields and a northwest-southeast pipeline in North Dakota. The \$70 million pipeline is expected to be completed by Dec. 1.

Williston spokesman Tim Rasmussen said producers have agreed to provide the base capacity of 80 million cubic feet per day, an amount that will be expandable to 200 mmcf per day by compressing the

gas. "Right now we're working to subscribe that additional capacity beyond 80," he said. "We're looking to subscribe that additional 120."

El Paso Corp. is meanwhile planning a 36-inch pipeline that will extend 380 miles southeast from the Cheyenne gas hub. That project's final cost, when completed in 2005, is expected to be \$425 million, or \$1.1 million a mile.

Of the 2.4 tcf of gas exported from Wyoming last year, roughly 45 percent went to California, 29 percent to the Midwest, 12 percent to the Northwest and 12 percent to Colorado.

Besides the hub near the Colorado line a few miles south of Cheyenne, Wyoming's other major natural gas hub is at Opal, population 102, a dusty cluster of ramshackle houses between a two-lane highway and some railroad tracks which span southwest Wyoming's high desert.

Whereas the gas through Cheyenne is sent east, gas at Opal goes west.

Enough gas to heat 13.3 million households rushed through underground pipelines out of Opal last year. Considerable drilling is expected to continue in southwest Wyoming, which holds a huge share of Wyoming's reserves, and El Paso's Kern River Pipeline from the Opal Hub was expanded in May, allowing even more gas to be pumped to California.

Despite the activity, all the town's businesses are shuttered. Opal is listed on ghostowns.com and the Opal Mercantile Company, a two-story brick landmark that elsewhere would be the pride of the local historical society, is falling apart. A strip bar was the building's last tenant.

Prices at the Opal Hub have soared 21 percent since the \$1.2 billion Kern River Pipeline expansion, which boosted the pipeline's capacity by 900 mmcf to 1.7 billion cubic feet per day.

Although a goal of the Pipeline Authority is to encourage gas development by boosting prices by increasing pipeline capacity, the price at the hub, currently about \$4.60 per thousand cubic feet, still lags about 30 cents behind the price at Louisiana's Henry Hub.

Even with the motivation of higher prices, up 15 percent from a year ago, Wyoming's gas production has not been what it could be. It has in fact been declining slightly over the past year.

"It's a snail's pace. It's almost a non-event," lamented Don Likwartz, the state's oil and gas supervisor, describing new drilling in the gas-rich Powder River Basin in northeast Wyoming.

He blames environmentalists who say most groundwater pumped to the surface to free the natural gas from vast underground coal deposits is too polluted with salts and minerals.

The basin holds an estimated 15-18 tcf of coal-bed methane. Although that is a tenth of the state's total projected reserves, most of the state's new drilling has been in the basin and up to 52,000 wells could be drilled there over the next decade.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management halted permitting in the area more than two years while it studied the environmental effects of bringing to the surface millions of gallons of groundwater from coal-bed methane wells. The BLM is slowly approving new coal-bed methane wells now.

NATIONAL

Outpatient surgery stops excessive sweating; patients see immediate change

BY JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — It was something Perlette Kadoch had come to accept as part of life: Her sweaty hands had always been the source of some embarrassing moments.

At work, as customers came in for a closer look at a piece of jewelry, her sweat would drip onto them. She couldn't write a receipt without causing a mess. Even at home, applying makeup was a challenge.

For most of her 54 years, she resigned herself to going through life with wet hands and a paper towel to sop up the sweat.

Until this past summer.

Delicate nerve surgery helped Kadoch dry up a problem that troubles about 2.8 million people in the United States, or about 1 in 100. They suffer in silence from a condition known as hyperhidrosis — excessive sweating usually in the hands and feet.

Embarrassment and anxiety are the natural result of the disorder. Sufferers avoid social situations, even certain careers, because of it.

The sympathetic nervous system controls sweating. The surgery calls for removing a specific section of the sympathetic nerve behind the third rib.

In the last three years, new technology has made the surgery less invasive and more widely available. Only three tiny incisions are required below the breast. Doctors use a scope to find that section of the nerve and then remove it. The operation, which lasts about 30 minutes, requires general anesthesia.

Before 2000, surgeons had to make a major incision in the chest to get to the nerve.

