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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Simon Pope's "Gallery Space Recall" exhibit at the Chapter Arts Centre in Cardiff, Wales, in October is a startlingly empty room, with patrons called upon to supply the art by imagining another art show they have seen so that, wrote Pope, the two exhibits "exist at two locations simultaneously, both here and there." (Pope wrote that the exhibit suggested the brain-injury disorder "reduplicative paramnesia," in which a person has a delusional belief that something exists at two places at once.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 315th day of 2006.
There are 50 days left in the year.

1620 41 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, anchored off Massachusetts, signed a compact calling for a "body politick."

1778 Seneca Indians in central New York state killed more than 40 people in the Cherry Valley Massacre.

1831 Former slave Nat Turner, who'd led a violent insurrection, was executed in Jerusalem, Va.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Tell the truth, but lead so improbable a life that the truth will never be believed."

ALEISTER CROWLEY

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The moniker 'People's Republic of Santa Monica' has longstanding roots within the community, predating the Reagan years, even SMRR.

Staying power

IN THE RED: Nickname still reigns

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — When Lamont Ewell accepted the position of city manager less than a year ago, his colleagues in San Diego referred to his next home as "The People's Republic of Santa Monica."

It's been the city's other name for the past 27 years, commonly used as a joke in reference to what some perceive as Santa Monica's Soviet-like control over the rental market.

Other cities in the United States have been dubbed "the people's republic," including Berkeley, Santa Cruz and Cambridge, Massachusetts. But Santa Monica, unlike those cities, is not a college town.

The phrase's origins date back to 1979, when the Rent Control ordi-

nance passed, restricting landlords' ability to set rental rates, making the city a much more affordable place to live as a result.

Members of the Action Apartment Association, a group of rental property owners who united in opposition to the Rent Control legislation, coined the term. AAA is also responsible for the lesser known "Soviet Monica," which was once uttered by a member from Russia who saw similarities between the city and his home country.

Santa Monica's dubious distinction rose to another level of fame in 1981 when Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, which supports Rent Control, first seized control of City Council, a majority power

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Honoring the brave

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA PIER — Every Sunday for the past two years, a group of veterans now fighting to end the bloodshed in the Middle East has erected a temporary memorial along the north beach with white crosses — each representing an American soldier that has fallen in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

In light of the recent turnover in the U.S. Congress, organizers of the peace group Arlington West of Santa Monica hope that today will mark the last Veterans Day in which they will have to plant more than 2,400 crosses in the sand.

"There needs to be some plan arrived between Congress and the

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San Francisco treat:

A weekend in the city by the bay is always on the menu for Santa Monicans in need of a weekend escape.

Photo courtesy

TRAVEL: PAGE 15

Brothers regret turn in 'Borat'

BY AMY KAUFMAN

Special to the Daily Press

SM COURTHOUSE — Two fraternity brothers from the University of South Carolina have lost 'respek' for comedian Sacha Baron Cohen.

In a lawsuit filed Thursday at the Santa Monica Courthouse against 20th Century Fox, the men claim they were tricked into appearing in the hit film "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan."

The men allege in their suit that when they agreed to participate in the film they were unaware it would be distributed in the United States,

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For Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006

Mar Vista Farmers' Market
Downtown Mar Vista,
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

"The Jungle Book"
Morgan-Wixson Theatre,
11 a.m. — 12:20 p.m.

"And Awaay We Go To Wonderland"
Santa Monica Playhouse,
12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Red Chief! — Children's theater in Santa Monica
Third Street Promenade,
3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Boutique 2006
First United Methodist Church,
5 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

"Cinderella"
Santa Monica Playhouse,
6 p.m. — 7:20 p.m.

"Audition! The Musical"
Santa Monica Playhouse,
7 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.

CoachArt Casino Night
Hollywood American Legion,
8 p.m. — 1 a.m.

"The Taming of the Shrew"
Saint Monica Catholic High School,
8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Debbie Merrill's Learn To Inline Skate Group Class
Perry's Cafe,
1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

Kids' Improv Show: "Winging It!"
Miles Playhouse,
7:30 p.m.

West Coast Style Show
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium,
11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Orientation for Prospective Students
Santa Monica,
10 a.m. — noon

Lawn Bowling Lessons
Douglas Park,
10:15 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.

"Snow in LA" Shopping Event
Smashbox Studios
Time: 11:00 am — 5:00 p.m.

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Morgan-Wixson Theatre,
11 a.m. — 12:20 p.m.

"And Awaay We Go To Wonderland"
Santa Monica Playhouse,
12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Darfur Nightmare and the American Response
Santa Monica Public Library (Main Branch),
1 p.m. — 3 p.m.

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Third Street Promenade,
3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

"Cinderella"
Santa Monica Playhouse,
6 p.m. — 7:20 p.m.

"Audition! The Musical"
Santa Monica Playhouse,
7 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.

Healing on the spiritual way through the teachings of Bruno Groening
Regenesi Energy Center,
7 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

"The Taming of the Shrew"
Saint Monica Catholic High School,
8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Salsa Dance at Casa Escobar
Isabelle's Salsa/Tango/Pole Dance Academy, 9 p.m. — midnight

For Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006

Mar Vista Farmers' Market
Downtown Mar Vista,
9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Break Point Bridge Sunday Meeting
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club,
10:30 a.m. — noon

Kids' Improv Show: "Winging It!"
Miles Playhouse, 3 p.m.

West Coast Style Show
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium,
11 a.m. — 5 p.m.

For more detailed information on any of these events, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab.

CORRECTIONS — The byline for a story covering the inaugural Saint John's Santa Monica 5000 race ("Kenyans 'refuse' to lose at Inaugural Saint John's 5000," Oct. 23, page 14) should have been attributed to Karen Kalan, Media Relations Director, and not Daily Press staff.

The article "That smarts: Renters learn their lessons" (Oct. 30, page 1) incorrectly stated that the Ellis Act was defunct. The Ellis Act allows landlords to evict tenants in order to remove their units from the market.

Taped cops on hot seat

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Video footage posted on YouTube.com showing a police officer repeatedly striking a suspect in the face during an arrest three months ago has triggered an FBI investigation.

The video shows two officers holding down William Cardenas, 24, on a Hollywood street as one punches him several times in the face before they are able to handcuff him. The struggling suspect yells repeatedly “I can't breathe!”

The footage, shot by an area resident, came to the FBI's attention Thursday, prompting investigators to open a civil rights inquiry into the Aug. 11 incident, agency spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

A Superior Court commissioner who viewed the video nearly two months ago and heard the officers' testimony has already found that their conduct was “more than

See VIDEOTAPE, page 7



Courtesy of YouTube
SOCK IT TO THEM: LAPD officers were caught beating a suspect, and the video posted online.



Photo courtesy

GOING THE DISTANCE: Both malibu High's boys and girls cross country teams have made their way into the playoffs this year for the first time. The students take to the dirt and grass in pamona on Saturday as part of the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs.

Runners have cross over appeal

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL — History will be made today when members of the boys and girls cross country teams compete in the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs at Mt. San Antonio College in Pamona.

While individual runners have competed

in the event, never before in the history of Malibu High School have both teams performed well enough to be invited to the playoffs, according to Jennifer Gonzalez, coach of Malibu's cross country programs.

“This is really a big deal for us,” said Gonzalez, who also teaches math, English, health and film at the high school. “These kids have trained hard all season and they all

deserve to be there. It's great.”

While the commitment of each student-athlete has helped them reach the playoffs, Gonzalez said their success can also be attributed to this year's realignment of the Tri-Valley League, now known as the Frontier League.

See CROSS COUNTRY, page 20

Study: Americans with HIV can expect to live 24 more years

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — An American diagnosed with the AIDS virus can expect to live for about 24 years on average, and the cost of health care over those two-plus decades is more than \$600,000, new research indicates.

Both life expectancy and the cost of care have risen from earlier estimates, mainly

because of expensive and effective drug therapies, said Bruce Schackman, the study's lead author.

The research found that the average annual monthly cost of care is about \$25,200 — nearly 40 percent higher than a commonly cited estimate from the late 1990s.

The new research also updates other studies from the 1990s, when life expectancy for HIV-infected people was closer to 10

years.

The study could influence how much state and federal governments appropriate for HIV and AIDS care and prevention in the future, some HIV policy experts said.

“They're going to have to take into account medical advances that have extended people's lives,” agreed Schackman, assistant professor of public health at New York's Weill Cornell Medical College.

The study appears in the November edition of the peer-reviewed journal, Medical Care.

A 1993 estimate of life expectancy for a symptomless person infected with HIV was less than seven years.

But since the mid-1990s, about two dozen HIV-fighting antiretroviral drugs

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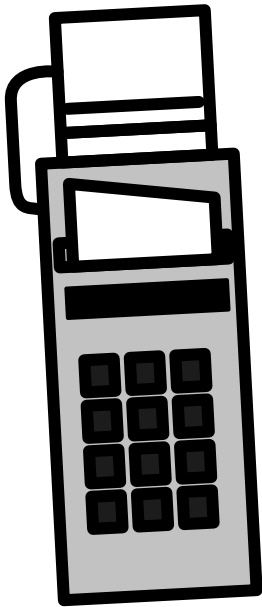
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cop conquered many obstacles

Editor:
I thought the article on Christina Coria was excellent (“In all reality, SM cop is a true survivor,” Oct. 28, page 1.) However, I thought you might like to know the rest of the story.

In 1983, I was a sergeant and the watch commander for night watch. I received the call when Christina’s father, Lou, was shot and killed — a tragic event that we investigated thoroughly. The last information I am aware of is that the shooter fled to Mexico.

A few weeks later, another sergeant was driving by the Coria house and saw Lou’s wife, also named Christina (Chris), unloading shingles out of her station wagon. He stopped and asked what she was doing. The Corias had started an addition to their house just before Lou’s death, and being the woman Chris is, she was going to roof that addition. Here she is about five-foot nothing and about 90 pounds, with all these kids from diapers to age 10, and she is getting on with her life. Had she ever roofed a house? No, but why let details stop her.

I went by the house the same day. I had roofed a house before. I asked Chris if she knew how tough a job that was. I believe her comment was, “No, but it has to be done, so I am going to do it.” That weekend, a group of us finished the job and helped with the other parts of the job.

That began a very close relationship between the Coria family and SMPD. The children suddenly had a whole bunch of surrogate fathers. Chris raised her children, all are fine adults. Chris has always been our biggest defender and cheerleader.

Some 25 years later, on July 4, Chris’s worst nightmare came true, Christina had been shot. I was now a captain, the Operations Office Commander and Christina’s commanding officer. I received the same call and I am sure that my thoughts of 1983 were shared that night by Chris. I arrived at UCLA, mother and daughter were there, as were other officers who had been wounded. I looked at Chris and could see on her face the reminder of that night years before. However, being the woman she is, she remained strong, composed and supportive.

Officer Christina Coria is a good cop and a strong woman. Against all odds and doctors’ opinions, she did return to duty, just as she said she would. Others doubted she could and I might have, but I knew who raised her. In all the years I have known Chris, I have never once heard her complain about what fate handed her in 1983 or any other part of her life. All of the Coria children have these strong qualities passed on by one of the strongest ladies I ever met.

John Miehle
*Captain of Police, retired
Cape Coral, Florida*

Editorial was just a smokescreen

Editor:
In your editorial (“These are the good ol’ days,” Nov. 9, page 4) you conclude by saying: “Indeed, things here can be so chill that we enact legislation to allow us to get our ganja on. Well smoke it if you got it, Santa Monicans.”

I didn’t understand any of that. What are you talking about? I find your command of English very poor. Isn’t journalism supposed to be about communication ... in clear concise English?

What are you communicating?
Nothing to me.

Neil Macaulay
Santa Monica

Getting people to vote isn’t so hard



MODERN
TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

The election is over, and one result is clear: More people could have voted.

After every election, we are chided for our poor turnout. We’re reminded by the scolding pundits that we are supposed to be the greatest democracy in the world, yet so many of us don’t bother to exercise democracy’s greatest right. You hear various excuses like: “I had too much work to do,” “I couldn’t find a place to park” or “A year ago, I borrowed a ladder from my neighbor and I didn’t want to run into him.”

While I would never sit in judgment of people who have such legitimate excuses, I do have some suggestions that might help get a bigger voter turnout next time.

Cash incentive — Before getting to my suggestions, I have to mention that a cash incentive to get more voters to vote was actually on the Arizona ballot in this past week’s election. A “voters’ lottery” was proposed in which one lucky Arizona voter would get a \$1 million every time there is a major election. According to the proposal, this money would have come out of leftover cash from the Arizona state lottery. Voters rejected this proposal, but they haven’t had a chance to vote on my suggestions yet.

Cash as an incentive bothers me somewhat, but I’m not against offering some non-cash incentives:

A national holiday — When I was growing up in Chicago, Election Day was always a school holiday. Students, teachers and administrators did not have to go to school on that day. Those adults who worked in schools had no excuse for not voting. And making Election Day a holiday made the day feel more special to everyone. So, I propose that all major Election Days be paid national holidays.

Let’s treat Election Day with at least the same importance that we treat “President’s Day” — an artificial holiday that many people can’t tell you what it celebrates or when it is.

Voter videos — You know those inexpensive video cameras that some people have on top of their computers so they can show relatives pictures of their new baby or their new haircut? I propose that one of these cameras be placed in each

voting booth. The voter would have the option of turning the camera on or off. Voters who decide to put it on, would have two minutes to express their feelings about the election, the candidates or anything else they want to talk about. These videos will be shown on public access TV and/or the Internet. So, if some people aren’t that excited about voting because of the choices that are being offered, they can go to the polls primarily to express this dissatisfaction, and while they’re there, they might as well vote.

Free food — There should be free food at every polling place, paid for by the political parties involved in the election. Music should be played there, too. In other words, why not make voting fun? Once we hear the results of the election, there’s a chance we’ll be depressed, so why not at least enjoy the voting process?

