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Argentinian band *Los Pinguos* entertains a busy crowd on the Third Street Promenade on Friday despite looming rain clouds and chilly weather.

Football fans pep up local economy

From the cornfields to the Pacific, Nebraska Cornhuskers party it up in Santa Monica

BY ANNE LOUISE BANNON

Special to the Daily Press

Thousands of football fans have left the cornfields of Nebraska for the warm beaches of Santa Monica this week, packing the pier and local businesses with an extra year-end economic boost.

Between 6,000 and 8,000 University of Nebraska Cornhusker fans are expected to pack the Santa Monica Pier Tuesday, Jan. 1, to celebrate their football team at a pep rally. Local businesses will be celebrating a much-needed economic shot in the arm.

Up to 60,000 fans of the Nebraska Cornhuskers are descending upon Southern California for the national college championship game this Thursday at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, against the University of Miami Hurricanes.

Thanks to aggressive discounting by local hotels, a significant portion of those fans will be staying in Santa Monica, particularly the main alumni tour that includes up to 1,200 people.

"It seemed like the pier was going to be the best for everybody involved," said Marc Shkolnick, associate executive director of the Nebraska Alumni Association. "Most of our tour will be at the Loews (Hotel) and some have upgraded to Shutters on the Beach."

Both venues are within walking distance to the pier.

The City of Santa Monica cut the group major breaks to use the pier, mostly in waiving user fees.

"The city really stepped up to the plate," said Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kathy Dodson. "It's really expensive to rent the pier."

The final economic impact remains to be seen, but Debbie Lee, communications manager for the Santa Monica Convention and Visitor Bureau, is optimistic.

"Any large group that comes to town is definitely a boost to our economy," Lee said. "I think it is very good exposure for Santa Monica."

Cornhusker fans have a reputation for not only traveling en masse to support their team, but for spending lots of money wherever they go.

"We hear Nebraskans make great guests," said Santa Monica Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown. "This is good news for our businesses and tourism workers."

However, not all of the city's hotels are seeing a boost in business.

"We put an ad in the paper out there (Nebraska)," said Hany Sabongy, general manager of the Best Western Gateway. "But this year we have no business. We were full last year. Right now, we're doing 60 percent occupancy."

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Santa Monica police search for alleged rapist

By Daily Press staff

Police are searching for a homeless man who raped and attempted to murder a woman on Christmas Eve.

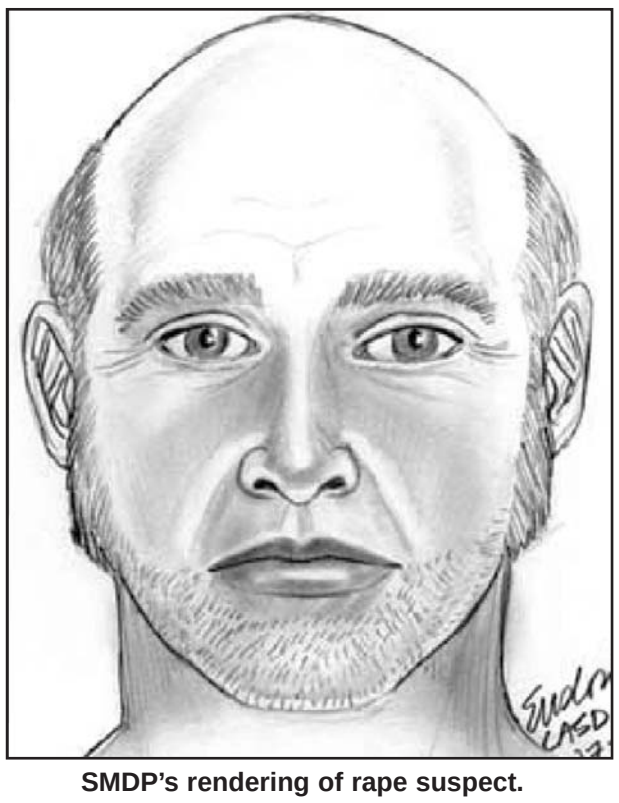
On Dec. 24 at about 9 a.m., the man attacked the victim in 1400 block of 2nd Street. The victim said that she met the suspect the day prior to the attack.