The surgery "instantaneously changes their lives," said Dr. Michael Mack, director of cardiovascular services at Medical City Dallas Hospital and founder of the Hyperhidrosis Center. Mack, who did Kadoch's surgery, has performed about 160 of the surgeries this year alone.

The roughly \$6,500 outpatient procedure is covered by most major insurance companies.

Over and over again, Mack has heard patients proclaim, "I thought I would have to deal with this for the rest of my life. I can't believe it's gone."

Kadoch, who lives in Fort Lee, N.J., still found herself occasionally clutching a paper towel several weeks after the surgery, but not because she needed to; she simply hadn't broken the habit.

Today, her embarrassment is gone, along with the paper towel.

"I realize that I don't need it any more," Kadoch said. "The first couple of months, I was doing it without realizing it. Now I don't do it anymore."

She has no problem applying makeup or doing anything else.

"I can help customers more confidently," she said. "I can help them try on jewelry instead of being embarrassed and having a napkin in your hands."

"It's been wonderful. I feel like a free person."

Studies show genetics play a role in a large percentage of people with hyperhidrosis. Some ethnic groups, including people of Asian and Middle Eastern descent, are also more prone to the disorder.

Kadoch was born in Casablanca, Morocco, and has two cousins who also suffer from hyperhidrosis.

Before learning about the surgery from a television program, she had tried in vain to find a cure, asking doctor after doctor for help.

Options besides surgery include topical antiperspirants and Botox injections on the hands, which stop the sweating for only 3-4 months. There are medications, but the side effects are undesirable: One medication results in dry mouth and eyes; another, a lack of energy and sleepiness.

There is also iontophoresis, a treatment in which patients place their hands in a salt-water solution through which a low-voltage electrical current flows.

Dr. Samuel Ahn, a vascular surgeon at the University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center, said that if none of those measures work — or if they are too bothersome and patients want something more permanent — then surgery makes sense.

But many doctors don't know about the surgery. Kadoch's primary care doctor, for instance, told her nothing could be done to stop the sweating.

That's something that a group of doctors who, in May, founded the nonprofit International Hyperhidrosis Society want to combat by providing information about hyperhidrosis and its treatment to doctors and the public.

Kadoch encourages others who suffer from the condition to consider the surgery that she proclaims has improved her quality of life.

"I would say go for it in a heartbeat," she said. "Don't even think about it."



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NATIONAL

Kerry tries to improve campaign basics

BY RON FOURNIER
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON — John Kerry is trying to get back to basics.

After forfeiting his front-runner status to Howard Dean, the Democratic presidential candidate needs to start doing more of the little things right. It is the only way he will live up to his potential, party regulars said.

That means hitting the phones to court activists and fund-raisers, softening his style, sharpening his rhetoric, becoming more disciplined and less thin-skinned — stop faulting his staff and change his ways. Boiling it down: Democrats say Kerry cannot expect the nomination to be handed to him; he has to work for it.

They have seen some improvement. "He's a talented guy with all the credentials, but he's not done the job on the basic blocking and tackling that go into a presidential campaign," said Democratic strategist Jim Duffy of Washington. "Certainly, you can criticize him for squandering an opportunity."

Michigan AFL-CIO President Mark Gaffney nurses a beer in a hotel bar, shaking his head in wonder.

"I know I'm for Dick Gephardt and all, but you would still think Kerry would want to reach out to the Michigan AFL-CIO president," he said. "This is an important state, and what happens if Gephardt gets out of the race?"

Gaffney ticked off a list of other Democratic presidential candidates who have called, hoping to be his No. 2 pick. Kerry's aides have called him three times since July, but the senator himself has not.

A few block away, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said that while he has not endorsed any candidate, Howard Dean has impressed him the most.

Kerry?
"I never hear from the guy," he said. Mark Smith, president of the Iowa Federation of Labor, said he has not talked to the senator since the spring. "If I didn't read the paper, I wouldn't know he was here," Smith said.

He's all over the place, and doing well, Kerry's staff said.

"John Kerry's polling numbers in early states are terrific. He's raised an awful lot of money and his endorsements across the country are the best of any candidate," campaign manager Jim Jordan said. "He's doing his politics well and he's earned an awful lot of supporters and admirers."

