

FRIDAY, May 29, 2015

California could soon legalize lane-splitting

California may become the first state to explicitly allow motorcycles to weave between stalled cars in traffic.

The Assembly yesterday approved legislation permitting lane-splitting.

Bikers who navigate congested roads by driving through the middle of lanes are in a legal gray area in California, though law enforcement has permitted the practice. Other states explicitly ban lane-splitting. Assemblymen Bill

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Buena Vista rescue shocker

BY BREENA KERR
Daily Post Staff Writer

The nonprofit that wants to buy and save Palo Alto's last mobile home park was founded by a Catholic priest who was accused of molesting boys and young men, officials confirmed yesterday.

Monsignor Michael Harris founded the nonprofit Caritas Corp. in 1996 after his reputation

Accused pedophile priest founded nonprofit that was chosen to save mobile home park

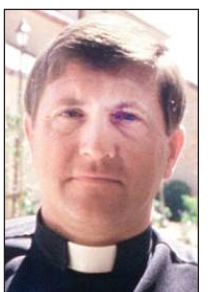
was tainted by accusations of molestation by former students, according to reports in the Los Angeles Times and other Southern California newspapers. He was forced to give up his work in the

church and as the principal of a Catholic high school.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who is a leader in effort to save Buena Vista Mobile Home Park in Palo Alto from

closure, said that his team came across news stories about Harris as they investigated nonprofits that might be able to save the park.

"I called the folks at Caritas to [See PRIEST, page 50]



HARRIS

THE UPDATE

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EX-SPEAKER INDICTED:

Former Republican House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois was indicted yesterday of evading bank regulations by withdrawing \$952,000 in increments of less than \$10,000 to skirt reporting requirements. He also is charged with one count of lying to the FBI about the reason for the unusual withdrawals. He's accused of paying \$3.5 million in hush money to keep a person from his hometown from going public with crimes he allegedly committed while a state legislator.

NEW SHARKS COACH:

Peter DeBoer, who has previously coached in Florida and New Jersey, was named coach of the San Jose Sharks, replacing Todd McLellan, who has moved on to Edmonton, Canada.

SPELLING BEE CO-CHAMPS:

For the second consecutive year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has ended in a tie. The final word for Vanya Shivashankar, 13, of Olathe, Kansas, was "scherenschnitte," which means the art of cutting paper into decorative designs. After being

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MORE HOTELS
Plans have been submitted to Palo Alto City Hall for two hotels on San Antonio Road, northeast of Middlefield Road. Both will be five stories high. **SEE STORY INSIDE.** Illustration provided by Marriott Corp.

Anthrax sent to Stanford

BY BREENA KERR
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A Stanford medical school laboratory was one of nine labs that received a shipment of live anthrax spores that was accidentally sent out by the U.S. Department of Defense, the university said in a statement yesterday.

"It's appalling to me that someone wouldn't have tested this anthrax before it was sent out... That's alarming,"

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Group claims race bias in math

BY ANGELA RUGGIERO
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An advocacy group claims the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District disproportionately enrolls Hispanic and black students in lower-level math classes during their freshman year. But the school district superintendent says that's just not the case.

The Lawyers Committee for Civil

Allegations disputed by school officials

Rights of San Francisco said it gathered data from the school district through a public records act request and found a disproportionate number of blacks and Hispanics are placed in lower-level

math classes their freshman year, despite being on par with white students.

Hispanics comprise 24% of the students in the districts and blacks represent 2%.

The committee conducted a study last year titled "Held Back" that analyzed various school districts throughout the Bay Area

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