The suspect is described as a white male between 35-40 years old, 5' 11", with a stocky build, short red hair on the sides and bald on top. He has blue eyes and a light complexion.

At the time of the incident, the suspect had a two- to three-day growth of red beard and sideburns down to his jawbone. There is a gap between the suspect's two front teeth. The suspect was wearing a black knit cap, sunglasses, an Army jacket, jeans, tennis shoes and he was carrying an olive green backpack.

The above composite was prepared on Dec. 27.

Any information regarding the above suspect, contact Det. Virginia Obenchain at (310) 458-8944 or Sgt. Rudy Camarena at (310) 458-8962 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427.



SMDP's rendering of rape suspect.

Lincoln mother wins Rose Bowl trip with shaved head

By the Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Liz Wildman recently promised Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch that she would see him play in the Rose Bowl.

By letting her 9-year-old twins shave her head, she will.

The 29-year-old single mother won a trip to college football's national championship game in the "What would someone do for a free trip to the Rose Bowl?" contest by Sweet 98 radio in Omaha.

With station judges watching Wednesday, Wildman allowed her boys, Eric and Michael, to shave her dark, shoulder-length hair clean off — just for a chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip to the Rose Bowl.

Other competitors in the contest ate crickets or worms or goldfish.

Another belted out "There is no place like Nebraska," while being hosed down with cold water. One man braced himself for a full body wax, only to surrender after having his chest hair ripped away.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others look to your suggestions as you attempt to sort through last-minute confusion involving parents, plans or key characters in your life. Finish off the year by clearing out responsibilities. By evening you're more than ready to romp away. Tonight: No one can, or will, stop you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Make calls and reach out to those at a distance. Your ability to convey your message makes you everyone's darling. Be clear with those involved in your plans. Confusion plagues you at the last minute. Take charge only if need be. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your sense of humor goes far when dealing with a child or loved one. You might need to repeat an emotional discussion for this person. He or she simply cannot get the message. Prepare for tonight. If you still can, get concert tickets or go to the orchestra. Tonight: Follow the music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your words sound like Greek to someone. Be as explicit as possible when confirming messages. Don't let your frustration build. Relax and make plans with your sweetie. Closeness marks the New Year's arrival. For once, be only with the one you love! Tonight: Continue the togetherness theme.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Set the stage just for you! If you need a low-key atmosphere during the daytime, make it so. What you can count on is being the lead player tonight. You'll need all the energy you can muster. So make it OK to nap. Someone hassles you. Ignore this person. Tonight: Beam into the spotlight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Follow your imagination. Start celebrating the end of this year now! Your friends join you in talks about what they would change and what would be perfect. A child or loved one needs your attention and could throw a tantrum. Don't miss the warning signs. Tonight: Plan on being quiet with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds during the day. Once more, everyone wants something from you. You juggle demands in your customary style. The more you do, the better you feel. Lighten up in the afternoon and kiss the year goodbye with friends. Tonight: Once you get started, you might have a difficult time stopping!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Laughter marks your interactions. Though you can be quite controlling, you enjoy the loose and easy communication that surrounds you. Even a change of plans is unlikely to get to you. Wish those in your day-to-day life a "Happy New Year." Tonight: Stay close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Clear out a financial snafu before it can hurt you or cause an unanticipated problem. Consider your options very carefully, especially with others and/or money agreements. A mistake could be costly. Once you clear it up, take off and enjoy the celebrating. Tonight: Opt for the unusual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Without intending to, you create more problems than need be. Stop and take the time to clarify plans and details revolving around tonight. Someone means well but somehow gets matters confused. Stay clear and discuss what is on your mind. Tonight: The smooch at the midnight hour could carry a lot of WOW!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might be going over a conversation in your mind. Unfortunately, this could be a thankless and futile process. Let go of worries and simply go off and do whatever you need to. Clear out errands before you start celebrating. Others wait. Tonight: The party could go on and on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A friend messes up plans and causes frustration. Trust in a personal relationship, understanding that you always have a good time wherever you are. Celebration surrounds this special association. Make important resolutions together. Tonight: Don't push.

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"If there is another way to skin a cat, I don't want to know about it."