Kathleen Sullivan, chairwoman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, said she is surprised that Kerry has been criticized for not taking care of his politics. "He touches all the bases," she said.

But dozens of interviews with Democratic activists in key states, including some of the Massachusetts senator's top backers, suggest there is a widespread

perception that Kerry rested on his laurels while Dean surged.

"If he has any hopes of winning Arizona and the nomination, he's got to get out and do the things good candidates do — press the flesh and talk to people," Arizona party chairman Jim Pederson said.

State Sen. Ken Chevront of Arizona was sitting in a conference room at the state Capitol building, listing to Kerry address several lawmakers, when he decided to whisper something to a colleague.

"This guy needs a little more oomph if we're going to be able to listen to him every day," Chevront said. Kerry glared at the two lawmakers, both of them now snickering.

A few minutes later, Chevront was summoned to a nearby room, where Kerry was sitting alone. Without looking up from his reading, the presidential candidate said, "Why were you laughing?"

Kerry's campaign disputes the characterization in the conversation offered by Chevront, who is not committed to any candidate.

Senators, even state senators, are not used to being called to the principal's office.

"When he asked me why I was laughing," Chevront said. "I pulled my punch a bit and just told him he looked a bit tired, and wasn't on his game."

Kerry was not on his game Sept. 2, when he officially launched his presidential campaign and simultaneously confirmed reports that he was considering a staff shake-up.

He looked a bit tired one summer day in New Hampshire, when Cathy Lacom approached him in a crowd of voters and asked why he sent his children to private schools while campaigning as a public school advocate.

"Because, like other parents," Kerry replied, "I sent them where I thought they'd have the best shot."

Lacom walked away grumbling that Kerry was a wealthy elitist.

Kerry looked tired of the attention lavished on his chief rival, when he stormed away from a news conference last month muttering, "Dean. Dean. Dean."

But Kerry has gotten better in recent weeks. He has not talked about campaign tactics or staff woes. His criticism of rivals Dean and Wesley Clark is forceful. Though he is still trying to distill his position on Iraq, Kerry has become as good as any of his rivals at working a crowd — patting voters on the back and trading jokes.

He even showed a lighter side in the most recent Democratic debate, when he dismissed suggestions that he is aloof. "Wait until you see my video, Kerry Gone Wild," the senator said.

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Hawaii architects find new market in China

BY RUSS LYNCH

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Ask Google.com to check the Internet for the phrase “millionaires in China” and you’ll see estimates that there are a million to maybe 10 million or more residents of the People’s Republic who have assets worth at least \$1 million U.S. dollars.

While these estimates are unreliable, there is no doubt that wealth is rising in China, at least for some. Hawaii architects are getting their share of the economic boom in the form of architectural contracts for the design of luxury homes and resorts.

Two firms in Hawaii, Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo and AM Partners, are active now in the design of luxury housing in China. Other Hawaii architectural firms have done projects there and there are some Hawaii-designed dormant projects that may be brought to life by the new, more-open economy that followed China’s admission to the World Trade Organization in 2001.

The wealth growth hasn’t made China easier on the eye, as cities and land owners try to outdo their neighbors by seeking a “glitzier and brighter” appearance, said Clint Nagata, as associate at Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo.

But Hawaii is finding opportunities among developers who want to run counter to that trend and are liking island-based, tropic-resort designs that appeal to a luxury market without being garish, Nagata said.

His “tropical modern” designs helped Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo win a design competition and the architectural contract for the East Coast Resort at Dameisha, a coastal resort at Shenzhen in Guangdong, east of Hong Kong.

The first phase of the project, 760 luxury housing units in the form of townhouses and villas, is nearing completion. Another two phases are planned, of 600 and 560 units.

The units have been selling out fast at prices equivalent to \$400,000 to \$660,000 in U.S. currency. There also are timeshare units.

The developer, a Chinese group called Vanke, has seen strong sales. Phase One is pretty much sold out for enough money to provide a clear go-ahead for the other two phases, Nagata said.

In 1979, Shenzhen became the first special economic zone in China, a designation that gave it increased economic freedom and growth opportunities. As the seashore resort area adjacent to the city’s population of 4 million-plus, Dameisha has boomed. Photos of the city show modernist, stark-angled and colorful high-rise office and apartment buildings.

