

# NEWS OF THE WEIRD

## 1,100 pounds of garbage from Everest removed

KATMANDU, Nepal — A Japanese mountaineer and his team have brought 1,100 pounds of garbage down from Mount Everest in his latest campaign to clean the world's highest mountain.

It was the fifth trip by Ken Noguchi, who began his campaign in 2000.

Noguchi, who was aided by two other Japanese mountaineers and 12 sherpa guides, thinks Everest is much cleaner than before because more people are aware of the impact of leaving garbage on the mountain.

"During this year's cleanup expedition, I found that the amount of waste left on the mountain has been drastically decreased," Noguchi told reporters Monday.

Noguchi says he's collected an estimated 19,800 pounds of garbage over the course of his five trips.

Everest has been nicknamed the world's highest garbage dump. In recent years, however, the Nepalese government has tightened its laws, and climbers and their guides are now required to carry out all gear and trash or forfeit a \$4,000 deposit.

There have been several expeditions to clean up Everest in the past, but many have been accused of concentrating more on scaling the peak than on bringing down garbage.

— The Associated Press

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## TODAY

**Terrific Tuesdays** 3:30 p.m., activities for children ages 5 and up, Fairfield-Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

**Pre-school Story Time** 10:30 a.m., stories, songs, and crafts, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 421-6503 or [www.solanolib.com](http://www.solanolib.com).

**Military Order of Purple Hearts Meeting** 7 p.m., Veteran's Hall, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. Info: 429-4156.

**Women's Investment Group** 6-8 p.m., RW Investment Group, learn about the stock market and invest money as a group, \$25 minimum investment, open

to the public, Country Club Estates Clubhouse, 1800 East Tabor Ave., Fairfield. Info: 631-4245 or [laura.rwinvestments@gmail.com](mailto:laura.rwinvestments@gmail.com).

**Federal Employees Meeting** 2 p.m., Fairfield Senior Center Round Table Room, 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: Bob, 446-3321.

**Senior Singles** 5 p.m., bring a snack and your ideas, no cost to join or attend, Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 429-6291, leave a message and a call back number.

**Baby Bounce** 11 a.m., for ages 1-18 months with songs, stories and fingerplays, free and no registration is necessary, Fairfield-Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

## WEDNESDAY

**Cancer Support Group** 7-8:30 p.m., Children's Cancer Community, for children, teens and families, includes dinner, art activities and discussion, free, 1455 Oliver Road, Suite 260, Fairfield. Info: 863-9768 or [www.hopefor-cancerkids.org](http://www.hopefor-cancerkids.org).

**Moose Lodge Bingo** 5:30 p.m. quickies, 6:30 p.m. early bird, 7 p.m. regular bingo. \$10 pack games with a half-time prize drawing, Fairfield Moose Lodge, 623 Taylor St., Fairfield. Info: 422-3245.

**Toddler Time** 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., for active toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years, with songs, stories and fingerplays, free and no registration is necessary, Fairfield-Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

## COMING UP

**Fairfield Farmer's Market** 4-8 p.m. Thursday, rain or shine, corner of Jefferson and Texas streets.

**Reading Volunteers Orientation** 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, need adults to read children's books aloud in medical clinic waiting rooms in Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St., Fairfield. Info: 432-1995.

**LapSit Story time** 11 a.m. Thursday, songs, finger plays and stories for infants to 18 months, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 421-6503, [www.solanolib.com](http://www.solanolib.com)

**Senior Center Ballroom Dance** 7:30 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Larry Dent and the Accents will play waltzes, polkas, fox trots and Latin patterns, a donation of \$7 will be accepted at the door, Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 425-6257 or 425-4276.

**Girls Empowering Girls After School Group** 4 p.m. Thursday, girls can talk openly to other girls about the issues and pressures of their lives, free, 1530 Webster St. Facilitated by Leslie Gay Solana, LCSW. Info: 425-6065.

**"Cuentos y Cantos"** 11 a.m. Thursday, Spanish storytime for children, Fairfield-Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

**Reverse Mortgage Workshop** 11 a.m. Thursday, learn how to use home equity to generate income using an FHA insured program, free. Call for location and seating. Info: 365-0536.

**3-4-5 Jump 'n' Jive** 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Friday, interactive program with stories, music, movement and crafts for children ages 3 and up, free and no registration is necessary, Fairfield-Cordelia Library, 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

**Jan Hannigan Adult Center Dedication** 11:30 a.m. Friday, Fairfield-Suisun Adult School, 1100 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 421-4155.