— Steve Kravitz

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Rose Bowl gains a title game but loses tradition

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — University of Illinois alumna Amanda Massucci watched with sadness and anger as Miami players celebrated after clinching a berth in the Rose Bowl, this year's site for the national title game.

Oregon alumnus Bob Fenstermacher remembers feeling like he had "died and gone to heaven" when the Ducks played in the 1995 Rose Bowl game, the team's first appearance since 1958. Oregon won the Pacific-10 Conference again this year, but there will be no return trip to Pasadena.

By agreement, the Big Ten and Pac-10 champions have played in every Rose Bowl since 1946. It's a game that has been the traditional climax to the Tournament of Roses Parade and the centerpiece of a treasured vacation for winter-weary Midwesterners.

Illinois and Oregon, who have seldom finished atop their respective conferences, would be playing New Year's Day in the Rose Bowl under normal circumstances.

That won't be the case this time as the Rose Bowl hosts No. 1 Miami and No. 4 Nebraska — top teams in the final Bowl Championship Series standings.

"I was really sad and also upset seeing pictures of the Miami team holding roses after their final game," said Massucci, 32. "It should have been Illinois.

"What does Miami, or Nebraska, know about the specialness of the Rose Bowl? Nothing. I wish the BCS would stop this nonsense and keep the Rose Bowl for the Big Ten and the Pac-10."

Fenstermacher, 51, feels the same way, but not because of the perceived national championship snub for his second-ranked Ducks (10-1), who instead face No. 3 Colorado (10-2) in the Fiesta Bowl.

He's going to Arizona to root on the Ducks but says it's not the same as planning a trip to Pasadena.

"It doesn't have the tradition the Rose Bowl has," he said from his home in Eugene, Ore. "And it's not just the game — it's the parade, it's Pasadena. I see the Fiesta Bowl as a bowl game. With the Rose Bowl, it's different."

During the Ducks' last Rose Bowl, windows throughout Eugene were painted with roses and Ducks flags flew at nearly every house.

"The town was wild," Fenstermacher said. "Some of that was it was the first one in forever. A lot of it was the Rose Bowl itself. It's just not the same."

This year's Rose Bowl is expected to have far greater national interest than the traditional Big Ten-Pac-10 matchup because of what's at stake.

The national title game rotates between four bowls — the Orange, Sugar, Fiesta and Rose — under a system designed four years ago to produce an undisputed national champion. This is the first year the championship game will be played in Pasadena.

Besides the absence of Pac-10 and Big Ten teams, there are several significant differences. The game will be played Jan. 3, two days after the last Rose Parade float has finished its run down Colorado Boulevard. The beautiful weather that always seems to be on display for the rest of the country won't be noticeable because the game begins in darkness.

For Pac-10 and Big Ten alumni, this year's Rose Bowl also marks the end of a cherished tradition.

Damon Scott, a 30-year-old Illinois graduate who lives in the Los Angeles area, called the loss of the Big Ten-Pac 10 Rose Bowl matchup a travesty.

"It's been the Pac-10 and Big Ten since 1946," he said. "I've had nightmares the last couple of weeks because the Illini isn't coming here. This is the last bowl that's kept the tradition alive, the granddaddy of them all."

Beaten by UCLA 45-9 in the 1984 Rose Bowl game, Illinois won't get a chance to redeem itself, at least not this year.

Instead, the seventh-ranked Illini (10-1) will play No. 12 Louisiana State (9-3) in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day after the Ducks and Buffaloes play in the Fiesta Bowl.

Massucci is going to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl, but she would prefer to stay home and see her team play in Pasadena.

"I've been in LA over the last five years; I've grown to dislike the Pac-10," said Massucci, who grew up in Chicago. "There's a good rivalry there. I would have loved to have gone to the Rose Bowl and have had Illinois playing Oregon."

Dan Rodriguez, head of the Oregon Alumni Association, said more than 30,000 fans traveled to Pasadena seven years ago. He expects 10,000 fewer fans will make the trip to Arizona for the Fiesta Bowl.

"We've gotten a great response for this game, but for the Rose Bowl we would have gone bonkers," he said. "Our office would have been a sea of phone calls."