Let hard-working undocumented immigrants vote — Just kidding. I wanted to see if you’re still paying attention.

Special lanes and lines for voters — We could reward those who vote by allowing them to drive in the express or “carpool” lanes on freeways and highways.

The express lane reward can be used in other areas, too. If you vote, you automatically get to be served first in restaurants, you get to go to the front of the line in the grocery store and — here’s the big one — you get to be seen before non-voters at the doctor’s office.

Listen to the children — Schools could encourage kids to participate in a “Go To The Polls With Your Parents” program. This way, parents would have to explain to their children why they’re too busy or just don’t feel like voting. Maybe a disappointed child, a tantrum or two, or cries of, “But then I won’t get to wear a sticker at school tomorrow” will shame some people into voting.

Obviously, it’s too bad that we even have to talk about ways to get more people to vote — especially when some people consider the solution so simple. They suggest that there would be a better turnout if Americans simply had better choices to vote for and if we all felt that our vote really mattered in determining what our lives will be like. Unfortunately, that situation is probably less likely to come true than express lanes for voters.

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The Q-Line

WAXING SATIRICAL A SLIPPERY SLOPE

This past week, Q-line asked:

Is the increasing appeal of news satire healthy, drawing non-news watchers into topical discussions; or does the glut of satire only serve to blur the truth in journalism and politics?

Here are your responses:

① "Satire is great. But most of the people who read it and respond to it really don't get it. They are unable to put it in its place. Therefore, they put things out of their true perspective and get even more slanted political views than the politicians and the media manage to do."

② "If we can't poke fun at politicians, there is nobody left to poke fun at. If anyone deserves to have fun made out of them its the politicians. These crooks are so stupid sometimes you can laugh just thinking about what they do."

③ "Show me a news rag or television news show that is not satirical! The dictionary description of satire is the use of irony, sarcasm or ridicule in exposing, denouncing or deriding vice, folly or the like. Am I missing something here? I am an insatiable reader of news rags. First, I read the high-class intellectual rags such as The Inquirer, The Star and even The Globe. Then I reduce myself to the LA Times. Then after cramming and deeply studying the items presented to me by these

wonderful news rags, I come away with the information that Madonna is adopting a child and some folks are not pleased with it, or a wonderment about who is the father of Anna Nicole Smith's baby. I could go and go, but I do not wish to wax satirical."

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Boxer pledges to shift global warming policy

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Sen. Barbara Boxer on Thursday promised major policy shifts on global warming, air quality and toxic-waste cleanup as she prepares to head the U.S. Senate's environmental committee.

“Time is running out, and we need to move forward on this,” Boxer said of global warming during a conference call with reporters. “The states are beginning to take steps, and we need to take steps as well.”

Boxer's elevation to chairwoman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee comes as the Democrats return to power in the Senate. It also marks a dramatic shift in ideology for the panel.

The California Democrat is one of the Senate's most liberal members and replaces one of the most conservative senators, Republican James Inhofe of Oklahoma. Inhofe had blocked bills seeking to cut the greenhouse gases contributing to global warming, calling the issue "the greatest hoax perpetrated on the American people."

Environmentalists were overjoyed at the change.

“That’s like a tsunami hit the committee,” said Karen Steuer, who heads government affairs at the National Environmental Trust, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. “You can’t find two members or people more ideologically different.”

As chairman, Inhofe tried to overhaul the

Mr. Smith goes to Calif.: McNerney makes move

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

DUBLIN — The “Jerry McNerney for Congress” sign outside his campaign headquarters has been crossed out. Somebody’s scrawled in red: “Congressman Jerry McNerney!”

The exclamation point of amazement says it all.

On Tuesday, McNerney, a little-known Democrat with a math Ph.D. but no experience in elected office, shoved out one of California's most powerful Republican incumbents even though nobody thought he could.

Seven-term lawmaker Richard Pombo, chairman of the House Resources Committee that writes environmental laws, will go back to his Tracy cattle ranch come January. McNerney will go to Congress.

"It became a mountain, a tidal wave," a sleep-deprived but happy McNerney said Thursday of the grass-roots support, helped along by high-spending environmental groups, that swept him into office.

"I have a challenge to show them that I'm there for them," he said. "I'm ready for the challenge."

McNerney will represent California's 11th Congressional District that takes in portions of the San Joaquin Valley and the eastern San Francisco Bay area. The district is gaining Democratic voters as bay area commuters move in, but Republicans still outnumber Democrats by 5.6 percent among registered voters.

Those GOP-friendly numbers are forcing McNerney to think ahead even as he fielded

Endangered Species Act and supported the Bush administration's 2002 rules to roll back provisions in the Clean Air Act. He also promoted legislation that would have allowed the government to suspend air quality and water quality rules in response to Hurricane Katrina.

It's a record that earned Inhofe the lowest possible legislative score from the League of Conservation Voters. By comparison, Boxer, who has made the environment a signature issue since coming to the Senate in 1992, received a 93 percent rating.

Boxer said she intends to introduce legislation to curb greenhouse gases, strengthen environmental laws regarding public health and hold oversight hearings on federal plans to clean up Superfund sites across the country.

On global warming, Boxer said she would model federal legislation after a California law signed this summer by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. That law imposes the first statewide cap on greenhouse gases and seeks to cut California's emissions by 25 percent, dropping them to 1990 levels by 2020.

“Some of the practical solutions are in the California approach,” Boxer said.

A top environmental aide at the White House signaled Thursday that the administration would work with her.

In an e-mail to the senator's chief counsel, George Banks, the associate director for international affairs at the Council for Environmental Quality requested a meeting to discuss global warming, Boxer said.

back-to-back congratulatory calls Thursday from fellow California Democrats and well-wishers around the country.

"It's going to be a contested race in 2008, we certainly recognize that," McNerney, 55, said in an interview at his campaign headquarters, in a nondescript office building above an electrical workers' union.

After working for years as a wind-energy engineer and consultant, his hope is to earn constituents' support by pushing in Washington for alternative-energy projects that will bring jobs to his district.

“The new energy economy — I want it to be centered right here,” he said.

The walls of McNerney's campaign office were plastered with cutouts of multicolored cowboy boots, to symbolize kicking out Pombo, who's known for his cowboy boots.

There was also a photo of McNerney with Bill Clinton, who drew a huge crowd at a rain-soaked late-night rally in the campaign's final days.

When they met, McNerney said, Clinton pinned him with his intense gaze and declared: "You're going to win this."

"I was kind of numb," McNerney said. He ended up beating Pombo 53 percent to 47 percent. Two years ago McNerney lost to Pombo, 39 percent to 61 percent.

McNerney didn't have the support of national Democrats in his party's primary. They backed retired Navy reservist Steve Filson, who had the hawkish profile the party was looking for. McNerney opposes the Iraq war and supports setting a timetable to get troops out.

PG&E apologizes for sullyng a sacred site

NEEDLES — Pacific Gas & Electric apologized for desecrating the sacred site of an American Indian tribe when it built a \$15 million water treatment plant, and it pledged to remove it as soon as another can be built.

California's biggest utility "regrets the spiritual consequences to the tribe" of building the plant at Topock Maze in the Mojave Desert west of the Arizona border, PG&E Chief Executive Thomas King said during a ceremony Thursday.

The apology was required under an agreement with the 1,100-member Fort Mojave tribe, which dropped a lawsuit against the utility and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Topock Maze near Needles is claimed by the tribe as part of its heritage. The pattern of pebble berms and furrows forms a series of lines that tribal ancients are believed to have used either as a place of purification or

as a pathway for spirits to the afterlife.

Much of the maze was destroyed by a railroad and a freeway, but about a third remains.

"We have a responsibility not only to the past and present but to the future," tribal Chairwoman Nora McDowell said. "It wasn't easy getting a corporation to understand, to recognize and to accept this."

The water treatment plant began operations in July 2005. It was built to deal with polluted groundwater under a natural gas compressor station. The utility dumped at least 198 million gallons of contaminated water into the ground from 1951 to 1969.

Authorities worried that the groundwater, which contained cancer-causing hexavalent chromium, could contaminate the Colorado River and the drinking water supply for 22 million people in Southern California and Arizona.

LAPD chief admits video is 'disturbing'

VIDEOTAPE, from page 3

reasonable" under the circumstances because Cardenas was resisting, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday.

The police department has begun its own criminal and administrative investigations into the officers' use of force, said police spokesman Lt. Paul Vernon.

The officers were identified as Alexander Schlegel and Patrick Farrell. Both have been reassigned to administrative work.

"There's no denying that the video is disturbing," Chief William Bratton said at a news conference. "But as to whether the actions of the officers were appropriate in light of what they were experiencing and the totality of the circumstances is what the investigation will determine."

Vernon said Cardenas is a known gang member who had been wanted on a felony warrant for receiving stolen property.

In an arrest report obtained by The Associated Press, the officers said they tried to arrest Cardenas as he and two others were drinking beer on a sidewalk.

Cardenas ran and the officers caught up to him, tripped him and swarmed over him to apply handcuffs, the report said.

The officers described repeated blows to

the suspect's face in the report, as well as his efforts to resist, and their concern that he might grab one of their guns during the brawl.

"The suspect's hand covered my partner's gun holster so I yelled at my partner to watch his gun. My partner responded by capping his gun and delivering a left elbow to the suspect's face causing the suspect to let go of him," the report said.

With Cardenas still resisting, one officer used pepper spray on him, but that had "little effect," the report said. The officers were only able to handcuff him after two of his friends arrived and told him to stop fighting, according to the report.

Cardenas suffered cuts and bruises on his arms, leg and face, and received stitches on an eyelid. His attorney, B. Kwaku Duren, accused the officers of violating his client's civil rights and claimed department investigators were stalling.

"I think the LAPD is being caught covering up an obvious excessive use of force," he said.

Cardenas, who was held without bail, faces charges of resisting arrest.

The district attorney's office will decide whether to continue with the case, which is scheduled for trial Nov. 20, said spokeswoman Jane Robison.

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Remains still missing after train hops tracks

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

BAXTER — The search continued early Friday for one man missing in the wreckage of a Union Pacific maintenance train following a derailment that killed one and injured eight others.

The derailment in the Sierra Nevada, about 60 miles east of Sacramento, also spilled thousands of gallons of fuel near thick forest and sparked a fire that sent plumes of dense, black smoke into the air Thursday.

Crews worked into the night to clean up the mess after containing the blaze, as rescuers dug through rail cars lying in a zigzag pattern beside the tracks in hopes of finding the missing victim.

Authorities confirmed that one man was dead, but his body could not immediately be moved from the wreckage. The missing man was believed to be located near him, said Lt. Jeff Ausnow of the Placer County Sheriff's Department.

"The last information that we received is that they were together attempting to apply emergency brakes when the accident occurred," Ausnow said.

The cause of the derailment was under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The train's crew — which included one Union Pacific employee and nine contract workers — was working on the tracks about two miles south of Interstate 80 near Baxter

when six of the 10 rail cars derailed around 11 a.m. The train was carrying 11,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 6,000 gallons of hydraulic fluid, acetylene, oxygen and propane.

"This is a huge spill," said Tina Rose, spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "That is a lot of hazardous materials."

The fire was quickly contained, and flames were completely extinguished by 7:30 p.m., but the heated steel kept rescuers at bay for hours, Ausnow said.

The identity of the confirmed fatality was not immediately released. Eight people were treated for minor injuries from the crash, authorities said.

The contract workers were employed by Harsco Track Technologies of South Carolina. Company spokesman Ken Julian did not immediately have information about injured employees or the fatality.

Workers began moving the rail cars late Thursday, and Union Pacific officials said they hoped to reopen the tracks on Friday.

A total of 17 freight and passenger trains use that section of track each day, said Davis, the Union Pacific spokesman.

Two Amtrak trains were affected Thursday, said Vernae Graham, an Amtrak spokeswoman in Oakland. An eastbound train was forced to stop in Sacramento and a westbound train stopped in Sparks, Nev., affecting about 259 Amtrak passengers who were taken across the Sierra on buses.

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LOS ANGELES

Tagging crews now painting a deadly picture

Graffiti vandalism has turned deadly in the San Fernando Valley with armed confrontations between rival tagging crews.

Walter Lopez, 18, of suburban North Hollywood was shot to death last week after scrawling his nickname "Reefer" in what police said was the work of a rival graffiti gang. There are at least 150 tagging crews in the valley.

"These tagging groups are resorting to weapons and guns and committing violent acts against rival tagging groups," Detective Mike Coffey said. "They are climbing on the bandwagon. They are gangs."

A Sun Valley couple, both 21, were arrested for the killing and investigators said four more suspects are being sought.

Besides Lopez, graffiti-related killings have been reported elsewhere in the valley. Anthony Sena, 25, of Van Nuys was killed May 11 when four men and a woman fired into a crowd of tattoo artists and taggers who were having a show of their art outside a shop.

Investigators said Gabriel Singer, 26, and Candy Srichandr, 28, took offense that someone had marked out their scrawl. Detective Craig Rhudy said they have eluded capture.

LOS ANGELES

City wants to curb parking ticket tardiness

Parking violators are costing the city big bucks.

Motorists owe \$164 million in parking tickets and late penalties, the City Council was told Wednesday. A contractor was expected to collect \$52 million of the ticket fines over the next five years.

The uncollected amount represents 1.3 million tickets.

But Department of Transportation spokeswoman Linda Aparicio said it may be impossible to collect up to \$112 million because the tickets involve vehicles with no Department of Motor Vehicles registration, mailing addresses that are undeliverable or cars that now have different owners.

Transportation Committee chief and Councilwoman Wendy Greuel called Wednesday for a review of collection efforts to see if more of the money can be recovered.

"We give tickets so that people won't have the same behavior, and once we give the ticket, we want to collect the revenue," she said.