**Toddler Story Time** 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Friday, stories, activities, songs, and more, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 421-6503 or [www.solanolib.com](http://www.solanolib.com).

**Food Addicts Anonymous (FA) Meeting** 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, for individuals recovering from addictive eating, bulimia and undereating, there are no dues, fees or weigh-ins, Kaiser Permanente, 3700 Vaca Valley Pkwy., Vacaville. Info: (800) 600-6028.

**Pet Adoption Faire**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, The Pet Club Store, 5125 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Adoptions held by the Solano County

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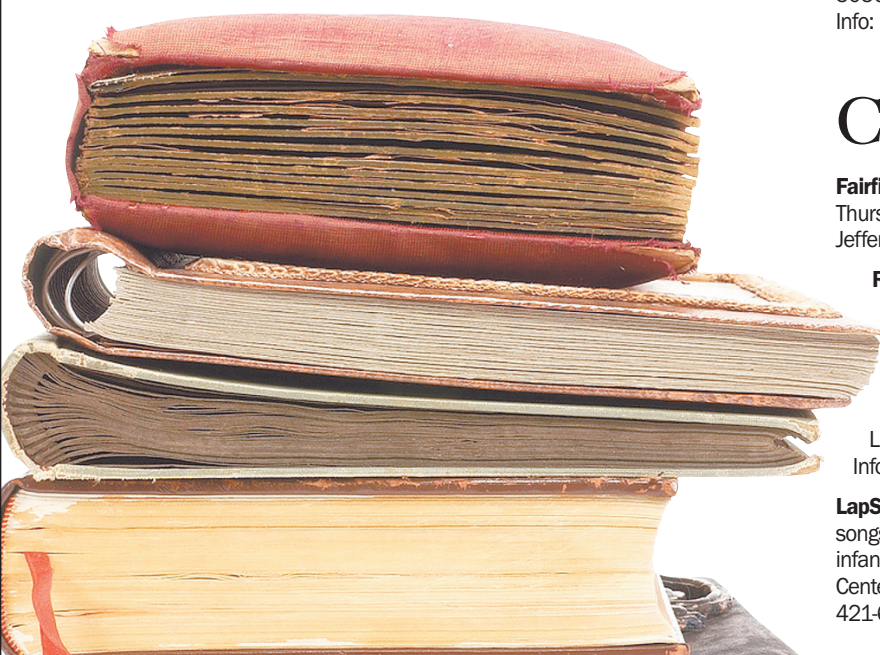
"Community Calendar" runs daily and includes meetings of interest to the general public as well as community events, fund-raisers, and activities. Write "Community Calendar" on your submission and e-mail it to [community@dailyrepublic.net](mailto:community@dailyrepublic.net) or mail it to the Daily Republic, P.O. Box 47, Fairfield, Calif., 94533.

Animal Shelter in cooperation with the volunteers from Solano County Animal Rescue Foundation, a nonprofit California corporation. Info: [tm2004@comcast.net](mailto:tm2004@comcast.net).

**Family Breakfast** 7-9 a.m. Saturday, full menu offered, \$4 per person, a la carte menu also available, public is welcome, Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: [limorrison@aol.com](mailto:limorrison@aol.com).

**Accordion Club Celebration** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, the Golden State Accordion Club will have its annual Picnic and Accordion Celebration at Don Pippo's Ranch, 4142 Cantelow Road, Vacaville. Dinner, dancing, singing, games and more, open to the public. \$12 for members, \$14 for non-members and \$6 for children under 10. Info: 864-2359.

**American Cancer Society Fund-raiser** 6-10 p.m. Monday, The Solano County Sheriff's Office and Chevy's - Fresh Mex in Vacaville are holding a fund-raiser to support the American Cancer Society. 25 percent of all sales will be given to the American Cancer Society. 200 Nut Tree Pkwy., Vacaville. Info: 784-1611 or e-mail [ptoyabee@solanocounty.com](mailto:ptoyabee@solanocounty.com).



▲ **Spanish Story Time** 11 a.m. to noon today, stories and songs in Spanish for two groups: 0-2 and 3 and older, Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 421-6503 or [www.solanolib.com](http://www.solanolib.com).