Mitch Dorger, chief executive officer of the Tournament of Roses, understands the opposing sentiments, but said the Miami-Nebraska matchup will command more national attention.

"Clearly, the break in tradition was a concern," he said. "Oregon and Illinois would have been a great game. But it wouldn't have been for the national championship."

When Washington came to Pasadena last year, coach Rick Neuheisel was asked repeatedly if he was upset that the Huskies were bypassed for the Orange Bowl, last year's national championship game, despite having only one loss.

He responded that it didn't matter because his team was playing in the Rose Bowl, where he was the hero of UCLA's one-sided victory over Illinois in 1984.

"This was huge," Neuheisel said after Washington beat Purdue 34-21. "Our goal was to go to the Rose Bowl. That's always been the goal at Washington."

At this year's game, a 50th anniversary ceremony will be held honoring those who played in the 1952 Rose Bowl in which Illinois beat Stanford 40-7.

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— AMANDA MASSUCCI
University of Illinois alumna

Not all hotels to benefit from Cornhusker pep rally

FANS, from page 1

Jodi Stone, director of sales and marketing at the Georgian Hotel, said she hasn't seen any increase in business either.

"I got nothing. It's a big goose egg," she said. "I'm only at 52 percent (occupancy) for New Year's Eve and 55 percent for January 3rd. I've been full every New Year's since the hotel's been open."

But a couple hotel workers pointed out that while they may not have many Cornhusker fans, they are getting a fair amount of overflow business.

"We're busier now that we've been the last few weeks," said James Warren, general manager of the Santa Monica Beach Travelodge.

Ocean Hotel General Manager Seth Horowitz also is looking forward to the fan invasion.

"They have a strong presence and it's wonderful here," Horowitz said. "It fills up the city. There's going to be a buzz in the city with the Cornhuskers here. Depending on who wins the game, we'll see how the celebration is going to be."

The pep rally starts at 3 p.m. on the Santa Monica Pier. Admission is free and is open to the public.

Single mother 'bares all' for contest to attend Rose Bowl

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The station made Wildman its bare-headed winner.

"I'm going to the Rose Bowl," she giggled. "I wasn't even out of Omaha before someone offered me $1,200 apiece for them. I'm like, nuh-uh, I don't think so."

Wildman was working at a Williams Cleaners in Lincoln before the contest when Crouch stopped in, toting his post-Heisman Trophy laundry.

Wildman told Crouch that her sons had entered her in the contest.

Crouch wished her luck.

"I'll be seeing you at the Rose Bowl," Wildman announced.

And she will.

"To be a part of this game it'll be something I'll never forget," she said. "And I'll never forget how I got there."

Moving on up



Ross Furukawa/Daily Press

Construction workers scramble to get re bar onto the new second floor of a new building on 6th Street.

STATE

Sisters restore Taoist temple honoring vanished community

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

MENDOCINO — Amid the quiet pastels of the coastal village of Mendocino, the brilliantly red and green Kwan Tai Temple is startling as a shout.

Growing up next door to the temple, Loretta Hee McCoard used to feel her feet dragging as she neared it — a gaudy reminder that the Hees were different, the last remnant of a once-bustling rural Chinatown.

As an adult, she sees the temple with new eyes.

"There is this pride," she says.

Recently, McCoard and sister Lorraine Hee-Chorley celebrated their 12-year campaign to restore the Taoist temple. It was a family promise fulfilled, a vanished community honored: the Chinese who built railroads and chopped timber before being driven out by discrimination and unemployment.

"We're survivors," says Hee-Chorley. "Our family has always had to struggle, to fight for what we believe in. We just have never sat down and died. And we've never let the community forget."

Hee family history indicates the Kwan Tai Temple was built sometime in the 19th century, and one of the founders was the sisters' great-grandfather. But all the other families from that time left, leaving only the Hees to look after the simple, two-room structure dedicated to the Taoist military god Kwan Tai.

The family patriarch charged his daughter, Yip Lee, with taking care of the temple, a duty she fulfilled even after her husband went back to China, leaving her with 10 children.

Yip Lee passed the obligation on to son George Hee, father of Hee-Chorley and McCoard.