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Denver courts labor unions to help lure Democrats in '08

BY STEVEN K. PAULSON

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — A blue oasis in the heart of the predominantly Republican Rocky Mountain West, Denver could lose its bid to lure the 2008 Democratic National Convention unless it can win the support of an important constituency — labor unions.

The city's prospects for securing the convention were boosted in Tuesday's election by Democratic victories across Colorado — including the pickup of the governor's office and a House seat. They showed the party's success in making inroads in normally GOP terrain.

Denver also boasts a renovated convention center and a flashy new hotel.

What it does not have, at least yet, is the support of union members. Without it, Denver has no chance of beating New York City in the competition for a political plum.

Denver has asked the AFL-CIO for a resolution of support. But state union officials, unhappy about what they call the city's "unfriendly" attitude in the past, are holding out for a sign of Denver's support in return.

"If they show their support for labor, labor will support the Democratic National Convention," said Steve Adams, president of the Colorado AFL-CIO.

Leslie Moody, executive director of the Denver Area Labor Federation, which represents about 80 unions, said the group wants a union contract for employees who work for the primary convention hotel, the new Hyatt Regency at Colorado Convention Center, and a contract with the Democratic National Committee that spells out a requirement for workers in the service, hotel and entertainment industries.

One obstacle to union support for the convention was resolved in October when the city agreed that workers at the Hyatt could unionize. The city had a say in the question because its bonds helped finance the hotel.

Moody said it now is up to the city to pressure hotel managers to agree to a labor contract and for the DNC to include union protections in its contract with the city.

Moody said Denver's public and private sectors have a checkered history dealing with unions. An April transit strike against the Regional Transportation District, which is largely independent of city government, left a lot of bruised feelings.

Gary Horvath, a researcher at the Leeds School of Business in Denver, said unions have struggled in the Rocky Mountain West, in part because the region lacks the types of industries

where labor traditionally thrives and partly because of the leave-me-alone, independent spirit of many Westerners.

"The entrepreneurial spirit is very much alive in the West," Horvath said.

He said the convention is an opportunity for unions to show they still have clout and relevance outside their core region.

So far, 47 members of Congress in 24 states have thrown their support behind Denver's bid for the convention.

DNC Chairman Howard Dean will make the final decision by the end of the year on which city will host the convention.

Luis Miranda, spokesman for the DNC, said the party has "two great bids from two great cities."

Minneapolis-St. Paul landed the GOP's 2008 event.

Colorado's three incumbent Democratic U.S. House members — Diana DeGette, John Salazar and Mark Udall — and Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Rahm Emanuel of Illinois wrote Dean a letter saying Democrats should "focus long-overdue attention to the West."

"Although once solidly a red portion of the country, Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West are rapidly trending blue," the letter said.

It does not hurt Denver's cause that the latest Democratic gains in Colorado build on victories two years ago, when Democrats captured a House seat and a Senate seat that had been held by the GOP, and in the same election they took control of the state House and Senate for the first time in 42 years.

Indeed, some political analysts now color Colorado purple — a blend of Democratic blue and Republican red.

DeGette said selecting Denver "will demonstrate that our party is serious about reaching out to people off the East Coast and California."

Debbie Willhite, a consultant for the host committee, said labor is crucial to Denver's bid because members of organized labor make up about 40 percent of the national convention delegates, and the national party labor support to win elections.

The last time Denver played host to a major political convention was in 1908, when Democrats nominated William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska. He was defeated by Republican William Taft.

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Study shows HIV diagnosis not death sentence

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have come onto the market that have essentially turned HIV from a death sentence into a chronic disease.

Physicians now understand life expectancy after HIV diagnosis to be two decades or more, and the new study supports that belief.

"It's nice to see that in writing," said Dr. Carlos del Rio, co-director of Emory University's Center for AIDS Research.

The researchers drew most of their data from 18 medical practices across the United States that provide care for 14,000 patients. The researchers looked at the records of about 7,000 of those patients.

They used a computer simulation model to project HIV medical care costs, and concluded the average lifetime cost of HIV care is \$618,000 per person.

That figure is roughly equivalent to lifetime cost estimates for heart disease and some other chronic conditions in women, who incur more costs than men because they live longer, the researchers said.

The researchers estimated the annual monthly cost of care at \$2,100, with about two-thirds of that spent on medications. That equates to \$25,200 a year. In 1998, the average annual cost was \$18,300, according to an older study.

The difference is not just inflation — the

costs of improved and more expensive HIV medications account for much of the difference, Schackman said.

For example, a typical regimen for an HIV patient beginning treatment includes the drug efavirenz, which blocks a certain protein that HIV needs to make copies of itself. It also includes tenofovir and emtricitabine or some similar drug which helps keep the AIDS virus from reproducing.

The monthly cost just for that regimen was about \$1,140 in 2004, Schackman and the other researchers said. If that treatment doesn't work or stops working, the patient is switched to more expensive arrays of drugs.

In their cost estimates, the researchers

aimed high, basing their numbers on the best available drugs and the best standards of care. But that's not always what's provided, some HIV policy experts noted.

For example, a 2003 federal study concluded that only 55 percent of HIV patients who should have been on virus-fighting medications were actually getting them.

"This is really an optimistic scenario" in the study, and the true cost is probably lower, said Jennifer Kates, director of HIV policy for the Kaiser Family Foundation.

However, she added that since people living with HIV should be getting optimal care from doctors experienced in treating HIV, the study's expectations are reasonable, she added.

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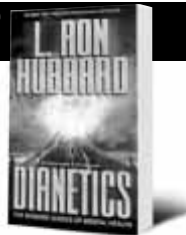
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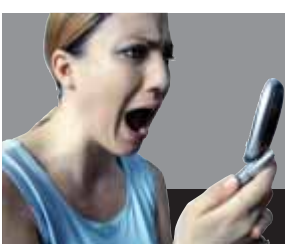


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Judge: Feds display obvious indifference to Indians' religion

BY BEN NEARY

Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Saying the federal government pays no more than lip service to respecting the religious beliefs of American Indians, a federal judge in Wyoming has dismissed criminal charges against a Northern Arapaho man who shot a bald eagle last year for use in his tribe's Sun Dance.

Lawyers for Indian groups say the order by U.S. District Judge William F. Downes should prompt the federal government to streamline its program of parceling out dead eagles and eagle feathers to Indians.

They say it also should prompt federal officials to begin a serious dialogue with tribes about allowing tribal members to kill some eagles for religious purposes.

Federal officials, however, filed notice this week that they intend to appeal the judge's order.

Downes on Oct. 13 dismissed the charge against Winslow Friday, 22, of Ethete, Wyo., on the Wind River Indian Reservation. The reservation is home to both the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribes. He had been charged with killing a bald eagle with a rifle in March 2005.

Downes dismissed the charge after lawyers for Friday and his tribe argued that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service generally refuses to grant permits allowing tribal members to kill eagles, even though federal regulations say such permits should be available.

Chris Schneider, the tribe's attorney, also said more than 5,000 Indians are on a waiting list to get an eagle from a federal repository of eagle carcasses, and that the waiting period is about 3 1/2 years.

"Although the government professes respect and accommodation of the religious practices of Native Americans, its actions show callous indifference to such practices," Downes wrote. "It is clear to this court that the government has no intention of accommodating the religious beliefs of Native

Americans except on its own terms and in its own good time."

Friday, who could have been sentenced to up to a year in jail and a \$100,000 fine if convicted, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press that he had no regrets about killing the bird.

"I'm going to say no, because of what I did with the bird," he said. "I participated in our Sun Dance. No, because that made me feel good in my heart."

Friday said he considered accepting a plea bargain for a \$5,000 fine and two years probation, but rejected the offer on the advice of his tribe's spiritual leaders.

He said he's heard complaints from other Indians about the slow process of legally obtaining dead eagles from the federal repository in Colorado, which holds the remains of eagles often killed by cars or power lines. He said a friend received a bird from the repository that was in such poor condition it couldn't be used in ceremonies.

"The way it was told to me, the eagle takes the prayers that we have here, takes them up to the creator," Friday said. "That's one main reason that we believe in it so much, it does that. It's an offering — you want it to be nice."

Schneider said that while charges were pending against Friday, he called the federal agency's offices in Wyoming and Colorado to ask how Indians could get permits to kill eagles, but was told that such permits didn't exist.

Dominic Domenici, Fish and Wildlife Service resident agent in charge for Wyoming and Montana, said in a telephone interview last month that he knows few eagle kill permits have been issued in the Southwest, and he knows of none in Wyoming — but he also said he doesn't know of any Wyoming Indians applying.

U.S. Attorney Matt Mead filed notice Wednesday that he will ask a federal appeals court in Denver to review Downes' ruling. Attempts to reach Mead on Thursday and Friday were unsuccessful.



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FEMA gives itself '10' for earthquake relief

BY MARK NIESSE

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — The top regional FEMA official said Thursday the agency deserves a perfect score for its response to Hawaii's 6.7 magnitude earthquake, even though relief workers didn't arrive until the crisis had passed.

"Quite frankly, I'm going to give us a 10," said Nancy Ward, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region IX, who flew to Hawaii this week to survey damage.

The agency has only three permanent staff workers based in Hawaii, and by the time a planeload of 100 FEMA-led government experts reached the Big Island 52 hours after the Oct. 15 quake, electricity and airport capacity had been restored.

"We did an excellent job being able to balance what we did and didn't know at the time we started mobilizing, and erring on the side of being safe rather than sorry," Ward said in an interview.

Because of Hawaii's remote location, the state can't expect to receive emergency relief any faster than it did, and the only way FEMA could have done better would be to have more employees stationed in Hawaii full-time, she said.

Emergency workers have learned to act with an abundance of caution since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast more than a year ago, Ward said.

"We have heard from just about everybody about how we can better do things, and this

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new administration of FEMA in Washington is taking this very, very seriously," she said.

Once FEMA workers arrived in the islands, they immediately began assessing damage now estimated at more than \$200 million.

There are still 137 FEMA workers on Oahu and the Big Island, who are checking homes and public facilities to add up expenses from the catastrophe. Using those figures, they will be able to award grants for repairs.

Individual assistance is capped at \$28,500, but the average amount of federal grants to assist with home repairs usually come in around \$3,000, she said.

So far, FEMA has distributed more than \$5 million in housing assistance, said Dave Curtis, a spokesman for Hawaii Civil Defense. The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved \$3.5 million in loans.

"Folks think disaster assistance will make them whole, and it really doesn't," Ward said. "It gives them a safe, sanitary and secure place to live. It's a helping hand."

Although no serious injuries were caused by the earthquake, reports of structural damages to foundations, roofs and walls continue to flow in.

Many of these problems weren't apparent immediately after the quake, Curtis said.

"There's a lot of damage, there's no doubt about that," he said.

Qwest execs are cashing in on their stock options

By The Associated Press

DENVER — Three Qwest Communications International Inc. executives made more than \$43 million by cashing in stock options, according to regulatory filings this week.

Chief Executive Dick Notebaert made a profit of \$18.4 million and Chief Financial Officer Oren Shaffer had a profit of \$18.5 million, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing Thursday.

Chief Legal Officer Rich Baer cashed in \$6.4 million worth of options, according to SEC documents filed earlier this week.

Notebaert plans to donate his after-tax proceeds to charities, Qwest spokesman Nicholas Sweers said. Sweers did not identify the charities.

Shaffer and Baer have not revealed any plans for their proceeds.

The sales were disclosed about a month after Philip Anschutz, Qwest's founder and largest shareholder, contracted to sell 80 million shares through 2010.

Together, the sales are "not a good sign for existing shareholders," Janco Partners telecom analyst Donna Jaegers told The Denver Post in Friday's editions. "Those are sizable chunks of what they own."

Sweers said the executives still have substantial stock options they have not sold. With Qwest share prices up by more than 80 percent year-over-year, "All shareholders have

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been rewarded by the company's financial and operational performance," Sweers said.

Qwest has announced plans to buy back up to \$2 billion worth of its stock over two years.

Qwest shares were down 23 cents to \$8.22 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Notebaert's planned donations prompted Curtis Kennedy, an attorney for Qwest retirees, to quip that Notebaert should consider contributing to the retirees association. The group "is nonprofit and serving the interests of tens of thousands of soon-to-be-impooverished retirees," he told the Rocky Mountain News in Friday's editions.

Qwest retirees are unhappy about planned changes in their benefits. Company spokesman Bob Toevs said Friday Qwest planned to cap its contribution to health insurance premiums for some retirees and reduce life-insurance benefits for all retirees.

"While this is always a difficult decision and not one we take lightly, Qwest constantly has to evaluate market conditions and costs and adjust (benefits) according," Toevs said.

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Officials assess flood damage at Rainier

BY SHANNON DININNY
Associated Press Writer

YAKIMA, Wash. — Nearly 18 inches of rain in 36 hours.

That's how much fell this week at Mount Rainier National Park, one of the crown jewels of the Pacific Northwest. The deluge swamped roads and bridges, cut power and sewer lines, and forced park officials to close the gates to visitors for the first time in 26 years.

Initial cleanup will take weeks. Park officials say they hope to return to normal operations by Christmas. In some places, they won't know the extent of the damage until after the snow melts in the spring.

"Some places get that much rain in a year, and we had it in 36 hours," said park spokeswoman Lee Taylor, noting the 17.9 inches of rain that fell Sunday and Monday. "When we were finally able to get out and start assessing the damage, it was a very sobering day."

Mount Rainier wasn't the only place that suffered damage from the Pineapple Express storm, named for its origin in warm Pacific waters. Its heavy rains also washed out a major highway near Oregon's Mount Hood and closed the North Cascades Highway in northcentral Washington.

At Mount Rainier, the Nisqually River engulfed the main scenic highway through the park, leaving a quarter-mile gash in the Nisqually Road. The river now flows where a campground once stood.