The 34-year-old Nagata said going “simple” in the face of that type of development was a revelation for the Chinese. The residences were designed to reflect the “peaceful and serene lifestyle of Hawaii,” he said.

“As we were developing the design, subconsciously we have always looked to create a successful resort that will be a sanctuary from the chaos of the city,” he said.

Some of the tropical image comes from the use of sun screens, roof overhangs and thick masonry walls that also work to protect the inhabitants from the elements. Landscaping around and among the low-rise units helps differentiate the project from others nearby.

Working in China, with visits about every month for the past year, has been an enriching experience, he said, adding the way Chinese get things done is amazing.

“You can meet with a model-maker one day and the next day he brings in a completed model,” after obviously working most of the last 24 hours, Nagata said.

Running up about 100,000 miles in frequent-flyer miles so far, Nagata is getting more accustomed to China. He still runs into Chinese people who see that he is Asian and expect him to speak Chinese, which he doesn’t. Just getting a meal presents snags, because the Chinese food in China is different from what he knew in Hawaii and he couldn’t read the menus, so has to have a local person with him to eat out.

But those are small prices to pay for the pleasure of working with far-sighted, energetic and productive people, he said.

The 58-year-old Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo, which has about four of its people working in China at any time, has been involved in the design of some 30 projects in the country, including the Hong Kong Disneyland Resort, the Hyatt Regency Sanya Resort, the Huangdao Convention Resort and the Shanghai Harbor Villas.

AM Partners, the younger but aggressive firm founded in 1985, has been designing for the Shanghai luxury market for more than a decade. The company said the shift to a more free-ranging economy has created a surge in demand for luxury housing.

AM Partners has done the design work for recent projects where the purchase prices started at more than \$1 million. Its latest project is a 60-unit rental villa development in Shanghai called Le Chateau, located on a former pig farm, where per-unit rents run from the equivalent of \$12,000 to \$15,000.

There are no vacancies.

AM Partners also designed Chateau Hua Shan, a five-tower luxury high-rise apartment complex in Shanghai, for the same developer as Le Chateau, Shanghai Ye Feng Development Co. Construction recently got under way for that project, aimed at the wealthy of Shanghai.

Architects going into China become much more a part of the development process than they would be at home in Hawaii or the United States as a whole, said Charles Lau, chairman and chief executive officer of AM Partners.

“The Chinese developers are really two big sectors. One is government, that you would work with on a civic building. The other is the private developer which is really two other sectors.”

One is really local and the second half

of the private sector is mostly foreigners doing business in China, he said.

Unlike Hawaii and the United States, the Chinese don’t have a long history of working on developments. There is a shortage of potential developers. “They have land and they have money and they want to build something and make money,” but they’re not so sure how to go about that, Lau said.

“They bring the architect into everything,” using the design firm as a tool in figuring out ways to make money from what they are doing, Lau said.

The sheer scale of China’s possibilities is amazing, Lau said. He visited one province that has 190 million people, nearly equal to the population of the entire United States.

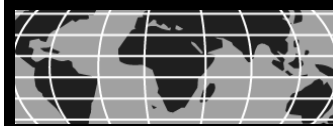
He said it has been suggested that 10 percent of the people of China speak English and if that is true “you would have more people speak English in that country than in the whole United States.”

A Hawaii background works well there, he said. Lau speaks Chinese but he said that is not nearly as important a factor as having some understanding of Chinese culture, something many people in Hawaii share.

Hawaii architecture firm Group 70 International Inc., said it has done work in China in the past, largely in housing projects, but has nothing active there at the moment.

One reason is that China has its own highly competent architects, said Francis Oda, chairman and chief executive officer. “They have a lot of very talented architects, particularly in Hong Kong,” he said.

There are many business buildings, high-rise apartments and other projects to be done in China and Group 70 has some dormant projects that might be revived there, Oda said. Meanwhile the firm is looking elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific area and is redeveloping the waterfront in Papeete, Tahiti.



WORLD BRIEFLY

16 GIs killed in chopper attack in Iraq

By The Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Targeting Americans with new audacity, insurgents hiding in a date palm grove shot down a Chinook helicopter carrying dozens of soldiers heading for home leave Sunday, killing 16 and wounding 21 in the deadliest strike against U.S. forces since they invaded Iraq in March.