The family faced prejudice on two fronts. Hee had defied convention by marrying a white woman in the early 1940s; the couple had to go out of state to find a judge to perform the marriage. Hee-Chorley and McCoard remember classmates taunting them with racist chants. Meanwhile, their Chinese relatives were less than accepting.

At times, the sisters wished they were anywhere but Mendocino.

A blufftop collection of graceful Victorians used as a backdrop for TV's "Murder She Wrote," Mendocino isn't known as an outpost of early Asian immigration. But the Chinese had a presence here, as they did throughout the state.

"The Chinese didn't just come to San Francisco," says Wendy Roberts, a temple trustee who has researched the history of the North Coast Chinese while raising money for the restoration.

"They affected virtually every industry that helped to build this state. They were involved in agriculture, railroads — customs that have just gotten woven into the fabric of the state. You find evidence of their presence in irrigation ditches up in Gold Country and then on the redwood coast where there was logging and fishing."

In boom times, the Chinese were tolerated as hard workers willing to take on dangerous jobs. (A 1913 story in the Mendocino Beacon about exhuming Chinese remains in a local cemetery for shipment back to China notes, "It is a significant fact that all of the Chinese recently exhumed have been victims of accidents, not one having died a natural death.")

But when the economy soured, the Chinese proved convenient scapegoats, says Lorraine Dong, professor of Asian-American studies at San Francisco State University and past president of the Chinese Historical Society of America.

"Chinese people were seen as unchristian, immoral and unassimilable," says Dong.

Official records make little reference to the Chinese population, but insurance maps from 1890 show Chinese herb shops, a laundry and "Chinese shanties" in Mendocino.

Only now do Chinese railroad workers get credit. "If it wasn't for the experience of the Chinese, when it came time to building Tunnel No. 1, this railroad line would have only been about four miles in length instead of 40," says Robert Jason Pinoli, who works for a train tourist attraction.

Pinched by discriminatory laws and unemployment, the Chinese left, some going to China, some to big-city Chinatowns.

Today, census data show 380 Chinese-Americans living in Mendocino County, less than half of 1 percent of the county population. Chinese-Americans make up about 3 percent of the statewide population and account for about 20 percent of San Francisco residents.

Roberts is sometimes stunned at how invisible the Chinese were when they lived in Mendocino — and how quickly they were forgotten.

"The temple is a way of making us look those Chinese in the eye for the first time," says Roberts. "After all these years we're finally seeing it, seeing them."

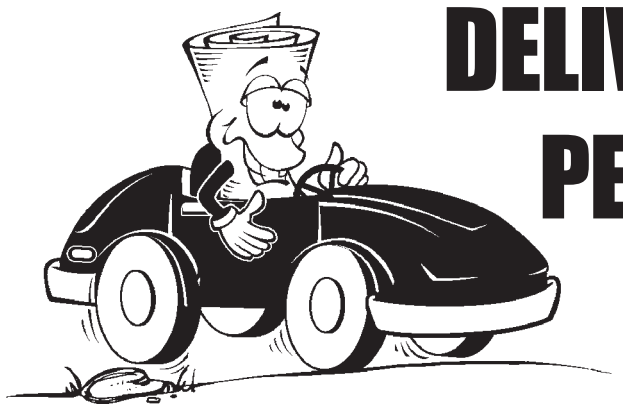
While other Chinese left Mendocino, the Hee family remained.

About a dozen years ago, the Hee sisters turned to the job of protecting the family legacy in earnest and got nonprofit status for the temple.

By then, it was showing its age. The foundation was going, a wall was leaning.

With the help of their brother, Wes Hee, and others in the community, including Roberts, the sisters got a $5,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and an $85,000 grant from the California Coastal Resources Agency.

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Winning hearts in a world that questions U.S. ideals difficult

BY DAVID FOSTER
Associated Press Writer

Abdel Malek does not hate America. He just doesn't like it as much anymore.

Malek, 36, is a Muslim who lives a thoroughly modern life in a fashionable suburb of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, one of the wealthiest nations in southeast Asia. He adores Michael Jordan and never misses a Steven Seagal movie.

He used to believe America stood for justice and human rights.

"I'd watch on CNN how the U.S. would be the first to condemn any wrongdoing anywhere in the world," he said.