All other roads in the park closed Nov. 1 for the winter, though they also suffered extensive damage. Highway 123 and the Stevens Canyon Road were impassible because of

multiple washouts. The dirt Carbon Canyon Road was washed out in six places.

The Nisqually River wiped out the main power line, cutting electricity for the western half of the park, as well as the main sewer line at Longmire, where a historic inn sits.

Officials last closed the park in 1980 when nearby Mount St. Helens erupted.

"An optimistic estimate for repairs is two weeks for some road access. Utility repair work could still take longer, which would mean there are still no services at Longmire," Taylor said. "We're hoping we can have normal operations for the Christmas holiday."

Christmas is a popular season at Mount Rainier, with rangers offering guided snowshoe walks and cross-country skiers hitting the trails. Sledding takes place at the base of the mountain.

Getting the Nisqually Road reopened is key to those activities, as well as to construction on the Paradise Inn, an aging lodge and restaurant built in 1917 that is undergoing refurbishment.

The contractor handling the construction was working to seal the inn's roof to prevent water damage, Taylor said.

Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga flew over the area Thursday to assess the damage and was working to determine a cost estimate for repairs. In the meantime, crews were furiously working to fix the main road.

"Our focus is on the winter access route, so we can get that open again," Taylor said. "But if we aren't able to do repair work now, then it will have to wait until the spring melt-out, and that could delay some of the spring openings here."

Texas cotton crop down, but harvest still a winner

BY BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas — A lingering drought has Texas farmers expecting to harvest nearly a third less cotton than they did last year, though growers in the nation's top cotton-producing state aren't panicking.

The 5.7 million bales projected Thursday by the U.S. Department of Agriculture would still be the fourth-largest cotton harvest on record. The state enjoyed a record 8.5 million bale harvest last year.

"It's good news for producers who have faced tough times this year with rising energy costs and the weather," said Shawn Wade, spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers.

The USDA report shows yields at 652 pounds per acre, up from last month's 620 pounds per acre. Both are well below last year's 724 pounds per acre, but strong despite the less-than-ideal weather. Drought conditions during much of the growing season hammered dryland fields, erasing about 2.2 million planted acres.

Wade credited the increase over last month to seed varieties that allow cotton bolls to produce more fiber, which add weight.

"It's a new ballgame out here," said Wade, whose group represents the 41-county High Plains area where most of the state's cotton is produced. "We're just planting a lot of different varieties than we were five years ago, even 10 years ago."

The weather cooperated late in the sea-

son, when warm, relatively sunny and dry conditions graced the region in late September and early October. Cotton bolls don't mature much when overnight temperatures dip below 40 degrees.

"That's when we finish the crop off, and that's when that last little bit of yield was made," Wade said.

Nationally, production was forecast at 21.3 million bales, up 3 percent from last month but down 11 percent from last year's record high of 23.9 million bales. Yield is expected to average 798 pounds per acre, up 24 pounds from last month but down 33 pounds from last year.

The harvested area is expected to total 12.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 7 percent from 2005.

Producers in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi also saw higher yield predictions from the favorable weather late in the growing season. Arkansas was expecting a record harvest.

The South Plains region, the world's largest contiguous cotton patch, is on pace to produce 4.01 million bales, a 29 percent drop from last year's 5.7 million bales. The USDA's forecast is 210,000 bales higher than last month's projection of 3.8 million bales.

The survey takes into account cotton that is still in field and some indicators from what has already been ginned.

Max Swinborn said the crop was looking good as he stripped cotton from his fields near Dimmitt on Thursday.

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Tribes press claims under treaty of 1855

BY KRISTA J. KAPRALOS AND
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Associated Press Writers

EVERETT, Wash. — Tulalip Tribal elder Ray Moses keeps the stories his ancestors gave to him. He tells how the whale pushes the reluctant salmon back into the rivers, how the beaver tried to woo the field mouse.

Moses, 75, saves these old stories, passes them on.

In his pocket he keeps another story. It too is from the past, but this, he explains, is also the future. It is a folded, dog-eared copy of the Treaty of Point Elliott. He takes it out, holds it up in the sunlight, waves it at passers-by.

"People don't know that we have these rights," he says. "They need to know this."

People still debate the treaty's Indian fishing rights and fight over property lines. They argue with tribal police over their authority, and over whether non-Indians can build docks in Tulalip Bay.

The tribes are taking the next step.

Now, they say the 151-year-old treaty guarantees their world patent rights on native trees, flowers, shrubs and even weeds — the DNA of every plant that naturally grows here.

If that's true, the tribes could gain trademark control over all future use of native plants. Tribal permission would be needed for pharmaceutical companies and other businesses to use the plants to make medicine, cosmetics or even herbal tea.

The treaty tribes also are pushing for more control of the environment. They've filed the first in a series of lawsuits intended to win a greater stake in managing Western Washington's environment. They call it the Habitat Claim.

They sued the state in August for control over the region's culverts, which carry runoff along and under roads. Control over the culverts, they say, is crucial to keeping pollution out of creeks, streams and rivers.

Tribal culture requires healthy salmon runs, thriving forests and water that is free from pollution, they say. Unless there are strict environmental regulations, they believe, their salmon-centered culture could be lost within a generation.

"Economic survival is different than cultural survival," said Terry Williams, a Tulalip tribal leader on environmental issues. "If you survive economically only to find that you can no longer practice your culture, that's devastating."

In January 1855, Indians pulled canoe after canoe onto the shore at Mukilteo.

There were about 2,300 Indians from Western Washington ready to meet white settlers and federal delegates.

The delegates demanded land. They wanted to move every Indian in the region to one area and take ownership of what amounts to about a fifth of what is now Washington state.

The tribes insisted that they be able to keep their way of life. They wanted to continue fishing, hunting and gathering roots and berries at all of their usual places.

In 1955, when Tulalip elder Ruth Sehome Shelton was nearly 100, she retold the story she heard as a girl.

The group was gathered near the beach. Federal negotiator and Washington Territory Gov. Isaac Stevens was speaking. A tribal leader, whose name is lost, asked how long the treaty would last.

"Will it be for as long as the water flows in the rivers ... will that be ours, and will it be for as long as the sun travels from whence it comes until it returns to the west?"

Stevens nodded and then sat down.

Before the Treaty of Point Elliott was even ratified, however, settlers and Indians began disputing its words. By the 1960s and 1970s, Indians — who still relied on salmon for survival — were barred from fishing at many of their customary spots. The Indians insisted that the Treaty of Point Elliott granted them the right to fish within their traditional areas.

They decided to fight in court. And in 1974, U.S. District Judge George Boldt, a Montana-born sportsman, ruled that the treaty guaranteed the tribes half of all salmon and steelhead harvests.

State officials were shocked.

Tulalip tribal member Ray Fryberg said he'd heard about the treaty from his grandparents. "They were trying to teach me what would become very valuable," he said.

Boldt showed him its power.

"I didn't understand it at the time, but later it started to reveal itself to me."

In 1980, U.S. District Judge William Orrick declared that Boldt's ruling implied that the tribes have the right to a habitat that sustains the fish. However, the ruling was overturned by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Since then, the environment has continued to erode, said Williams, the Tulalips' environmental leader.

The tribes say they've got to use their treaty rights now to push the Habitat Claim.

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BY CAROLE ORLIN

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY PRESS

If you are looking for a city getaway in Northern California, or you have business that takes you in or around San Francisco, I have found a wonderful destination. When I first made a reservation at the Mandarin Oriental to stay over a long weekend, I assumed there would be little or nothing to do as a result of the hotel's location in the city's financial and business districts.

I could not have been more mistaken.

First of all, the stores are open on Saturday, and the Union Square shopping is just incredible. It's also a cable car ride away from Nob Hill and Fisherman's Wharf. In addition, it is a short walk to Chinatown, the Embarcadero, the Farmers' Market and theaters. Best of all, at least for us, the hotel is a very short drive to the Bay Bridge. This provided us with a quick and direct route to

Berkeley Hills and Napa on Sunday, when most of the stores in the financial district were closed.

We realized it is actually a very convenient location for the non-business traveler, although, I can't imagine a hotel more client-friendly or more conveniently located for business travelers.

We drove up to this amazingly tall building — the hotel occupies the top 11 floors of San Francisco's third-tallest building (behind the Bank of America Building and the Transamerica Building), and were immediately attended to by one of the friendliest and most efficient hotel staffs I have ever encountered. We were shown to our luxuriously appointed room on the 46th floor. That's right! There are several room categories to choose from, with different room layouts. We were in a section called the "Bridge to Bridge" category. These rooms possess 180-degree unobstructed panoramic views of San Francisco!

To aid with the breathtaking views, binoculars are provided for each room. I admit we spent much time gazing at the sights of the North Bay, the wharves, Alcatraz, the Golden Gate Bridge, Bay Bridge and almost all of San Francisco from this unique visage. At night, it was an amazing light show. Even their spa-like bathroom, with a windowed bath, provided a private, breathtaking view.

Without going into detail, if you want an unforgettable bathing experience, I recommend taking a bath at night with the shades open.

We did not have to leave the hotel in order to find an outstanding choice for din-

ner. We dined at the hotel's restaurant "Silks," which promotes American cuisine with Pacific Rim influences. The name comes from the flavors and techniques from the East that were inspired by the Old Silk Road. I will attempt to describe our wonderful dinner, but I have to admit I ate things that had to be explained to me by our veteran waiter of more than 20 years of fine dining experience. For example, there was "wild rocket," which is actually a kind of delicious arugula. That came as part of a mini-sweet and gypsy pepper salad, with hearts of palm and yogurt purees with wild rice foam. At first, it sounded kind of scary, but was actually quite delicious. My husband had an angel hair and clams appetizer served on a bed of hot rocks, which, when served, was watered to give off an aromatic steam to add to the gestalt of the dish. The angel hair pasta was black. Being the curious gourmand that I am, I discovered that the pasta's color was due to squid ink! Now I know. Anyway, my husband enjoyed it immensely.

One surprise treat, compliments of the chef, was a kumamoto oyster with lime vinaigrette and jalapeno cilantro pearls. It was almost too beautiful to eat. But, we ate it anyway. Another delicious surprise was kohlrabi soup with mustard foam (new to me, but absolutely delicious). The chef, Joel Huff, is definitely one of the most creative chefs around. My main course was Tasmanian Trout Confit, served with, among other things, an (actual) oxtail bone and marrow risotto (which I admit I passed on). I later heard from another diner that it was delicious, so next time I will be more adventurous.

My husband, whom I admit is more gastronomically adventurous than me, had lobster and shellfish tom yum noodles with coconut lemongrass sauce that he announced

was the best he ever had. The desserts and coffee were varied and also outstanding. The wine list was varied, with selections from the world's great regions, with special attention on the wines of nearby Napa Valley.

The service was excellent with a very pleasant and knowledgeable wait staff. I left there feeling satisfied, knowing I ate a healthy, yet delicious and unique dinner. Fine dining can spoil you, I admit, but it's more than worth it for a special treat.

Although it is great to be back in beautiful Santa Monica, it's hard to get back to Subway sandwiches and turkey loaf. But, such is life.

For a weekend (or longer) city get-away, this would be hard to top. San Francisco is little more than an hour's plane ride away, yet it's a totally different feel in climate, geography and energy. I had not spent time recently in San Francisco, but this trip reminded me why I used to love it so much. It has not lost its charm. Maybe it has even gained some, thanks to the Mandarin Oriental.

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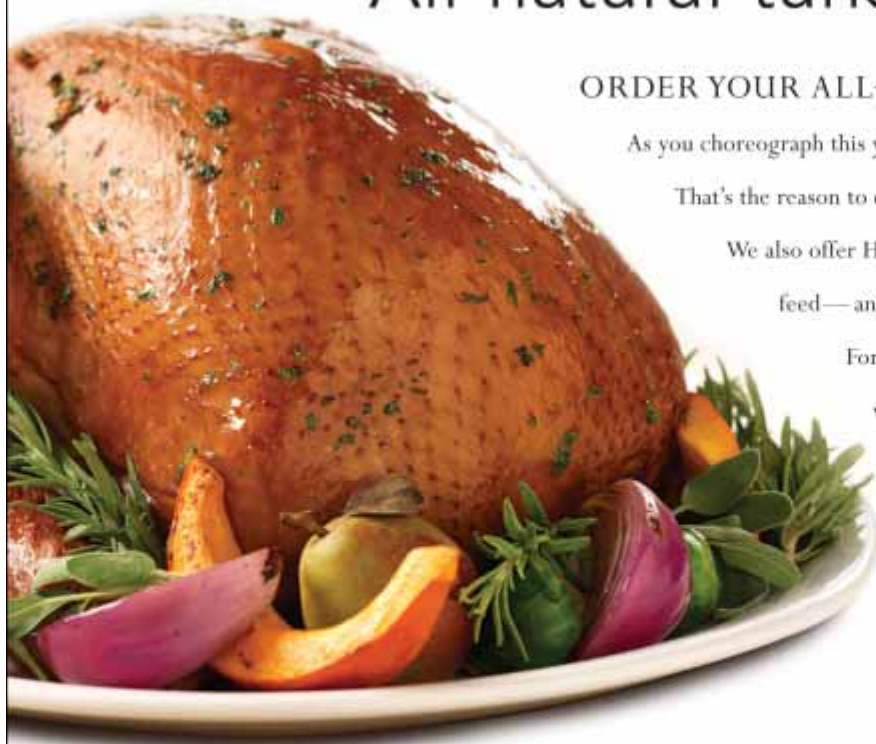
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Something to fret about Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com
Richard Lawrence, president of the First Regional Bank, looks at a series of autographed guitars by legendary rock bands like The Eagles and The Rolling Stones during the 31st Annual Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica Dinner Auction and Raffle on Thursday at the Loews Beach Hotel.

Stickers, '60 Minutes' helped Santa Monica gain sense of socialism

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they have maintained for most of the past quarter century.

