Desert News Roundup

Gunman escapes

CATHEDRAL CITY — An estimated $100 cash was taken at gunpoint Monday night from a clerk at Kentucky Fried Chicken while employees in the back of the restaurant were unaware of the robbery.

The robber entered the restaurant at 68-930 Highway 111 just before 8:30 p.m., reported sheriff's deputies, and drew a handgun while demanding money from clerk Nenlida Concepcion, 26.

Taking the cash, the robber then fled on foot, deputies said.

Three other restaurant employees working in back were unaware of the holdup, authorities said.

Assault suspect

PALM SPRINGS — A 22-year-old Anaheim man was in custody this morning on suspicion of assault on a police officer after he was found smashing tables and glass at a closed nightclub and brandished a jagged glass at a policeman, police said.

Lee Mohr, a co-owner of Manhattan, a defunct nightclub at 424 S. Indian Avenue, had told the man, Dean Edward Cranford, to leave after he entered the building without permission about 12:30 p.m. Monday, said police.

Later, as Mohr and others were in the kitchen, they heard the sound of breaking glass in the club and called police. When Officer Steve Adams approached Cranford, the man picked up a broken glass and waved it at Adams, according to police. Adams twice told Cranford to drop the glass, but he did not and Adams drew his service revolver, police said.

Cranford, who police said appeared to be confused, incoherent and possibly under the influence of drugs, finally dropped the glass.

Although he was again violent when backup officers handcuffed him, he was taken in without further incident, police said.

Cranford was taken to Desert Hospital for tests and then booked into city jail. He is being held in lieu of $25,000 bail, police said.

Tar burns man

A worker who was re-roofing a home Monday on East Sunny Dunes Road in Palm Springs is in good condition today at San Bernardino Community Hospital's burn unit after he slipped and fell, spilling hot tar on his uncovered chest and arm.

Eddie Patton, 32, was first taken to Desert Hospital's emergency room with third-degree burns on his left arm, chest, shoulder and side, and less severe burns on his leg, said Palm Springs Fire Department Capt. Jim MacLean.

Patton, whose hometown was not given, was later transferred to the burn unit of the San Bernardino hospital.

Pipeline OK'd

After a three-year delay, residents of Pioneertown northwest of Yucca Valley soon will see improvement in their water, thanks to Monday's decision by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to use $520,000 worth of state bond revenue to fund construction of 16,000 feet of pipeline, three wells and a reservoir.

By the end of next month, construction bids will have been received, public hearings will have been held and assessments will have been made, according to county officials.

The project began in 1980, when property owners in the area made the request. But it was stopped soon afterward, due to an inability by the state Department of Water Resources to sell Safe Drinking Water Bonds, said Vernon Knourek, the county assistant administrative officer for special projects.

Earlier this year, Knourek said, the project was reinstated when the money market improved and bond sales, at a reasonable price, again were possible by the water resources department.

Local residents will be assessed between $600 and $1789, depending upon their proximity to the improvements, over a 34-year period to pay off the bonds, said John Egan/of Egan and Associates consulting engineers in San Bernardino.

"This is a much-needed project," said 1st District Supervisor John Joyner, who represents Pioneertown and the entire Morongo Basin. "I think the time is ripe to sell the bonds" and make the improvements.

IMPACT

PS building inspector gathers Coalinga quake data

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PALM SPRINGS — When the earth stopped shaking last week in Coalinga, it wasn't long before Tony Cucuzzella had left Palm Springs and arrived in the shattered Fresno County community.

Cucuzzella wasn't just a curiosity seeker, however. He is a building inspector supervisor for the city of Palm Springs and spent two days in Coalinga, learning the impact of a temblor on various types of construction. Most of the homes in Coalinga were built in the 1930s and '40s, he said.

Cucuzzella, who also visited Westmorland in Imperial County last year after a quake there, obtained officials' permission to check on the damage caused in the Coalinga quake, which registered 6.5 on the Richter scale.