Witnesses said the attackers used missiles — a sign of the increasing sophistication of Iraq’s elusive anti-U.S. fighters.

Three other Americans were killed in separate attacks Sunday, including one 1st Armored Division soldier in Baghdad and two U.S. civilians working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fallujah. All three were victims of roadside bombs, the military said.

Sunday’s death toll was the highest for American troops since March 23 — the first week of the invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein — and the attack represented a major escalation in the campaign to drive the U.S.-led coalition out of the country.

Episcopalians install first openly gay bishop

By The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.H. — The Episcopal Church became the first major Christian denomination to make an open-

ly gay man a bishop, consecrating V. Gene Robinson on Sunday as bishop of New Hampshire. The act almost certainly means disgruntled conservatives will break from the church.

Robinson, 56, became a bishop when the 55 other bishops attending his consecration surrounded him for the laying on of hands.

The historic moment came more than an hour into the ceremony and after two Episcopal clerics took advantage of the traditional opportunity to object.

Conservatives have made moves to split the church over Robinson and leaders of the global Anglican Communion have said his consecration puts their worldwide association, with 77 million members, in jeopardy.

Assistant Bishop David Bena of Albany, N.Y., spoke for 36 opposing bishops in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada. They said they and most bishops in the international Anglican Communion will not recognize Robinson as a fellow bishop.

Arafat says he’s ready for peace talks

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Following an Israeli offer, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Sunday he is ready for peace talks, while about 6,000 Palestinians returned to jobs in Israel for the first time in a month.

In an abrupt turnaround last week, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said contacts were already under-

way with Palestinian officials, adding, “We are ready to enter negotiations at any time.”

Sharon had previously conditioned talks on a crack-down on violent Palestinian groups responsible for attacks on Israelis.

Asked about Sharon’s remarks, Arafat told reporters he would accept an offer for talks.

“There is no official communication, but we are ready,” he said after meeting a delegation of Greek lawmakers at his headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Iran may retreat on nuclear agreement

By The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran’s supreme leader said Sunday that “excessive demands” from abroad could prompt Tehran to retreat from a recent commitment to give inspectors from the U.N. nuclear watchdog more access to its atomic facilities.

The warning by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei comes as the International Atomic Energy Agency evaluates a dossier on Iran’s nuclear program that Tehran supplied to meet an Oct. 31 deadline to prove it is not developing atomic weapons — as U.S. officials believe.

Iran agreed last month to allow unfettered inspections of its nuclear facilities and to stop enriching uranium — a process that creates fuel for nuclear plants but also can be used to build weapons.

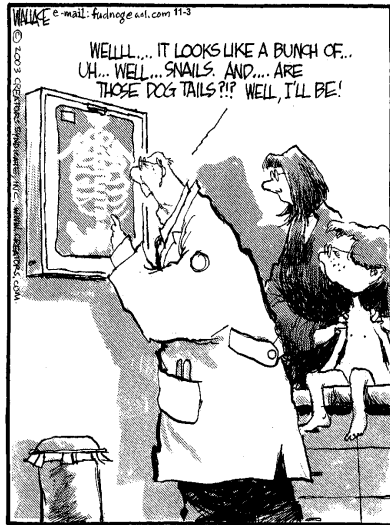
“If parties to the talks with us or centers of global power come up with excessive demands and we feel that our interests and values are harmed, we won’t hesitate to end this trend (of cooperation),” Khamenei said in a speech on state-run television.

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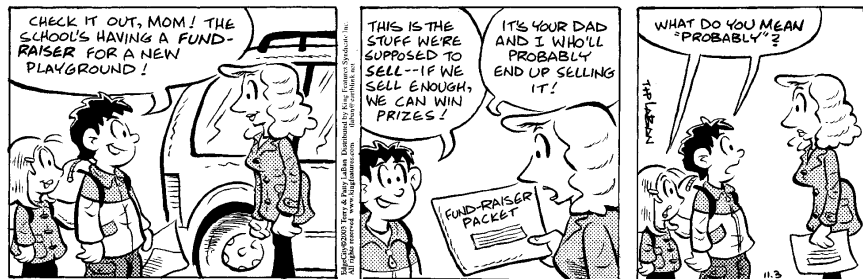
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs on the run for charity

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Running on a bum right knee and after just two months of training, hip-hop entrepreneur Sean "P. Diddy" Combs completed the grueling New York City Marathon, raising \$2 million for children — double what he had planned.