That year, a bumper sticker that read "Welcome to the People's Republic of Santa Monica" began to appear on cars throughout the city. It was rumored that a pilot's association at Santa Monica airport was responsible for the bumper stickers, as it was upset over City Council consideration of a proposal to shut down the airport due to noise complaints, said Denny Zane, former City Council member and co-founder of SMRR.

"We just thought it was goofy," Zane said.

ALL THAT AND ANDY ROONEY

The phrase "People's Republic of Santa Monica" was firmly implanted on a national scale when the CBS news magazine show "60 Minutes" aired a segment on Ronald Reagan's presidential election that included a shot of the bumper sticker. "60 Minutes" is said to have produced the segment to depict the differences between Ronald Reagan's conservative views and the left leaning politics of Santa Monica — a city located just minutes away from Reagan's former home in the Pacific Palisades.

"It went from being a word-of-mouth thing among the anti-rent control people to bumper stickers, from the defenders of Santa Monica airport to national attention because of '60 minutes,' Zane said.

"We were associated in the media with Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda."

Later, the name served as a battle cry for AAA member John Rodriguez, who erected a sign with the moniker on his Santa Monica Boulevard motel when City Council refused to let him tear the building down and estab-

lish a barber shop in the mid 1980s.

AAA President Carl Lambert said City Council tried to block demolition of the building, located between Harvard and Yale streets, because some of the units in the motel were rental. However, the motel was empty when Rodriguez applied for a demolition permit, Lambert said.

"He could tell how much he was getting at the liberals by how fast they would obliterate signs," Lambert said.

When the sign was defaced, Rodriguez would immediately post a replacement.

It was a battle that continued for a few years, until City Council finally relented.

The name was intentionally meant as a jab at SMRR and Rent Control supporters, but today, it is often viewed as a joke with no real validity.

"It's the city of Santa Monica and that is how I view it," said Mayor Bob Holbrook, a non-SMRR endorsed candidate who recently was reelected to City Council. "We have a great public participation in government. It's not the people's republic of anything."

Santa Monica may still be referred to as the "People's Republic of Santa Monica" because of its progressive stance on issues like the environment and affordable housing, Holbrook added.

But to those who started the whole thing, Santa Monica is still the closest thing America has to communism.

"It's changed a little, but it's still the most liberal rent control city in the country," Lambert said. "Look at it now. If you're caught smoking something on the boardwalk or on the promenade, you better hope it's a marijuana cigarette rather than a tobacco cigarette."

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Veterans reflect on war, peace

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president to get those soldiers out of there," said Arlington West Co-Director Chuck Nixon on Friday.

Veterans groups are planning events throughout the city today to honor the men and women of the armed forces, both current and past.

AMVETS Post 2 of Culver City is planning to host a picnic on the lawn at the Veterans Administration on the corner of Wilshire and San Vicente boulevards from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Santa Monica College English Professor Dr. Daniel Cano, a decorated Vietnam War veteran, is expected to speak.

"What's more American than a taco, right?" joked Santa Monica resident Cpl. Frank Juarez, of AMVETS Post 2.

Volunteers of Arlington West, a local branch of national non-profit group Veterans for Peace, will be out early Saturday morning preparing the white cross memorial on the beach just north of the Santa Monica Pier. A procession of 40 coffins — the number of soldiers killed within the past two weeks — will start from the Arlington West memorial, head north up Ocean Avenue and pause for a wreath-laying and flag-raising ceremony at Palisades Park, honoring the five branches of the U.S. military. The silent procession will then continue up Wilshire Boulevard to Third Street Promenade, and back down Broadway to the beach. Nineteen coffins — the number of soldiers that died last week — will remain at the beach following the procession.

Both families and friends of fallen sol-

diers and veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are expected to speak. One speaker, Sgt. Marshall Thompson, is an army reservist who recently returned from Iraq and protested the war by walking across the state of Utah.

Veterans for Peace formed Arlington West in February 2004 to honor the soldiers that have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Families of deceased soldiers have come from across the country to leave pictures and memorabilia at the memorial.

Volunteers spend three hours every Sunday setting up the memorial comprised of coffins and crosses, beginning as early as 7 a.m. Over the past two years, Nixon has met a number of families and friends of soldiers who have died in Iraq.

Last year, a family came to the memorial following a wedding in which their son, a soldier, got married.

This year, the soldier's brother and sister returned to the memorial and placed the name of the soldier on one of the white crosses.

"Here was this young boy who stood in front of us, and now his name is on a cross," Nixon said.

THE MEANING OF VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day was formerly known as Armistice Day, the day when the allied powers signed a cease-fire agreement that brought World War I to an end in 1918.

But the holiday has a different meaning to those who fought in war and witnessed the horrors that changed their lives forever.

"It means being together with veterans from all wars, even those who didn't fight in war but had to prepare to defend the coun-

try," said Juarez, a Marine who fought in Vietnam in 1968.

Juarez returned from Southeast Asia a different man.

"It changed my life significantly," he said. "Forever."

To many veterans, the holiday sparks a moment of remembrance of their times as soldiers, fighting the enemy, and knowing your life could be taken away at any moment.

"You think about your experience and those who didn't come back," said Ed Ellis, president of Veterans for Peace and co-director of Arlington West.

The holiday has developed a new meaning the past few years with America in midst of war in the Middle East. Veterans of former wars say the soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan will endure more pain than those who fought in Vietnam, Korea or World War II.

The reason? While Vietnam vets typically served one tour, soldiers today are serving multiple tours, Nixon said.

With the leadership change in Congress, and with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on the way out, there is a glimmer of hope this week that the war will wind down.

"These veterans that are coming back will need more care, emotionally and psychologically, than anyone has ever needed in World War II or Vietnam," Nixon said. "Times were fairly safe in Vietnam. These guys [soldiers in Iraq] are driving down streets and are likely to get blown up anytime."

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VETERANS DAY

Where Eagles dare

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH — One local student is hoping to collect and respectfully dispose of 200 American flags in an effort to achieve the ultimate level of the Boy Scout life.

As part of his final project to become an Eagle Scout, Samohi junior Stefan Laage, of Boy Scout Troop 117 of Brentwood, is working to collect 200 damaged American flags, which he will respectfully dispose of later next year.

"I'm doing this to teach the value of our flag and to teach them not to just throw it away," Laage said Friday.

The project has been approved by both the Santa Monica Police and Fire departments, which plan to participate in a flag retirement ceremony. The idea came to Laage when his mother's colleague asked the scout to properly dispose of a damaged flag — something Laage had no idea how to perform.

Boy scouts must go through several steps in order to achieve the highest rank, including earning merit badges and completing a final project.

The process of properly disposing the flag involves cutting the flag, separating the stripes, the stars, and the union, and burning them individually, said Laage, who opposes those who desecrate the flag.

"The flag represents our country and wherever it is, it represents us," Laage said.

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Fraternity pranksters have stopped laughing

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and thereby participated in behavior uncharacteristic of their personalities.

The film — a “mockumentary” in which Cohen, 35, portrays the character Borat, a TV journalist from Kazakhstan made popular on his hit HBO television series “Da Ali G Show” — depicts Borat traveling the country to more fully comprehend American culture. Throughout his journeys, Borat frequently encounters real-life American citizens who unwittingly become the punch line to Cohen’s joke.

All the while, Borat targets his victims with blunt, often offensive questions, blaming any outlandishness on a cultural misunderstanding as the interviewees offer up candid commentary.

Representatives at 20th Century Fox denied any trickery on Friday, with studio spokesman Gregg Brilliant saying only that “the lawsuit has no merit.”

During the scene in question, the plaintiffs (both identified in the suit as “John Doe” to protect them from further embarrassment) pick Borat up on the side of the road in a motor home and proceed to binge drink with the false journalist. As they progressively become more intoxicated, the men make inflammatory misogynistic and racial remarks and view the infamous Pamela Anderson-Tommy Lee sex tape.

It appears the men are not aware their conversation will be made entirely public, as they reference their desires to resurrect slavery in the South and engage in one-night stands.

The men’s attorney, Olivier Taillieu, said Friday that the frat members were “bamboozled” into drinking, with one of his clients being 19 at the time and not even of a legal drinking age. Legal documents state that they were taken to a bar to lose their inhibitions before they began filming and that it was

only after intense drinking that they signed a consent agreement to appear on screen.

Taillieu expressed there was more to the story than the movie shows, including the fact that the RV was provided for the men and stocked with copious amounts of free alcohol that the guys were told to drink and be as “outrageous” as possible after consuming.

“They said ‘What are you worried about?’” according to Taillieu. “The producers told them it’d be an easy way to make a little cash.”

Though the scene appears to take place in the men’s own RV in Texas, in actuality, filming took place close to the University of South Carolina. Furthermore, the attorney said, the production company targeted them by calling their house in advance and selecting only those unfamiliar with Cohen’s visage.

The attorney hopes to prevent the men’s image or likeness from appearing on the big screen any longer, though Taillieu says realistically, it is more likely the pair would be removed from the DVD release of the film rather than the version currently out in theaters.

At the University of South Carolina, where the students were members of the Chi Psi fraternity, the movie has only recently been released. Russ McKinney, a spokesperson for the University, said he had “not come across any real reaction” on campus yet.

JOKE WAS ON THEM

Court documents state that the film “made plaintiffs the objects of ridicule, humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress, loss of reputation, goodwill and standing in the community.”

According to Taillieu, one of the men suing is currently out of school and was “working for a multi-national corporation, though that’s not going to be continuing for much longer,” hinting that the man risked

losing his job due to his actions in the film. The other plaintiff is still a student at the University of South Carolina, where he’s been “forced to resign from a pretty prestigious internship and may potentially have to transfer,” the attorney said.

The two men are not the only real-life individuals affected by the hit comedy flick, which grossed \$26.5 million last weekend — a record for a film opening in fewer than 1,000 theaters.

Jim Sell, a new car salesman at Criswell Automotive in Gaithersburg, Maryland, said he was also told the movie would only be shown in another country. Unaware of Cohen’s television presence, Sell said he was tricked into believing that Borat was a wealthy man from another land who wanted to negotiate purchasing a car for the purpose of filming his experience driving cross-country. As the employee attempts to sell Borat the car in the film, the comedian asks if he can buy a vehicle with a veritable “p---y magnet” installed inside it. The character proceeds to offer Sell \$1,600 for a brand new Hummer. When Sell declines, he said that Borat promised him off camera “dry meats and his sister for two weeks.”

“The first question he asked me was ‘what kind of car do the black-skinned people drive?’” recalled Sell, noting that because he responded modestly to the questions, his portrayal in the film remained relatively tame. The salesman acknowledged on Friday that he did sign a release “in the very last minute before they started filming,” which he was told was merely verifying his payment of \$150.

‘HUNG THEMSELVES’

Sell believes the fraternity members “basically hung themselves,” though he can identify with the embarrassment they feel from the experience. Grace Welch, who was shown in the film with a panel from the

Veteran Feminists of America speaking in Tribeca, New York, said she wondered about the honesty of the drinking scene, questioning if the alcohol the men consumed was “that iced tea like they have on TV.”

Welch and her organization were also told that Borat was a journalist from “one of those Stalin-type of countries,” interested in sharing feminist values with his native country. When the film company contacted Welch, she said she was immediately asked if she had watched HBO before.

“The first thing I noticed was his cheap powder blue suit with a puckered seam,” Welch laughed.

As soon as the ladies began lecturing Borat on the power of women to achieve high status within government, Welch said she began to notice his propensity towards making outrageous comments, as he referred to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as “that chocolate lady.” He also doted upon one particular feminist panel member, calling her “pussy cat.”

Though Welch sees the humor in the situation now, she said that at the time of the filming, she was “in a complete state of bewilderment.” She admits to signing a release form as well, which she noted was suspiciously faded. Adding to the mystery of the scene were the professional-looking cameramen, who kept “complete stone faces” the entire time, Welch added.

Meanwhile, Cohen himself would appear to be on a roll. His next project, which was recently purchased by Universal for a cool \$42.5 million, will depict the jokester as a gay Austrian man in “Bruno: Delicious Journeys Through America for the Purpose of Making Heterosexual Males Visibly Uncomfortable in the Presence of a Gay Foreigner in a Mesh T-Shirt.”

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Malibu is going the distance, going for speed

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Before the realignment, smaller schools like Malibu, which has roughly 680 students, had to compete against schools with up to three times the number of students, giving those schools a leg up with their larger talent pools from which to draw runners, Gonzalez said.

“We are now one of the larger schools in the league,” the coach said. “We’ve gotten a little bit of a break, but that doesn’t mean our students haven’t worked hard every day at practice and in competition. We have athletes who are as good as anybody’s, and those kids who are at the back of the pack have steadily improved through the year and have a chance to make it to the finals, which would be great.”

The teams practice for nearly two hours Monday through Friday, with some Saturday practices thrown in for good measure. Runners train on dirt trails and rocky terrain, as well as the beach to help build leg strength and stamina.

For cross country novices, the runners

tackle grueling, three-mile courses that include steep hills, rocky switchbacks and quick descents that take a toll on a runner’s legs and lungs.

“Track and field has 14 different events — sprints, distance running and then all the field events, like long jump,” Gonzalez said. “Track is a real specialist kind of sport where kids come out and find their niche, whereas cross country, everyone runs three miles and the best come out on top. It is a real test of endurance.”

Seven members of a team compete, each receiving an individual score based on where they finish in the pack. The first five runners’ scores are added and whichever team has the lowest score wins. Individuals with the best scores advance as individuals to the finals, which will be held next Saturday at Mt. SAC. From there, student-athletes have a chance to advance to the state championships.

Two students that stand a good chance of advancing are Stopher Eldridge, a senior who has already won the league championship, and Becki Ottusch, a junior who has

won all three league meets and advanced to the state championships last year.