He said the tour brought home the need for easily read small-scale maps of the area, so inspectors unfamiliar with the locality would be able to examine structures quickly. Cucuzzella said it was also clear that inspectors needed an ample supply of forms to post the structures once they had been examined.

Homes built with wood frames on pilings suffered the most damage, he said. The pilings took the greatest force, toppled and the houses fell to the ground.

Those houses that were built on slabs had less damage.

As Cucuzzella looked at about 150 houses with a Red Cross worker, he was able to put his building inspection skills to use.

"One woman wouldn't go back into her house," he said. "I went in, looked it over and told her it would take more than a 6.5 to take this house out."

Cucuzzella said the woman finally took his word for the home's solid state and went in.

Cucuzella said one tract of relatively new homes suffered severe damage: Those built with "shot pins," not anchor bolts, to secure the exterior walls.

Fortunately, he said, there is no such construction in Palm Springs. He said the city's building division denied developers' requests to use the pins, although they have the sanction of the International Conference of Building Officials for certain areas.

Airport board approved

SAN BERNARDINO — A four-county regional airport authority, with the power to create and operate new or existing commercial and general aviation facilities, was unanimously endorsed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Monday.

It will help coordinate the acquisition of land for current and future airport needs, a county analyst said.

The board also agreed to put up $20,000 annually to set up the five-year authority, which would comprise San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles counties, along with the city of Los Angeles.

A similar endorsement, commitment and contribution is expected this month from Riverside County, and the others.

Fourth District Supervisor Robert O. Townsend, who represents the cities of Chino, Montclair and Ontario, reportedly has been instrumental in creating the unique authority. He is expected to act as liaison between the board and the authority.

"We've been trying to do this for years," said Townsend, whose district includes the Chino Airport and Ontario International Airport.

"As a separate public entity, the authority would have the power to issue revenue bonds, declare eminent domain and conduct environental impact reports," said county Executive Analyst Deborah Barmack.

The only change in the original plan came from 3rd District Supervisor David L. McKenna, representing the Redlands and Loma Linda areas, who suggested the five-year agreement be reviewed at the end of one year.

Badly damaged adult bookstore

Plans for rebuilding jeopardized by new Cathedral City ordinance

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CATHEDRAL CITY — Because of an ordinance passed here in November, the owners of an "adult" bookstore that nearly burned to the ground Monday in a suspected arson-caused fire may not be able to rebuild on the same site.

According to City Attorney Ray Ott, the ordinance calls for "adult entertainment" businesses — those with sexually explicit material — to be located "a certain distance away" from commercial districts, parks, churches and schools. In addition, they must be at least 1,000 feet from residential property, he said.

Socalbook Store, which has been openly objected to by Mayor Pat Murphy and members of the City Council, is located within two blocks of Cathedral City School at 68-744 Highway 111.

But bookstore owners David and Carol Paddock of Riverside, whose business has sustained two fires and two break-ins in the past six months, plus a pipe bombing Friday, charge that this latest fire is just the most recent example of what they see as continual harassment.

The Paddocks, claiming their constitutional rights were violated, filed suit against the city after a routine building inspection in March. According to building inspector Jerry Gilligan, 48 code violations were found.

Gilligan said Monday that negotiations between the city and the Paddocks' attorney, Roger Diamond of Pacific Palisades, had been continuing up until the the most recent series of incidents.

Despite the fact they claim not to have received adequate police protection, the Paddocks said Monday they hope to start reconstruction as soon as possible.

"We have just been left without any law enforcement protection at all," said Mrs. Paddock, who added that other businesses owned by the Paddocks had been the target of vandalism and arson beginning in January 1981.

Sheriff's Detective Tony Snodgrass, in charge of investigating the incidents at Socalbook, said Monday that "arson is very hard to prove because the evidence is burned up." He added he also believes the occurrences are related and have probably been caused by the same individual or individuals.

Gilligan said the remains of the store had been boarded up as of Monday and the decision whether to issue the Paddocks a new building permit or consider the property totaled depends on the amount of damage to the site.