"Never in my life have I ever experienced anything as crazy as this," Combs said Sunday at a news conference. "It was a beautiful experience."

Combs' official race time was 4:14:54. It was his first marathon.

The producer-rapper said he had raised \$2 million since announcing in September that he would run. The money will be divided among two children's charities and New York City public schools.

Combs said he gained support from an NBC reporter covering the race who ran with him, as well as from children in Harlem who cheered him on.

"I definitely wanted to stop," Combs said. "This is definitely a life-changing experience for me because I did not stop."

Known on the course simply as No. 30,792, Combs kept a respectable pace for much of the 26.2-mile race. As he crossed the finish line, he raised both arms in triumph.

Among his donors: Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who pitched in \$10,000; rapper Jay-Z, who gave \$25,000; and gossip-column regulars Ben Affleck and

Jennifer Lopez, who gave a combined \$78,000.

Combs shed about 15 pounds in training, and developed severe tendinitis in his right knee.

"Twenty-six miles isn't a publicity stunt," he said after the race.

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Barbara Bush introduced her new book at a fundraiser for the Florida Center for the Literary Arts.

Gov. Jeb Bush introduced his mother Saturday, joking about her outspoken nature.

"With every passing year, we have no clue what she's going to say in public," he told the crowd waiting to get copies of her best-selling book, "Reflections: Life After the White House."

Bush said she was able to remain grounded by never taking herself too seriously. She also wished she had kept all the photos of supposed Barbara Bush look-alikes over the years.

"You cannot survive without a sense of humor, especially in politics," she said.

LOS ANGELES — Actress Laura Innes received this year's Artistry Award from the gay rights organization Power Up for her portrayal of a gay character on the hit medical drama "ER."

Innes plays Dr. Kerry Weaver on the NBC show.

"I hope her inclusion in prime time helps break down barriers of prejudice

and injustice on-screen and off," Innes said.

The Power Up organization promotes the visibility and integration of gay women in entertainment.

Also honored were the Bravo Network and Judith Light, a two-time Emmy actress, for Light's portrayal of the mother of Ryan White, the boy who was ostracized by his school after being diagnosed with HIV.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Clay Aiken is passing into another realm of celebrity, thanks to those who knew — or just videotaped — him before he became a household name.

Aiken was the runner-up on "American Idol" this season, but his album "Measure of a Man" debuted at No. 1, selling nearly 613,000 copies during its first week in stores.

And now, Aiken memorabilia is showing up online — from old yearbooks to videos of Clay dressed as Santa and singing Christmas tunes.

Marc Cram's stash of Aiken memorabilia has netted him enough to make a mortgage payment.

Cram, a certified financial planner in Durham, found videotapes he made in the late '90s of variety shows where Aiken performed. He edited out everything not related to the Raleigh-born star, made copies and put them up for auction on eBay.

The first one sold for \$180.

Cram still sounds surprised by his

windfall: "I had it in my closet."

Some of the fans' money is going to charity.

"American Idol" winner Ruben Studdard plans to release his album, "Soulful," on Nov. 25.

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin visited one of Russia's best-known film studios Saturday, saying the country must protect its film industry, which he called similar to "guarding one's cultural identity."

"We have a lot of good products and we have seen results in international competitions ... but we still have to do more to increase our film production," Putin said after touring an outdoor set at the Mosfilm studio.

Russia's film industry has struggled since the collapse of the Soviet Union, hurt by money shortages, competition from Hollywood and a disorganized export policy.

But Russian movies are increasingly receiving attention at home and abroad — the Russian father-and-son drama "The Return" won this year's prestigious Venice Film Festival's Golden Lion for best picture. A handful of the country's top directors met Putin at the studio on Saturday to make a pitch for more governmental support and money.

Putin discussed methods to fight the flood of illegally produced movies.

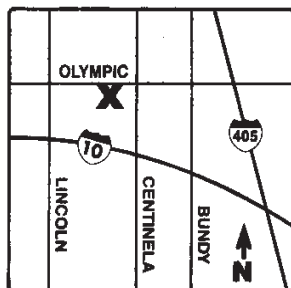
He even had advice for directors: "the less violence, the better."

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