For Eldridge, 17, his chance to compete today will be memorable, for it could be the last time he represents Malibu.

“I’m so glad to have the opportunity to be a part of history,” Eldridge said. “I’m nervous because this could be my last meet as a high school runner, so there is a lot of intensity. But no matter how I do, I will feel great to just be out there with my teammates, who have been so supportive.”

“They’re the one’s who keep me going.”

Eldridge said he got into cross country by accident.

“I wanted to sign up for track and field one day, but the only team practicing that day was cross country,” Eldridge said. “I didn’t really care for long-distance running, but during the summer practices I found myself staying right behind the leader and I’ve loved it ever since. It has really given me a sense of confidence in everything that I do. I feel that I can accomplish anything I do.”

Ottusch, 15, also became interested in cross country by accident. She was looking for a sport that would help her stay in shape for soccer season and decided to try cross country.

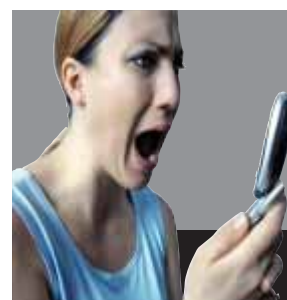
“I tried it out and kind of stuck with it,” Ottusch said. “The best thing about it is the team. While it is an individual sport in the sense that you are competing against yourself, to see how far you can push yourself, the team is there to support you. It really is a family.”

During practices, the boys and girls teams hang out together and crack jokes or delve deep into wild discussions.

“It’s really nice,” she said. “Lots of kids are pretty intelligent, so we bring up some good points and some silly ones too. Our discussions go everywhere. Once we were talking about what would happen if penguins would take over the world. So yeah, it goes everywhere.”

Both teams are hoping this weekend’s march leads them straight to the finals.

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Elections, Rumsfeld open door to change

BY ANNE GEARAN

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — Democratic control of Congress, public dislike for the Iraq war and the departure of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld could open the door for a policy shift in the conflict, but early maneuvering for the 2008 presidential election could slam the door shut.

What happens will depend largely on how the White House, leaders of both parties and the candidates to replace President Bush in two years interpret the results of this week's voting and seek political footing for the 2008 race, analysts said.

Although both parties want to salvage political and military success in Iraq for its own sake, the war's prominence as a political issue complicates bipartisan cooperation.

That may be especially true for Democrats if they conclude that anything shy of a demand for fast withdrawal of U.S. troops looks wishy-washy, or that the modest course changes possible by cooperating with Republicans would be jumping onto a sinking ship.

Cooperation is possible if both parties see it in their interest to lower the political temperature on Iraq, making it less of a rallying cry for the next campaign, said James Carafano, senior fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation. He argued that both

parties and the country would benefit.

“There is a remarkable opportunity to change the politics, for Democrats and the president to take the Iraq issue off the table as an issue to play political pingpong with,” said Carafano, who studies politics and military issues.

More than half of voters said they disapproved of the war in Iraq, wanted troops to start coming home and didn't think the war has improved security in the United States, according to exit polls conducted Tuesday for The Associated Press and the television networks. Those most unhappy with the war helped put Democrats in control of Congress.

Democrats say the first step to repairing the situation in Iraq is putting substantial pressure on its government to take more responsibility. The best way to do this, they say, is by pulling out some troops right away to signal the U.S. commitment is finite

Democrats also have called on Bush to convene an international conference on Iraq and say the military mission should begin to switch from a leading role to a supportive one.

Other proposals the administration may be asked to consider include a regional dialogue with U.S. adversaries Iran and Syria, or remaking the Iraq political federation into three largely autonomous sectarian states.

Major changes such as a wholesale withdrawal of troops are unlikely in the near term.

Bush's reversal of fortune this week means he can entertain ideas from his own generals and advisers that would have looked like an admission of failure before the voting, conservative and liberal analysts said.

The changed political circumstances also mean Bush can look statesmanlike by adopting recommendations from Democrats or from an independent bipartisan panel headed by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, whose report is due soon.

Democrats who take control of Congress in January say they will try using their clout to force a change in Iraq policy and demand that Bush start bringing troops home.

Though Democrats are divided over exactly what to propose, they say their effort will send a loud political signal to disgruntled U.S. voters, and to Iraqis to assume more responsibility.

Rumsfeld's departure could offer a path to compromise and an opportunity for the White House to pivot from some of his hardline positions.

Bush chose a far less divisive figure, former CIA director Robert Gates, to succeed Rumsfeld. Bush came close to conceding that Rumsfeld was the roadblock to new policy that his critics claimed.

“Secretary Rumsfeld and I agreed that sometimes it's necessary to have a fresh perspective,” Bush said in the surprise

announcement Wednesday.

“I think history has shown that switching one person can make a difference,” said Lawrence J. Korb, assistant defense secretary under President Reagan and now senior fellow at the liberal Center for American Progress.

Korb pointed to the Vietnam War, when Clark Clifford took over for hawkish Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

“Within a month President Johnson had basically offered to begin negotiating with the North Vietnamese,” Korb said.

Gates has served on the Iraq study commission led by Baker and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana, signaling that the group could offer the White House a palatable way to shift gears.

“I think there is a real possibility for a bipartisan approach to our foreign policy,” said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., expected to lead the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

“The Baker-Hamilton commission obviously would be one of the most likely places to build that consensus and give the administration the necessary ... political room to be able to make a radical change. At least I hope that's what will happen,” Biden said.

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Mortar war marks escalation in violence

BY BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Mortar battles have erupted between Shiite and Sunni neighborhoods in Baghdad, and the once-mixed city is reeling as the two sides adopt the weapons and tactics of urban civil war.

Throughout the capital and in towns and villages within a 50-mile radius of Baghdad, whole populations have shifted as Shiite and Sunni flee violence from death squads and suicide bombers to the safety of places where their Islamic sect is the majority.

The highly portable though inaccurate mortar is increasingly the weapon of choice as Shiite and Sunni populations separate, because it allows sectarian fighters to fire into a district from a distance.

Mortars can be quickly pulled from the trunk of a car and fired over several miles, causing death and destruction without the dangers of close-quarters combat or the sacrifice of a suicide bomber.

For Arkan Maher, a 28-year-old electrician and father, it was just another workday this week when mortar rounds crashed to earth in a market in the Sunni enclave of Azamiyah. He fell wounded in both legs, an eye and one arm.

Maher was near the Abu Hanifa mosque, Sunni Islam's holiest shrine in Iraq and a regular target of Shiite mortar teams.

“I saw dozens of wounded people on the ground around me,” he said, sitting in his house with bandages on his arm and legs.

“Azamiyah has been hit with mortars every day for a week now.”

Across the Tigris River, in the Kazimiyah neighborhood — site of the most important Shiite shrine in Baghdad — retaliatory mortar rounds have rained down daily as well.

Other Shiite strongholds in eastern Baghdad, the Shaab neighborhood and Sadr City, are regularly bombarded as is the dangerous Sunni stronghold of Dora, in south Baghdad.

The attacks that have driven the two Muslim sects away from each other in the capital skyrocketed after the Feb. 22 bombing of a revered Shiite shrine in Samarra, north of Baghdad.

The destruction of the golden-domed mosque enraged Shiites, particularly members of the Mahdi Army militia. The militia, loyalists of anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, stormed out of their Sadr City stronghold and have been on a rampage of revenge killing ever since. Sunnis have fought back with equal vengeance.

The Mahdi Army and the larger, Iranian-trained Badr Brigade of Iraq's largest Shiite political bloc, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, also have sunk deep roots in the country's police and security forces.

The militia members and offshoot death squads have been largely responsible for running Sunnis from neighborhoods where they were a minority. Sunni insurgents, meanwhile, have been attacking Shiites throughout Iraq, including in Sunni-domi-

nated neighborhoods, in what looks increasingly like a successful bid to ignite a civil war.

Iraq's Immigration Ministry says about 1.5 million people are internal refugees, while the United Nations says a similar number of Iraqis have fled the country altogether. That would be about 12 percent of Iraq's prewar population of 26 million, and both figures are probably low estimates.

Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Abdel-Karim Khalaf — a Shiite as is his boss, Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani — sought to blame the mortar campaign solely on Sunni insurgents, claiming it was the work of Saddam Hussein loyalists and extremists of al-Qaida in Iraq.

“Al-Qaida is facing a major failure, and Baathists are trying to prove something after Saddam was sentenced to death” last week, Khalaf said in a telephone interview. “These are terrorist, cowardly and dirty acts caused by their failure against Iraqi security forces. Now they fire on civilians from a distance, then flee.”

Sunnis in Azamiyah blame the Shiites.

Khaled al-Waleed said mortar attacks on the neighborhood started after Shiite militias were pushed back in recent bids to invade the district.

“If they ever decide to enter Azamiyah again, they will be committing suicide,” al-Waleed said. He claimed that the mortars falling on the neighborhood are fired from the Shiite neighborhoods of Oteifiyah, Qahira and Ur.

The exchange of mortar fire began in earnest this month when four mortar

rounds poured down near Azamiyah's Abu Hanifa Mosque, killing at least five people. The next day three more people were killed in rocket and mortar attacks in the same neighborhood. Two other civilians were killed by mortars in Dora.

Mortars also fell on both Sunni Azamiyah and Shiite Kazimiyah over the following days. The Sunni-operated Baghdad Television urged the Shiite-dominated government to intervene.

On Tuesday, in apparent retaliation for mortar attacks on Sunni areas, a suicide bomber struck a coffee shop in Kazimiyah, killing 21 people and wounding 25. The next day, a pair of mortar rounds slammed into a field in the Shiite district of Sadr City, killing eight soccer players and fans.

Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki declared Wednesday night that both neighborhoods were being targeted by “Saddamist” and Sunni extremists firing from Taji, 10 miles north of the capital.

Sadr City resident Wissam Jabr, 28, pleaded with the government to stop these “terrible acts that target innocent civilians.”

But Sunnis claim the attacks on their neighborhoods are fired from Shiite districts, a sentiment that percolated to the surface during Friday prayers at the Abu Hanifa mosque.

“Azamiyah will remain a stick in the eyes of those who hate us, regardless of mortar bombings and the lack of services,” Sunni Sheik Sameer al-Obeidi told worshippers. “We will remain steadfast.”

Spy chief: Brits tracking nearly 30 terrorist plots

BY BETH GARDINER

Associated Press Writer

LONDON — British authorities are tracking almost 30 terrorist plots involving 1,600 people, the country's domestic spy chief said in remarks released Friday, warning that young British Muslims are at risk of being radicalized by extremists.

It was the first public estimate of the threat by the head of MI5, Dame Eliza Manningham-Buller, who said her agency and police are monitoring 200 cells actively engaged in plotting or aiding attacks in Britain and abroad.

More than a year after the suicide attacks on London's transit system, Manningham-Buller predicted the fight against terrorism would last a generation.

"It is a sustained campaign, not a series of isolated incidents," she said in a speech to a small audience of academics Thursday, according to a transcript released by the spy agency on Friday. "Radicalizing elements within communities are trying to exploit grievances for the terrorist purposes."

"It is the youth who are being actively tar-

geted, groomed, radicalized and set on a path that frighteningly quickly could end in their involvement in mass murder of their fellow U.K. citizens, or their early death in a suicide attack or on a foreign battlefield," she said.

Manningham-Buller said MI5 had foiled five major plots since the July 2005 transit bomb attacks in London, which killed 52 commuters and the four suicide bombers.

Officials are also "aware of numerous plots to kill people and to damage our economy," she said. "What do I mean by numerous? Five? Ten? No, nearer 30 that we currently know of."

While current plots use homemade bombs, Manningham-Buller warned future threats would come from "chemicals, bacteriological agents, radioactive materials and even nuclear technology."

Prime Minister Tony Blair said he agreed with the spy chief's assessment that the threat from international terrorism "is serious, is growing, and will, I believe, be with us for a generation."

"It's a very long and deep struggle but we have to stand up and be counted for what we believe in and take the fight to those people who

want to entice young people into something wicked and violent but utterly futile," Blair told journalists at his 10 Downing St. office.

Manningham-Buller said the threat includes some networks directed by al-Qaida in Pakistan and others more loosely inspired by the group, and that their plans include mass-casualty suicide attacks in Britain.

The plots "often have linked back to al-Qaida in Pakistan, and through those links al-Qaida gives guidance and training to its largely British foot soldiers here on an extensive and growing scale," she said.

Manningham-Buller, who has headed MI5 since 2002, warned that radicalization, especially of young people, was one of the biggest problems facing anti-terror investigators. Three of the four men who attacked three London subways and a red double-decker bus on July 7, 2005, were British-born.

"More and more people are moving from passive sympathy towards active terrorism through being radicalized or indoctrinated by friends, families, in organized training events here and overseas, by images on television, through chat rooms and Web sites on the internet," she said.

In August, police said they had foiled a plot by a British terrorist cell to blow up trans-Atlantic airliners. More than a dozen people, all British, are awaiting trial in the case.

On Tuesday, a British Muslim convert, Dhiren Barot, was sentenced to life in prison for plotting to attack U.S. financial landmarks and blow up London targets with limousines packed with gas tanks, napalm and nails.

Inayat Bunglawala, spokesman for the Muslim Council of Britain, said Manningham-Buller had given "a very sobering warning." He said, however, it was essential that "British Muslims are seen as a partner in the fight against terrorism and not some sort of community in need of mass medication."

"Holding a community responsible for the actions of a few would be counterproductive," Bunglawala said.

Bill Durodie, senior lecturer in risk and security at the U.K. Defense Academy, said high-profile speeches and headline-grabbing numbers risked exaggerating the scale of the threat facing Britain.

"It's easy to pull out alarmist headlines," he said. "What we're seeing here on the whole are lone individuals (and) small groups."

Three Americans convicted on terrorism charges

BY MARGIE MASON

Associated Press Writer

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — Three Americans were convicted by a Vietnamese court on terrorism charges Friday after being accused of trying to take over radio airwaves and call for an uprising against the communist government.