Should the building be deemed destroyed, the Paddocks would be unable to rebuild at the same location because of the post-incorporation ordinance.

"If we catch someone entering, it's a felony," Gilligan said. "We can give them (the Paddocks) permission to go in and get their goods but under no circumstances can they try to do business."

The Paddocks' attorney vowed Monday to continue his clients' fight and backed up their decision to try and rebuild the store.

"No one should be rewarded for this kind of outrageous conduct," said Diamond, referring to what he sees as the work of a person or persons who want the Socalbook Store out of business. "Irate citizens would be doing this every time they wanted to get rid of something."

Video system bids are sought

PALM DESERT — The city wants contractors interested in installing a video system for the under-construction Palm Desert Civic Center to have their bids in by 11 a.m. Friday.

The system would enable the City Council, other civic boards and meeting audiences to view presentations on television screens, according to Sheila Gilligan, public information officer.

Design drawings and specifications are available at the Environmental Services Department, 45-275 Prickly Pear Lane.

The new City Hall is being built at Fred Waring Drive and San Pablo Avenue.

United States nixes Nicaragua's request for talks

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States has rejected Nicaragua's request for head-to-head talks, saying the leftist Sandinista government wants security at home while it destabilizes its Central American neighbors.

The request, made before the U.N. Security Council on Monday, comes at a time when Congress is considering limitations on covert U.S. aid to anti-government rebels fighting the Sandinistas.

"Nicaragua has once again come to us demanding of the United Nations international protection while it destabilizes its neighbors," said U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick.

She said Nicaragua repeatedly had rebuffed peace plans advanced by the United States in the last two years "based on the termination of Nicaraguan support of guerrilla groups" in El Salvador.

YV plant is turned down

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also is owned by Daniel, according to county Planning Department reports.

A vote on Daniel's plan was postponed last month at Joyner's request, giving him time to visit the site, tour the existing plant, talk with residents and assess the impact.

Joyner's motion Monday reversed a decision made previously by the county Planning Commission to OK the rezoning.

Fifth District Supervisor Robert L. Hammock, who represents the city of San Bernardino, voted in opposition to the motion, saying, "This isn't a fossil (fuel)-burning factory we're taking about. It's just a place to mix three or four different materials into concrete."

Hammock apparently felt residents were overreacting.

Joyner responded, "I'm not opposed to batch plants. But I am opposed to bad planning. I don't think this (proposed plant) should be here; and if I could vote to remove the existing one, I believe I'd do it."

The words "bad planning" took Daniel by surprise, along with his representative, Dennis Stafford, of W.J. McKeever civil engineers of Riverside.

After all, it was the county Planning Department that first recommended the Yucca Trail site to him, Daniel said.

Joyner's reference did not sit well, either, with county Economic Development Director Frank Coony.

"You've heard the phrase 'going the extra mile?' Well, this guy wrote the book on it," Coony said, indicating Daniel.

Southland due spring weather

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A high-pressure ridge to the north is expected to maintain pleasant Southern California spring weather, except for gusty winds in the northern mountains and a few low clouds.

"It should last through Saturday, and we don't anticipate any unforeseen developments," Weather Service Specialist Betty Reo said this morning.

In coastal areas, fair weather with a few early morning clouds was predicted, with highs from 74 to 78 and lows in the 50s.

A travelers advisory for north-to-northwest winds of up to 40 mph was issued for northern mountain resorts, with otherwise fair weather. Resort highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s were expected.

The southern deserts were expected to heat up into the 90s, with the northern deserts about 20 degrees lower.

Wake, Mass planned for Corsini

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In a 1980 Desert Sun interview, while he was mayor, Corsini said his dream for Desert Hot Springs in the year 2000 was for it to remain "Everyone's Hometown."

During his term, Corsini was instrumental in winning council approval for starting the city's own police force, other council members from that period remembered.

