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BRIEFS

Man found guilty of killing daughter

LOS ANGELES — A man accused of deliberately throwing his 4-year-old daughter from a Rancho Palos Verdes cliff to avoid paying child support was found guilty of first-degree murder Wednesday, ending a legal saga that has stretched more than a decade.

Two previous juries had deadlocked over whether Cameron Brown, 53, intentionally threw his daughter, Lauren, from the cliff or whether her death in 2000 was a tragic accident.

American citizen slain in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — Gunmen stormed a guesthouse in the Afghan capital as it hosted a party for foreigners Wednesday night, and the U.S. Embassy said one American was killed. A witness said as many as several dozen people were believed held captive.

Details about exactly how many people were held at Kabul's Park Palace Hotel remained unclear into the night, as sporadic gunfire echoed around the guesthouse in a central neighborhood home to United Nations compounds and a foreign-run hospital. Two explosions later could be heard and four ambulances later arrived to the scene.

Gunmen murder 45 Muslims in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan — Gunmen stormed a bus carrying Shiite Muslims in southern Pakistan and ordered them to bow their heads before being shot, killing at least 45 people Wednesday in the latest attack targeting the religious minority.

Who carried out the attack in the port city of Karachi wasn't immediately clear, as a Pakistani Taliban splinter group and an Islamic State affiliate both claimed it. However, some Taliban fighters have pledged their allegiance in recent months to the extremist group that now holds a third of Iraq and Syria in its self-declared caliphate.

"These are the people who are extremists, who are terrorists," provincial police chief Ghulam Haider Jamali said of the assailants. "These are the same people who have been doing terrorism before."

Dozens are feared dead in factory fire

MANILA, Philippines — A fire gutted a rubber slipper factory in a suburb of the Philippine capital Wednesday, possibly killing dozens of workers who ran to the second floor in hopes of escaping only to become trapped by the smoky inferno, officials said.

At least three bodies have been recovered and fire officials found no survivors after the fire was put under control, said Mayor Rex Gatchalian of Valenzuela city, north of Manila.

Relatives reported 65 people missing, and Gatchalian said only seven people managed to escape the fire. There could be others who are listed as missing but were able to escape, he said.

◆ Daily News wire reports

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Isolated villages cut off by road-blocking debris

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Many survivors of Nepal's most recent earthquake remain cut off by blocked roads in isolated villages, a U.N. official said Wednesday, after this Himalayan nation suffered through its second major quake in less than three weeks.

The magnitude-7.3 earthquake shook the impoverished country Tuesday, killing at least 79 people and injuring more than 2,300, just as it was beginning to rebuild from a devastating April 25 earthquake.

The most recent quake hit hardest in deeply rural parts of the Himalayan foothills, hammering many villages reached only by hiking trails and causing road-blocking landslides.

"Damaged houses were further damaged or destroyed. Houses and schools building spared before were affected yesterday, roads were damaged," said Jamie McGoldrick, a top U.N. official in Nepal.

Among 14 quake-hit districts, some are barely accessible, and a large part of the affected population could not be reached easily because of damaged roads.

"Some are even difficult to reach by helicopter. We are facing monumental challenges here to support the government in these districts to have a credible response," McGoldrick said.

On Wednesday, officials with bullhorns walked through the worst-damaged streets of Chautara, a small town northeast of Kathmandu, calling for people to leave buildings in danger of collapsing after Tuesday's quake.

"There is danger!" they said



Associated Press

A Nepalese woman carrying belongings walks past a damaged house Wednesday in Chautara, Nepal.

over the bullhorns. "Leave the buildings!"

Most people, though, had fled into the open the day before and had spent the night in tents or under plastic tarps.

Chautara, a foothills town, became a hub for rescuers and humanitarian aid after the first earthquake. Officials there said at least three people had died and more than 60 were injured in the new quake.

People salvaged whatever they could from their toppled homes. Most houses appeared to be damaged; some were leveled. Others tilted and rested on adjacent homes.

"We were in the shop. All of a sudden the building shook. I jumped out of the store and the next second it fell down. It was already tilted by the last month's earthquake. I watched it just slide and fall on its side," said Devi Acharya, a convenience store owner.

Meanwhile, a U.S. Marine Corps helicopter carrying six Marines and two Nepalese soldiers remained missing. It had

been delivering disaster aid Tuesday in the country's northeast, U.S. officials said. There have been no indications the aircraft crashed.

Home ministry official Laxmi Dhakal said Wednesday that army helicopters were scouring the Sunkhani area, nearly 50 miles northeast of Kathmandu, for the missing helicopter.

Most of the people confirmed dead in the second quake by Wednesday afternoon were in Dolakha district, northeast of Kathmandu, said the district's chief administrator, Prem Lal Lamichane.

"People are terrorized. Everyone is scared here. They spent the night out in the open," Lamichane said, adding the administration was running out of relief materials.

He asked the government to send more helicopters and supplies and said many injured people were stranded in villages.

Tuesday's quake killed 16 people in northern India and one person in Tibet.

House OKs bill banning most late-term abortions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans finally won House approval Wednesday for a late-term abortion ban after dropping rape provisions that provoked a rebellion by female GOP lawmakers, forcing party leaders into an embarrassing retreat.

The near party-line 242-184 vote marked a victory for anti-abortion lawmakers and organizations. But the path to passage took months of negotiations among those groups, female lawmakers and party leaders, underscoring how tough it will be for the GOP to satisfy anti-abortion forces while retaining support from women voters for next year's elections.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, called the bill "the most pro-life legislation to ever come before this body," adding, "We should all be proud to take this stand today."

Even with House passage, the measure stands little chance of becoming law. Its fate is uncertain in the more moderate Senate and President Barack Obama would likely veto it, leaving it chiefly a way for the GOP to underscore its backing for the anti-abortion goals of some of its most ardent supporters.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest contrasted the measure's strictures with the usual Republican demands for keeping government out

of people's lives, saying, "The bill continues to add a harsh burden to survivors of sexual assault, rape and incest who are already enduring unimaginable hardship."

The legislation forbids most abortions starting with the 20th week of pregnancy.

In January, Republican leaders abruptly postponed a vote on the original version, which permitted rape victims to have abortions only if they'd reported the assault to police. The new bill instead requires those women to receive medical care or counseling at least 48 hours before an abortion.

Republican women and moderates objected that the initial bill clamped harsh requirements on women making stressful decisions and could make the GOP seem callous.

"This has a much less punitive substance to it," said Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Ind., who said she'd now support the legislation. "It's important that when we look at the care of women who are in crisis, that we make sure they're totally taken care of."

The January delay was particularly awkward for GOP leaders because that vote was to occur during the annual March for Life by abortion opponents who flock to Washington for the event.

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For additional information and our schedule, go to the RAB Internet Web Site at www.rabnewportri.org. Additional information is available at the Navy's Internet Web Site at <http://www.navfac.navy.mil>.
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