A judge sentenced the Americans and four Vietnamese to 15 months in prison, with credit for time served. They all are expected to be freed within one month, and the Americans required to leave the country within 10 days of their release.

The defendants, all of Vietnamese descent, had been jailed without charges for more than a year, prompting Washington to pressure Hanoi to move forward swiftly and fairly.

President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice plan to visit Vietnam next week for the 21-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. Both countries had been eager to resolve the case

before Vietnam's biggest-ever international event begins.

The defendants faced punishments ranging from 12 years in prison to execution, but prosecutors sought lesser terms, saying the defendants had repented and had no previous criminal records.

It is highly unusual for Vietnam to give a lenient sentence for national security crimes, especially in such a high-profile case. But the quick resolution to the diplomatically sensitive trial could end a distraction from APEC and Vietnam's entrance into the World Trade Organization, which was approved this week.

All on trial were accused of plotting to smuggle radio equipment into Vietnam to broadcast a call for a revolution to topple the government.

An indictment said the scheme was hatched by the Government of Free Vietnam, a California-based organization that the Vietnamese government considers a terrorist group.

It is one of many anti-communist groups

founded by Vietnamese refugees in the United States. Many of its leaders are soldiers of the former South Vietnamese Army who fled Vietnam after the war ended in 1975.

The Government of Free Vietnam group is run by Chanh Huu "Tony" Nguyen, who is wanted in Vietnam for failed plots to bomb the Vietnamese Embassy in Thailand and buildings in Vietnam.

Nguyen, a permanent U.S. resident, was arrested at Vietnam's request in April while traveling in South Korea. He was held for three months before being released to the U.S.

Prosecutors say the defendants convicted Friday set up an adoption agency in Cambodia as a front to disguise their plans.

Those found guilty Friday were: Thuong Nguyen Foshee, 58, of Orlando, Fla.; Le Van Binh, 31, of Tampa, Fla.; and Huynh Bich Lien, 51, of San Gabriel, Calif.; Vietnamese nationals Tran Dat Phuong, 65; brothers Ho Van Giau, 59, and Ho Van Hien, 38, and Cao Tri, 35. Cao Tri is also a U.S. resident.

Under questioning from the judge, some

of the defendants acknowledged carrying radio equipment to Cambodia on behalf of the Government of Free Vietnam, while others described themselves as employees at an adoption agency.

Lien said she was not a member of the Government of Free Vietnam, but had gone to work for USIM, a charity in Cambodia that helped arrange adoptions of Cambodian kids for Americans. She said she knew Chanh was associated with USIM but that all she did was help take care of children.

Two representatives of the U.S. consulate attended the trial.

On display near the court house entrance were two tables covered with radio equipment the defendants had allegedly planned to use.

The case has attracted attention from Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., who raised the issue with the Bush administration and reportedly blocked a key vote in Congress that would normalize trade relations between the former foes.

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SPORTS

Stadium shocker leaves San Franciscans in panic

BY EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer

COSTA MESA, Calif. — The untimely and unexpected scuttling of a San Francisco stadium project severely damaged that city’s hopes of hosting the 2016 Olympics, while buoying the prospects for Los Angeles and Chicago.

“Not having an Olympic stadium is non-starter No. 1,” USOC international vice president Bob Ctvrtlik said Thursday at the close of the USOC’s two-day seminar with the potential bid cities. “It’s a very difficult hurdle to overcome.”

Members of the San Francisco delegation acknowledged as much, saying they were stunned late Wednesday when they heard 49ers owner John York had called off negotiations with the city for a new stadium at Candlestick Point and was considering moving the team to Santa Clara. They said they were heading home to come up with a new location to hold opening and closing ceremonies and track and field.

“We’ll look at any and all options,” said Jesse Blout, San Francisco’s director of economic development. “The mayor wants to win these Olympics.”

In San Francisco, Mayor Gavin Newsom said he would contact USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth to discuss the developments.

Newsom, who in August said the city would abandon the bid if it “couldn’t guarantee certain things,” conceded York’s announcement was not helpful to San Francisco’s chances.

“That’s a grand understatement,” Newsom said.

The USOC wants to avoid a repeat of New York’s failed 2012 Olympics bid. Financing for the New York stadium fell apart about a month before the final vote — a debacle that led to the city getting only 16

of the 60-or-so votes it needed and compelled the USOC to essentially take over the 2016 Games bid process.

San Francisco’s loss only can help Los Angeles and Chicago, one of which likely will be the American candidate if the USOC decides in December to nominate a city. The candidates have to give a detailed presentation of their plan to the USOC by March 31. The USOC would choose its candidate in April.

The International Olympic Committee will select the host city in 2009.

Madrid, New Delhi, Prague, Rio de Janeiro, Rome and Tokyo are among the international cities that also have expressed interest in landing the 2016 Games.

Los Angeles is the only American candidate with a stadium in place. The host of the 1932 and 1984 Games would use a refurbished LA Coliseum. The extent of the restoration will depend in part on whether the NFL returns to Los Angeles.

The city also has permanent venues in place for every sport that needs them, save shooting. They propose using housing at UCLA and USC for the Olympic village. They believe the package they offer — with more venues in place and fewer financial questions — will outweigh concerns about bringing the Olympics back to Southern California for the third time.

“I don’t see how any other city can beat what we have to offer,” said Barry Sanders, chairman of the Los Angeles bid committee.

Chicago proposes building a new stadium in its Washington Park area, which would be the centerpiece of an Olympics that would be based around Lake Michigan and downtown. Chicago 2016 chairman Pat Ryan gave no specifics of how the privately financed venue would be paid for, other than to say the city would make the USOC feel comfortable about its plan.

SPORTS

49ers, A’s lead the new gold rush to Silicon sites

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA — The San Francisco 49ers and the Oakland Athletics have started a new gold rush, south to the open spaces and financial bounties of Silicon Valley.

The 49ers and A’s each hope to build new stadiums in the southern reaches of the San Francisco Bay Area. Though the A’s yet-to-be-announced plan appears closer to fruition than the 49ers’ move announced Thursday, both clubs seem determined to leave behind two of their sports’ worst stadiums for sparkling new ballparks in accommodating new hometowns.

The 49ers have abandoned their decade-long attempts to build a new stadium and a massive commercial-residential development on Candlestick Point, their San Francisco home since 1971.

Owner John York has decided he wants a stand-alone stadium built on 20 acres across the street from the team’s longtime training complex in Santa Clara, a suburb 30 miles south of San Francisco.

“I think it’s just an accepted fact that our fan base has grown out, and there are a num-

ber of our fans throughout the Bay Area,” York said.

Meanwhile, the A’s have reached a deal with Cisco Systems Inc. to build a new high-tech ballpark in Fremont, about 25 miles south of Oakland. The field is expected to be the home of a Major League Soccer franchise as well.

The A’s hope to open their park by 2011, while the 49ers have much more work to do to meet a self-imposed 2012 deadline to replace the NFL’s oldest unrenovated stadium.

The teams’ intentions spotlight the geographical migration of money, power and influence in the Bay Area in the six decades since the 49ers were founded: Everything is going south, where the NHL’s San Jose Sharks currently are the only major sports franchise.

The South Bay region is anchored by San Jose itself, already the biggest Bay Area city with more than 900,000 residents, and among the fastest-growing in the county. Its residents have the highest per-capita income of any big city in the United States, due largely to the region’s role as the high-tech hub, home to the headquarters of Intel Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co., Apple Computer Inc. and dozens of other marquee companies.



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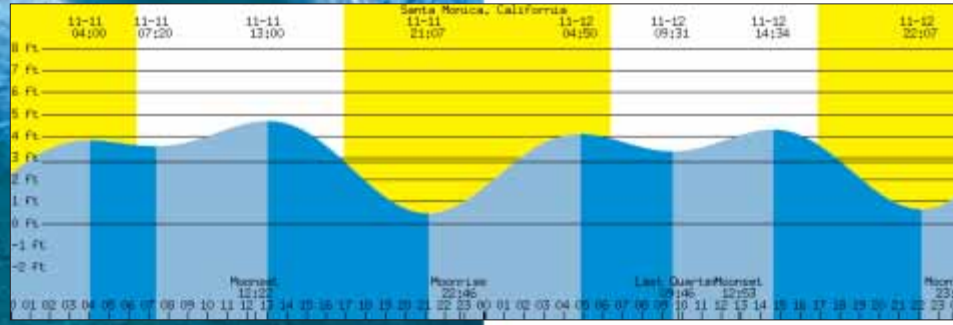


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Los Camillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Escorial Canyon at El Mirador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trabancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection at Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Selena Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	A	ns
Panero State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Maile Canyon storm drain at Panero Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Sunbaker Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Sunbaker Beach (beach location) - daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (paint zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns
Pena Creek at Los Toreros County Beach	ns	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Tapogano State Beach at creek mouth	D	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

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Documentaries about gangs find audience

BY ANDREW GLAZER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The camera lists and bobs in the dizzy, dancing camera style of MTV reality television before zooming in on a posse in purple clustered in a corner of an infamously violent housing project.

The footage is from a documentary called “Concrete Hell,” which aims — like a wave of other straight-to-DVD gang documentaries — to grant viewers intimate access to the gritty and violent underworld of America’s street gangs.

“We’re gangsters here,” Redmann, a bushy-haired member of the Grape Street set of the Crips street gang, tells viewers. “We live, die and eat this.”

The message will be heard by a select audience: Those who watch the growing genre of underground “hood films,” filmmakers and sellers say, are typically fellow gangbangers, wannabes and those seeking a voyeuristic peek into a dangerous subculture while safely sunken into a ratty college dorm or rec-room couch.

You won’t find “Concrete Hell” or other gang documentaries at the local Blockbuster. The \$20 films are only for sale in swap meets, mom and pop record stores and Web sites such as streetgangs.com and gangstadvd.com.

Shot and edited using cheap equipment and pressed onto DVDs at home, “hood films” are the visual manifestation of gangsta rap: raw and sometimes violent snapshots of America’s gang-plagued ghettos shot by those boasting a closeness to the life, or in some cases by gang members themselves. And like the hip-hop genre that made main-

stream stars of Ice Cube and Dr. Dre in the 1980s, the documentaries have drawn criticism from those who say the films glorify a criminal lifestyle.

Formal sales figures are not available since most DVDs are self-produced and distributed. But some filmmakers say they have sold thousands of copies, and sellers say the number of titles has spiked in recent years. Robert W. Lewis III said he has sold 18,000 copies of his film “Rep Yo’ Set,” a broad look at many Los Angeles gangs, since he released it in early October.

“I think it’s the same reason why movies like ‘Scarface’ and ‘Goodfellas’ are celebrated,” said Alex Alonso, a gang researcher who sells the DVDs on streetgangs.com. “Only some of these documentaries are real-life stories.”

Many of the filmmakers, however, bypass traditional documentary storytelling for raw footage of gangsters rapping about their lives, brandishing guns and, in some instances, fighting. A sub-genre known as “fight films,” such as “Ghetto Fights,” cuts straight to bloody battles between rival gangs.

Kyle “Shazz Loc” Jackson, 36, said he consciously avoided showing actual violence in his documentary “Concrete Hell.” Instead, his friends and family gang connections helped him give a voice to normally camera-shy members of the Crips and Bloods. The film’s dominant message is a warning for poseurs and enemy gangs to stay away from certain neighborhoods.

Lewis also chose not to include fighting or extensive drug use in “Rep Yo’ Set,” which features members of 27 different Los Angeles gangs. He also didn’t include any footage of gangsters insulting rivals.

“I didn’t want to use that life to show black people at their worst,” he said. “I wanted to show people in the communities that wanted a way out. That want an opportunity ... Clearly the message we’re giving is you don’t want to mess with this.”

His film does show members of the 27 featured gangs brandishing heavy artillery, flashing gang signs and rapping gang anthems that promise violence to rivals.

Though a longtime rap producer who has recorded gangsta rap albums, Lewis has no direct ties to the gangs he filmed. He used money and food to help gain access, he said.

“Nobody asked that we pay for anything,” Lewis said. “But we most definitely showed our appreciation for letting us in.”

Kevin Epps, 36, behind the lens in the 2003 documentary “Straight Outta Hunters Point” and considered a pioneer of the genre, said the films offer a view ignored by mainstream media.

“This is something the news can’t get and Hollywood can’t get,” said the San Francisco-based filmmaker. “I would like to believe that (the films) are benefiting mankind, I would like to believe by telling the truth about the conditions, all the poverty and the fights, it makes us take a look at ourselves and see all is not good.”

Others compare the films to snuff films that exploit real violence for entertainment. UCLA professor Jorja Leap, who serves as Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa’s gang policy adviser, said her students buy the gang documentaries for the same reason they purchase the “Bum Fight” DVDs featuring homeless men fighting: Pure titillation.

“I don’t think people need to see it graph-

ically for them to see how much of a problem it is,” she said. “What’s next? Rape? Pedophilia?”

Alonso, the gang researcher, said some of the DVDs he sells do have educational value — but those aren’t the titles that are moving the fastest. The most popular are DVDs that feature dog fights, fights between women and gang rumbles.

“I can’t extract any values from any of those,” said Alonso, who said he wouldn’t restock the titles once he sold out.

Federal prosecutors plan to use footage from one of the rawest films — the 2005 documentary “Hood 2 Hood” — in their case against Jonathan Leon Toliver, an alleged member of a Las Vegas gang charged in a 2004 shooting.

In the video, a man authorities believe to be Toliver brandishes a semiautomatic handgun and warns: “They come around here, this is what they gonna get.”

To some degree, gang filmmakers have embraced the controversy surrounding their products — the same selling point that helped gangsta rap find mainstream success. The cover of “Rep Yo’ Set” shows a man holding an assault-style rifle in the air. Like the record industry, these documentary filmmakers intend to plant seeds of gangster authenticity in the urban street market to entice a larger white, suburban customer base.