Corsini made an unsuccessful Democratic primary bid for the 68th District state Assembly seat last June, placing second in the race behind Steve Clute, who eventually won the post.

In July, Corsini announced he would not seek re-election in November as mayor. Instead, he accepted a job as national sales manager for the Juki International typewriter manufacturing firm in Los Angeles.

Corsini learned of his illness in March and remained active almost up to the time of his death, family members said.

On April 28, he appeared as master of ceremonies at the Chamber of Commerce officer installation.

"It was a very happy occasion," said chamber Executive Director Tom Voss. "He did some light ribbing of ingoing and outgoing officers; apparently he enjoyed it very much."

"He was in pain but he wouldn't let anybody know it," Mrs. Corsini said. "He told me, 'This will be our last public appearance.'"

Corsini was also the vice president of the St. Elizabeth Parish Council, and a member of the Rotary and Elks clubs.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Robin and Maureen, both of Riverside; a granddaughter, Lia Fae; his mother, Inez Corsini of Yonkers, N.Y.; a sister, Carol Crisanti of Westerly, R.I.; a brother, Raymond Corsini of Plainville, Conn., and numerous aunts and uncles.

Visitation hours will be Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m. at the Desert Mortuary chapel here. Burial will be in Desert Memorial Park, after the funeral Mass Thursday.

Temperatures

	High	Low		High	Low
Palm Springs	87	62	1000 Palms	88	64
(Humidity, 5 p.m... 38%)			Desert Hot Springs	85	58
Cathedral City	92	55	Rancho Mirage	92	60
Indio	97	65	Mecca	95	59
North Shore	91	61	Oasis	93	55
La Quinta	88	60	Twentynine Palms	90	50
Bermuda Dunes	NA	NA	Yucca Valley	76	40
Palm Desert	93	60	Beaumont	70	50

WEATHER: Coachella Valley — 345-3711 (Monday — Friday)
SMOG: Coachella Valley — (800) 242-4666
WIND: Coachella Valley and San Gorgonio Pass — 345-2767

California

Bakersfield	69	47	
Blythe	92	m	
Eureka	57	44	
Fresno	70	49	
Lancaster	68	48	
LosAngeles	76	66	
Marysville	53	m	
Monterey	60	m	
Needles	91	m	
Oakland	69	50	
PasoRobles	71	45	
RedBluff	70	49	
RedwoodCity	66	50	
Reno	53	31	.09
Sacramento	67	50	
Salinas	67	47	
SanDiego	70	59	
SanFrancisco	66	50	
SantaBarbara	68	52	
SantaMaria	74	m	
Stockton	71	m	
Thermal	92	m	
Ukiah	60	m	
Barstow	79	56	
Big Bear	65	33	
Bishop	71	41	
Catalina	m	m	
LakeArrowhead	m	m	
LongBeach	70	60	
Monrovia	78	52	
Mt.Wilson	66	44	
NewportBeach	69	57	
Ontario	74	57	
Pasadena	75	52	
Riverside	74	52	
SanBernardino	71	54	
SanGabriel	m	m	
SanJose	68	46	
SantaAna	73	57	
SantaCruz	70	47	
TahoeValley	51	26	