Once U.S. jets started bombing Afghanistan in October, however, Malek cut back on CNN, distressed by the images of Afghan parents weeping for children killed by errant bombs.

"You start to think more and more about what the U.S. actually is, behind that mask of rhetoric," Malek said. "They may have their reasons in blaming Osama bin Laden, but to invade a country, kill innocent people to take out one man, how do you justify that?

"Now I think every country, including the U.S., will say one thing and then do exactly the opposite if it serves their interest. I am no longer idealistic or trust what people say. I take everything now with a pinch — make that a barrel — of salt."

With the rout of the Taliban and al-Qaida, the United States has shown it can crush a repressive Third World regime. But can it make friends overseas? Do its ideals still hold persuasive power, or must it rely on bombs?

As America looks beyond Afghanistan in its war against terrorism, it can count on a certain reservoir of global good will — but not enough to squander.

Throughout the world, including in heavily Islamic countries, plenty of people admire U.S. ideals of liberty, democracy and tolerance. Many are quick to complain, however, that America doesn't always live up to its principles, especially in foreign affairs. Such dissatisfaction slides easily into disillusionment, especially with a nudge from Islamic fundamentalists eager to portray America as a sinful nation bent on destroying Islam.

To gauge how the non-Western world views America's most cherished values, Associated Press reporters interviewed a sampling of citizens across Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Taken together, they reflect an unstable world in which the balance between love and loathing of America can shift quickly. Local miseries get blamed on America, fairly or not. And contradictions abound: Witness those who denounce U.S. culture as evil, all while sipping Coke and watching "Ally McBeal."

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ABDEL MALEK
Kuala Lumpur resident

Amid the complexities, there still are some straight-ahead, old-fashioned fans of America.

"The United States is doubtlessly the most dedicated country in the world in protecting human life, rights and dignity, as well as democracy and freedom," said Choi Jung-suk, 62, a retired air force colonel in South Korea and now an executive with the Korean Veterans Association.

He views America as a "blood-tied ally," recalling the Korean War, in which more than 33,000 U.S. soldiers died defending South Korea against communist North Korea. That was a just cause, Choi believes, as is the current campaign against terrorism.

"Terrorism is not only a challenge to democracy and freedom," Choi said. "It is also a disrespect to human life. Thus the U.S. retaliation is a punishment under the name of justice."

Justice for all. Freedom of worship. The right to speak freely and elect leaders. Such tenets of Western democracy have proved remarkably durable, spreading throughout the world. Where they are officially renounced by an authoritarian government, they tend to simmer amid the populace.

Americans attach themselves to such noble ideals, especially when waging war. They see their America as a nation that keeps to itself unless mightily provoked. President Bush said he was fighting terrorism "to save civilization itself."

Outside the United States, however, many people see the world's lone superpower as more heavy-handed than high-minded.

Some blame America for killing thousands of innocents in Iraq through bombing and economic sanctions.

Forest Service chief wants to end 'analysis paralysis'

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Environmentalists and the timber industry tend to be two bookends on a long shelf. Rarely do they meet, particularly now, as the Forest Service changes three key policies put in place by the Clinton administration.

While environmentalists believe President Bush's team is chipping away at hard-won forest safeguards, timber industry representatives welcome relief from what they saw as an overzealous bureaucracy.

Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth finds himself caught between the two, each with a passionate interest in the 192 million acres of federal forest and grasslands, used for everything from fishing to producing timber to sheltering wildlife.

There are so many confusing regulations, the national forests are in a state of "analysis paralysis" — lots of planning and evaluating, but little action, Bosworth said in an interview after eight months on the job.

He wants to make policies clear and regulations easier to understand.

"I don't want them to add so much more process that they add to the ... gridlock that we are in already," he said.

But, in Bosworth's changes, environmentalists see an erosion of former Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck's natural resources agenda and new favor for boosting timber sales and developing pristine areas.

Mike Anderson, forest analyst for the Wilderness Society, says analysis paralysis happens when the Forest Service re-enters environmentally sensitive areas, such as habitat for endangered species.

"Public opposition does lead to paralysis. We think that if they were to choose less controversial activities ... they will have broad public support," he said.