“I went to the hoods and shook hands and met people, went into the barbershops and beauty shops, went to the schools, went to the malls, went to the record stores in the communities,” Lewis said about his campaign to widen his audience. “I even caught people leaving church on Sundays.”

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★★★★ You could ignite a firestorm, perhaps not visible, but within. When you start questioning, you could feel most uncomfortable. Tonight: Ask necessary questions.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to consider what is going on with a significant other before judging him or her. You might think someone is a bit erratic. Others mean well but have you scattering rather than pulling it together. Tonight: Make another's request your pleasure.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to allow others to run the show. By not playing into others' “stuff,” you could be much happier than you realize. A boss or someone you look up to could be most demanding. Think twice. Tonight: Say yes.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might not want to update your plans and your pace. Not everything tumbles as you'd like. In fact, others could be far more touchy than you were aware of. In a conflicting situation, pull back and let others be at odds with each other. Tonight: Be an observer.

Born Today

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio (1974)
Actress Demi Moore (1962)
Cult leader Charles Manson (1934)

Happy Birthday

This year, you have a strong way of expressing yourself and your feelings. You might not always be sure what you want or where you are going. How you handle life could change substantially as you learn more about what floats your boat. Sometimes you might feel as if you cannot handle one more responsibility. Other times it is your pleasure to step up and lead. You will gain financially the stronger and more disciplined you are. If you are single, you will easily open doors. Making friends can be easy, but having an evolving relationship could take talent and time.

A ‘Rebel’ yell Stars out to raise money for James Dean Center

Mickey Rooney, Pat Boone and Shannan Doherty helped kick off a fundraising campaign to restore an Indiana high school that will become the James Dean Performing Arts Center and Museum.

The celebrities gathered Thursday at the posh Spago restaurant to announce the campaign. Officials hope to collect \$6 million to renovate Fairmount High School in Fairmount, Ind., where Dean was first exposed to acting.

“Our mission is to create a living tribute to the Rebel Without a Cause, and in the process preserve a beautiful and important building,” Boone

said in a statement.

Among the improvements will be refurbishing the original stage, auditorium and classrooms as well as creating an exhibit of Dean memorabilia.

Dean made only a handful of movies before he was killed when the silver Porsche Spyder he was

driving collided with another vehicle near rural Cholame, Calif., on Sept. 30, 1955. He was 24.

The high school has been empty for about 20 years, said Cal Oren, a spokesman for the nonprofit Fairmount Foundation, which is overseeing the fundraising effort.

Some minor work has been done to the building, but millions of dollars will have to be raised in order for the new venue to be opened.

“We think this is an appropriate tribute to James Dean,” Oren said.

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Ex-girl says K-Fed is ‘nice’

Shar Jackson, a former girlfriend of Kevin Federline, says the media should stop ridiculing the aspiring rapper, who now appears to have an even bigger punch-line target on his back.

“He’s such a nice guy,” the 30-year-old actress tells “Inside Edition” in an interview that was to air Thursday. “He’s made some mistakes but everybody else does-

n’t have the whole world pointing their finger at their mistakes.”

Jackson and Federline, 28, are the parents of a 4-year-old daughter, Kori, and a 2-year-old son, Kaleb. They dated before Federline became involved with Spears, whom he married in 2004, while Jackson was pregnant.

Spears, 24, filed for divorce Tuesday in Los Angeles. She is

seeking custody of their two sons, 1-year-old Sean Preston and 2-month-old Jayden James.

Federline, who has been making the rounds promoting his hip-hop debut, “Playing With Fire,” counter-filed court papers Wednesday seeking sole custody of his two children with Spears and spousal support.

Jackson, who starred in TV’s

AP

Richards recalls memory loss

A spokeswoman for **Denise Richards** blamed aggressive paparazzi for a run-in that prompted the Hollywood actress to toss a pair of laptops from a balcony, causing minor injuries to two elderly women.

Howard Blank, a spokesman for the River Rock casino resort in the Vancouver suburb, confirmed an incident took place Wednesday evening.

Global TV reported Richards was filming a scene for the movie “Blonde and Blonder” when she

allegedly confronted a photographer trying to take her picture. Richards threw the laptop computers off a balcony, hitting two elderly women sitting in the lobby below.

Paramedics were called but the women did not appear to be seriously injured.

“Based on the actions of the paparazzi, they are lucky their laptops were the only things that were thrown off the ledge,” Richards’ publicist, Nicole Perez,

said in Los Angeles on Thursday.

A statement from “Blonde and Blonder” producer Dean Bornstein indicated that a “number of unauthorized persons” got onto the set and began “harassing members of the cast.”

“While trying to stop the paparazzi, Denise Richards was involved in an altercation,” Bornstein said. “To protect her safety she instinctively knocked the paparazzo’s laptops off a

ledge. Royal Canadian Mounted Police were called to the scene as a precaution and the case was soon closed. No charges were filed against Ms. Richards.”

Richards, 35, has appeared in the movies “Wild Things” and “Starship Troopers.”

She has two daughters, Sam, 2, and Lola, 1, from her marriage to Charlie Sheen, who stars in the CBS sitcom “Two and a Half Men.”

AP

Costner can keep his stake, eat it too

The South Dakota Supreme Court has backed **Kevin Costner** in a legal battle over a Deadwood casino he owns, ruling that the actor-director doesn’t have to sell his share in the business to sever his relationship with two partners.

Costner wants to become the sole owner of the Midnight Star, an eating and gambling establishment where costumes Costner wore in various movies line the walls.

Costner owns 93.5 percent of

the casino. He hired Francis and Carla Caneva to manage the operation and gave them ownership of 6.5 percent. He fired them in July 2004, asking them to part ways as partners, and dissolved the partnership when they declined.

The court dispute centered on the value of the casino. An accountant hired by Costner put its value at \$3.1 million, but the Canevas got another Deadwood casino owner to testify that he would pay \$6.2 million. A judge

ordered that Costner must buy the Midnight Star for the higher amount or it would be sold on the open market.

Costner appealed, arguing the value wasn’t derived from a hypothetical buyer and seller, as is required by the IRS, and that the value was set without viewing any financial documents. The Supreme Court agreed Thursday that the lower court used the wrong standard to determine the property’s value.

The justices said the property must be revalued but need not be sold. If the casino is determined to be worth no more than the \$4.9 million Costner has put into it, the Canevas will not be entitled to any money, his lawyer said.

Costner, 51, filmed much of 1990’s “Dances With Wolves,” which won the Academy Award for best picture, on South Dakota’s plains and in the Black Hills, where Deadwood is located.

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Bobby, The War at Home
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Happy Feet
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7:30
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The Good German, Casablanca
6:30

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Babel (R)
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A Good Year (PG-13)
10:30am, 1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30
The Return (PG-13)
11:55am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

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Flushed Away (PG)
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Marie Antoinette (PG-13)
10:40am, 1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15
The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G)
11:00am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Saw III (R)
12:35, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 11:15
Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13)
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Harsh Times (R)
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The Last King of Scotland (R)
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Little Children (R)
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The Queen (PG-13)
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The Prestige PG-13)
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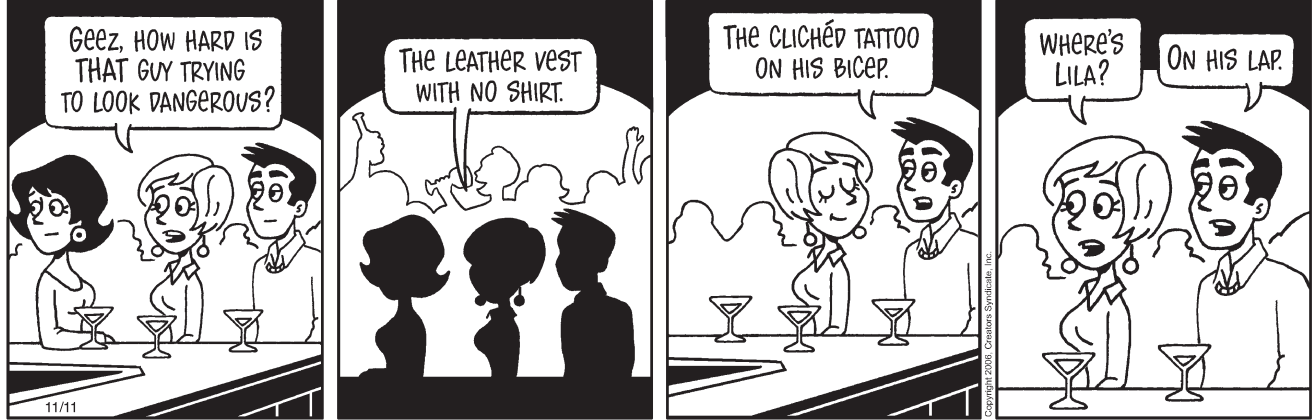
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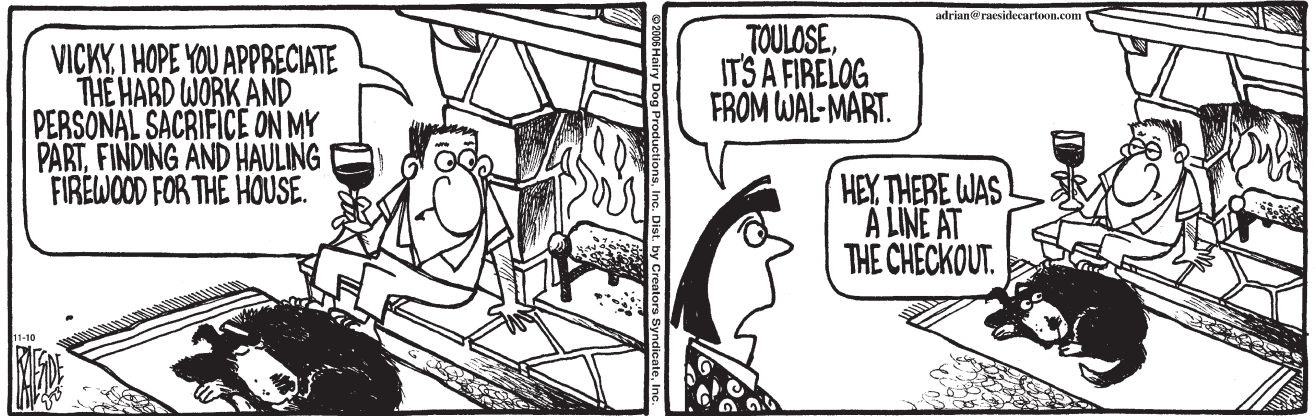
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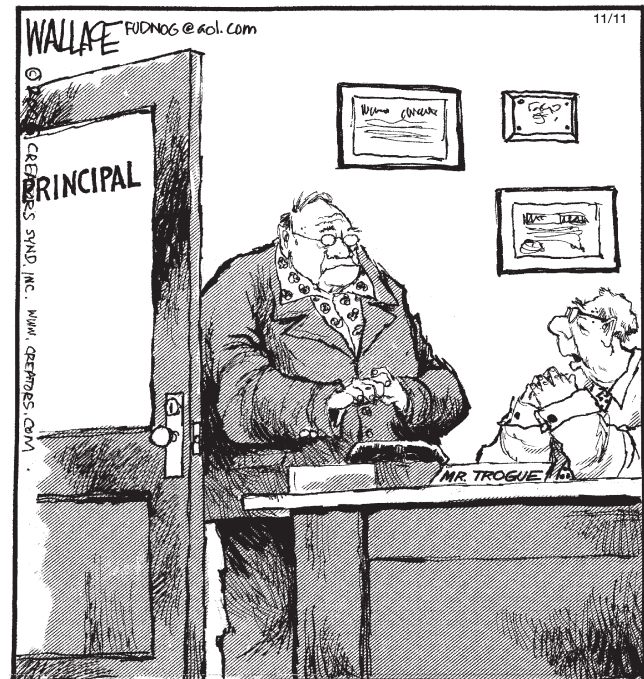
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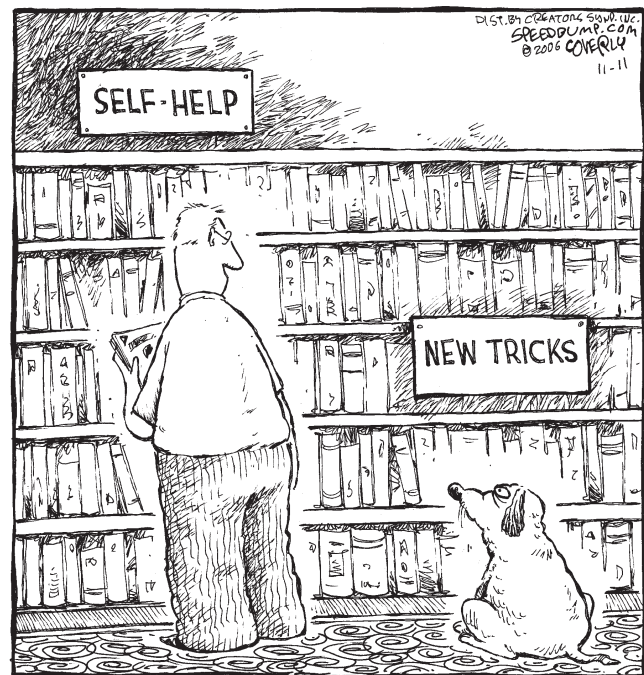
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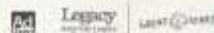


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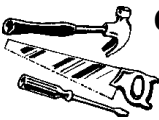
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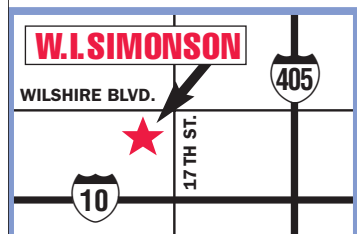
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