The nation

Albany	49	38		cdy
Albuquerque	85	50		cdy
Amarillo	77	53	.87	cdy
Anchorage	58	43		cdy
Asheville	72	39		clr
Atlanta	72	58		cdy
AtlanticCity	60	46		clr
Austin	71	64	.20	cdy
Baltimore	60	33		clr
Billings	52	33		m
Birmingham	78	59		m
Bismarck	73	44	.13	m
Boise	49	35		cdy
Boston	60	40	.01	cdy
Brownsville	89	76	.02	cdy
Buffalo	48	36		clr
Burlington	39	35	.76	cdy
Casper	58	30		m
Chrlstn,S.C.	68	60		clr
Chrlstn,W.V.	60	31		clr
Charlotte,N.C.	69	43		clr
Cheyenne	75	35		m
Chicago	55	28		clr
Cincinnati	60	36		clr
Cleveland	49	28		clr
Columbia,S.C.	75	45		clr
Columbus	55	32		clr
Dallas-FtWorth	69	58		cdy
Dayton	56	37		clr
Denver	81	39		cdy
DesMoines	66	49		cdy
Detroit	55	32		clr
Duluth	53	39	.01	cdy
ElPaso	86	68		clr
Fairbanks	64	42		cdy
Fargo	68	51		cdy
Flagstaff	63	37		cdy
GreatFalls	40	30	.98	sn
Hartford	55	37	.01	cdy
Helena	40	31	.87	sn
Honolulu	86	71		clr
Houston	70	66	.73	cdy
Indianapolis	63	39		[illegible]
Jackson,Miss.	78	58		m
Jacksonville	83	60		cdy
Juneau	55	40		clr
KansasCity	70	50		cdy
LasVegas	82	58		clr
LittleRock	67	50		cdy
LosAngeles	76	66		clr
Louisville	63	42		clr
Lubbock	84	55	.68	cdy
Memphis	72	51		m
Miami	80	74		cdy
Milwaukee	46	29		cdy
Mpls-St.Paul	63	49		cdy
Nashville	68	45		cdy
NewOrleans	81	65		cdy
NewYork	59	42		clr
Norfolk	65	46		clr
NorthPlatte	80	51		cdy
OklahomaCity	71	52		cdy
Omaha	72	51		cdy
Orlando	87	64		cdy
Philadelphia	58	40		clr
Phoenix	94	65		cdy
Pittsburgh	53	28		clr
Portland,Me.	54	33	.22	cdy
Portland,Ore.	55	46	.38	clr
Providence	59	39		cdy
Raleigh	67	39		clr
RapidCity	77	44		m
Reno	53	31	.09	clr
Richmond	68	43		clr
St.Louis	66	43		cdy
St.Pete-Tampa	83	66		cdy
SaltLake	52	34		sn
SanAntonio	78	62	.37	cdy
SanDiego	70	59		clr
SanFrancisco	66	50		clr
SltSteMarie	47	26		clr
Seattle	58	43		clr
Shreveport	73	59		cdy

Canada

Calgary	38	33	.4
Edmonton	49	35	
Montreal	38	35	10.8
Ottawa	40	33	3.6
Regina	62	46	
Toronto	47	30	
Vancouver	56	45	4.4
Winnipeg	66	50	

Precipitation in millimeters.

The world

Amsterdam	59	54	m
Athens	77	59	cdy
Bangkok	95	84	clr
Barbados	95	77	clr
Beirut	72	57	cdy
Belgrade	59	54	m
Berlin	64	46	cdy
Bogota	64	41	cdy
Brussels	57	41	clr
B'Aires	66	46	clr
Cairo	102	63	cdy
Caracas	84	63	cdy
Copenhagen	50	46	cdy
Dublin	57	48	m
Frankfurt	63	48	cdy
Geneva	63	43	clr
Helsinki	59	41	clr
HongKong	84	79	clr
Jerusalem	79	59	cdy
Jo'burg	72	48	clr
Kiev	61	50	m
Lima	84	73	clr
Lisbon	66	55	cdy
London	52	43	cdy
Madrid	72	45	clr
Manila	97	73	clr
MexicoCity	86	55	clr
Montreal	55	37	cdy
Moscow	59	43	cdy
Nassau	81	59	clr
NewDelhi	104	79	clr
Nicosia	82	52	cdy
Oslo	48	46	cdy
Paris	59	43	cdy
Peking	82	64	clr
Rio	91	64	cdy
SanJuan	93	79	clr
SaoPaulo	77	61	cdy
Seoul	79	59	clr
Singapore	88	73	clr
Stockholm	61	43	clr
Sydney	73	54	clr
Taipei	86	72	clr
TelAviv	79	61	cdy
Tokyo	75	57	clr
Toronto	48	32	clr
Vancouver	54	43	m
Vienna	57	50	clr