Bosworth and the Bush administration are reviewing and revising three major policies:

—The roadless rule, which roped off 58.5 million acres of forest, free of most logging and road construction.

—A transportation policy that outlined the management of more than 383,000 miles of forest roads to reduce a maintenance backlog and protect undeveloped areas.

—A set of regulations that provided local officials with guidance for writing 10- to 15-year forest management plans that could limit logging, skiing and other activities to protect ecosystems.

In each case, conservation groups contend, the changes being made undermine important forest protections.

Bosworth says the policies didn't work.

"Those things got all intertwined, and our folks in the field had an awful time trying to understand what it is we really wanted," he said.

The timber industry, on the other hand, is encouraged that the administration is listening to its complaints. During the 2000 presidential campaign, industry executives got the Republican Party's attention with a $1.5 million fund-raiser in Portland, Ore.

This month in Aurora, Ore., about a dozen timber company and industry association executives met with some of Bush's key natural resource officials to talk about land management policies.

The industry's message that day echoed Bosworth's on analysis paralysis: "Get us off of the total dead stop," says Chris West, vice president of the American Forest Resource Council in Portland. "Right now, the system is broken."

The issues are not new. Under a 1960 federal law, the Forest Service must manage the land for many uses, including timber production, conservation and recreation.

Under Dombeck, the Forest Service received national direction from headquarters as to the proper balance of uses. Bosworth — and the timber industry — believe such decisions are best made at the local level.

Chris Wood, a former top aide to Dombeck, sees the agency moving away from an "outward-looking" conservation agenda.

Major policies for national forests

By the Associated Press

A look at the status of three major policies governing national forests, approved by the Clinton administration in its final months:

Roadless rule: Adopted by the Clinton administration in January, the rule protected 58.5 million acres of undeveloped federal forest land from logging, road-building and other activities, except in rare circumstances.

Status: In May, a federal judge in Boise, Idaho, temporarily blocked the rule from taking effect. Because of that ongoing lawsuit and others, the Bush administration says it is working to revise the rule. Decisions about development in roadless areas will temporarily be made by the Forest Service chief, with some exceptions.

Road management policy: Also approved by the Clinton administration in January, the rule governs how more than 383,000 miles of forest roads are managed. It said that each national forest must map existing roads to help make better decisions about future construction, repair or removal of roads. The goal was to reduce a maintenance backlog.

Status: To simplify the policy, the Forest Service this month published an interim directive, which also eliminated some protections for undeveloped areas. An agency spokeswoman said parts of the policy were duplicative because the protections are provided elsewhere.

Forest planning regulations: Issued by the Clinton administration in November 2000, the regulations changed long-term forest management requirements to allow officials to limit logging, skiing, hiking and other activities in parts of national forests if they believe those activities might permanently harm the ecosystem.

Status: In April, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the Forest Service, concluded the rules were impossible to put in place and began a review.

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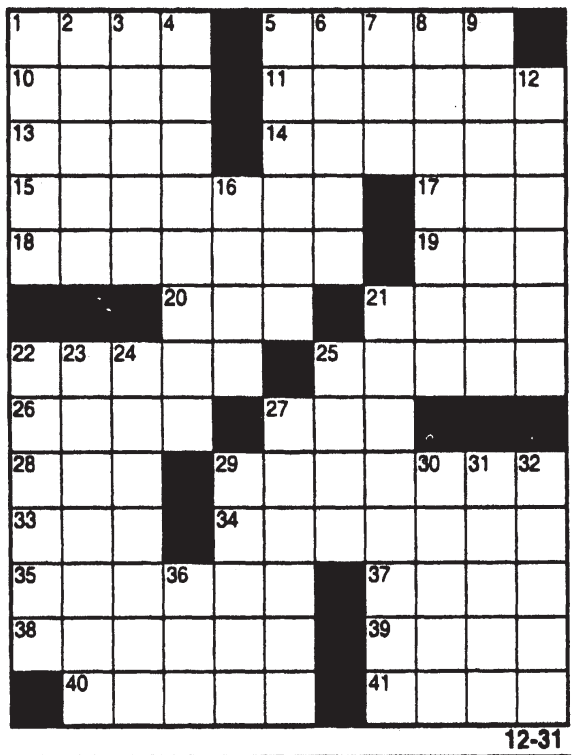
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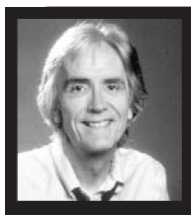
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Best friends for decades turn out to be brothers

By the Associated Press

WILTON, Conn. — Gary Klahr and Steven Barbin met decades ago and became close friends — so close that Klahr was best man at Barbin's wedding and once signed a photograph: "You are truly my brother."

How truly, they had no idea.

A search of adoption records three years ago revealed that Barbin, 49, and Klahr, 52, really are brothers.

This Christmas, the two men, their families and those of three other siblings they didn't know about until a few years ago celebrated Christmas at Klahr's home in Wilton.

"Gary and I have always felt a special bond between us," said Barbin, who works in shipping. They they met in a bar, he said, and immediately hit it off.

Then three years ago, a man in the area contacted state officials seeking information from his adoption file for medical reasons. That man also discovered he was one of nine in a family of 13 whose parents had given them up for adoption.

Nancy Sitterly, the caseworker who dug up the records at the Department of Children and Families, decided to contact the eight others. She called Klahr first.

Klahr was surprised to learn he was adopted, since the couple who raised him had never told him. Klahr told Sitterly that he would be turning to his best friend for support.

"I said, 'My best friend was adopted, and he's OK with it, so I guess I will be too,"' he recalled. "Then she asked me, 'What's your friend's name?' When I told her, there was a short silence on the line, then she asked me for Steven's number."

Klahr suspected what she was about to divulge.

"I said, 'Wait, if you are going to tell me that my best friend for 25 years is really my brother, you will be giving me the greatest gift on Earth,"' he recalled.

Klahr also discovered that his gym workout partner was another of his brothers. And a girl he briefly dated in the 1970s was actually his sister.

"If there was any forgiving to do, we did it pretty quickly," Klahr said Wednesday. "Thank God we didn't get married."

Their birth parents were Polish-Catholic, but Klahr, Barbin and three of their siblings were raised by Jewish families.

"They used to call me 'Jew boy' and spit on me," Klahr recalled of his childhood. "I was one of the only Jewish kids in the neighborhood and I got picked on a lot."

Son: Father spent beyond his means on Anna Nicole Smith

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA — Anna Nicole Smith's late oil tycoon husband spent well outside his personal means to give the former Playboy playmate expensive gifts, his son testified last week.

Pierce Marshall, 63, said his father was unable to pay for $1 million worth of Harry Winston jewels and tried unsuccessfully to pay for it with a business loan.

"He said 'The jewels are just going to have to go back,"' Marshall said.

But he said Smith refused to return them at first and as a result his father was sued by the jeweler.

It was Marshall's second day of testimony in the ongoing battle over J. Howard Marshall II's millions. Smith's attorneys were expected to begin questioning Marshall later Friday.

Marshall is appealing a previous decision to award Smith more than $400 million of his father's estate.

A California bankruptcy judge made the award in December 2000 after a Texas jury ruled Smith had no claim to the estate. U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter subsequently set aside the California ruling and decided to review the case himself.

Smith met the elder Marshall at a club where she was working as a stripper in 1991 and they were married at a drive-in chapel in Houston three years later when she was 26 and he was 89. He died in 1995.

She has testified the elder Marshall promised her half his fortune.

The younger Marshall's testimony in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana painted Smith as an uncaring spendthrift, who rarely visited her husband in his final days.

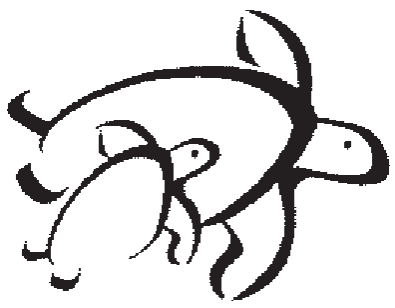
"Are you saying your actual frustration was that she wasn't there more?" attorney Rusty Hardin asked.

"Yes," Marshall said.

Smith, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Marshall, has accused the younger Marshall and his associates of limiting her access to her husband in the months before he died. She also has said Marshall put his father on an allowance and refused to pay some bills.

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