## Guantanamo: Retrial possible

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cused of chauffeuring bin Laden's and being the al-Qaida chief's bodyguard.

The new Military Commissions Act was written to establish military trials after the U.S. Supreme Court last year - ruling in a case brought by Hamdan - rejected the previous system. Defense attorneys argued the new system is full of problems.

The judges agreed that there was one problem they could not resolve - the new legislation says only "unlawful enemy combatants" can be tried by the military trials, known as commissions. But Khadr and Hamdan had previously been identified by military panels only as enemy combatants, lacking the critical "unlawful" designation.

The surprise decisions do not spell freedom for the detainees, who are imprisoned here along with the others suspected of links to al-Qaida and the Taliban.

"It is very difficult when practical conditions for him don't change," Joseph McMillan, one of Hamdan's civilian attorneys, told reporters Monday night. Hamdan's military attorney, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Charles Swift, said Hamdan "is relieved" by Allred's ruling.

Khadr was 15 when he was captured after a firefight in Afghanistan in 2002 in which he allegedly killed a U.S. soldier and was wounded himself. He is now 20.

Khadr, appearing in the courtroom with a beard and wearing an olive-green prison uniform, seemed uninterested when his judge, Army Col. Peter Brownback, threw out the case. Khadr focused on his own image on a computer screen that showed a live TV broadcast of the proceedings.

The chief of military defense attorneys at Guantanamo Bay, Marine Col. Dwight Sullivan, said the dismissal of the case against Khadr could spell the end of the war-crimes trial system hurriedly set up last year by Congress and Bush after the Supreme Court threw out the previous system.

But Army Maj. Beth Kubala, spokeswoman for the Office of

Military Commissions that organizes the trials, said "the public should make no assumption about the future of military commissions."

She said they will operate openly and fairly and added that dismissals of the charges "reflect that the military judges operate independently."

Legal experts said Brownback apparently left open the door for a retrial for Khadr, and that the Defense Department can possibly fix the jurisdictional problem by holding new "combat status review tribunals" for any detainee headed to trial.

Sullivan said the dismissal has "huge" impact because none of the detainees held at this isolated military base in southeast Cuba has been found to be an "unlawful" enemy combatant.

"It is not just a technicality; it's the latest demonstration that this newest system just does not work," Sullivan told journalists. "It is a system of justice that does not comport with American values."

The Military Commissions Act specifically says that only those classified as "unlawful" enemy combatants can face war trials here, Brownback noted.

The distinction is important because if they were "lawful," they would be entitled to prisoner of war status, which under the Geneva Conventions would entitle them to the same treatment under established military law that U.S. soldiers would get.

A Pentagon spokesman said the issue was little more than semantics.

Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey Gordon told The Associated Press said the entire Guantanamo system was set up to deal with people who act as "unlawful enemy combatants," operating outside any internationally recognized military, without uniforms, military ranks or other things that make them party to the Geneva Conventions.

"It is our belief that the concept was implicit that all the Guantanamo detainees who were designated as 'enemy combatants' ... were in fact unlawful," Gordon said.

## Targets: Authorities must safeguard countless areas

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They're fully focused on them and feeling overwhelmed."

For example, the NYPD has monitored the hulking ventilation towers along the Hudson River that feed fresh air to the Lincoln and Holland tunnels for signs of a chemical attack. Tens of thousands of cars pass through the tunnels each day, and they are usually filled with bumper-to-bumper traffic during rush hours. If a nefarious substance got in the tunnel, it could be devastating.

The NYPD has also quietly used its scuba unit to inspect retaining walls on the East River near the United Nations for

any signs of underwater mines. In addition, officers have sought to secure rail yards, fearing that terrorists might try to tamper with rail cars carrying dangerous chemicals through the city.

Past investigations have foiled a separate scheme to flood the Wall Street area by breaching a retaining wall at the World Trade Center site, along with a homegrown plot to blow up the busy Herald Square subway station in midtown Manhattan.

Investigators in the 2004 train bombing in Madrid also discovered a crude diagram of Grand Central Terminal on a computer disk seized from one

of the suspect's homes.

The pipeline system targeted by the suspects in the latest case is huge, winding its way through all corners of the city. It is part of a national pipeline network run by Buckeye Partners LP that serves major airports in New York, Chicago, Detroit, and Pennsylvania, among other locations. The network also delivers jet fuel to military bases.

In a criminal complaint outlining the allegations, one suspect is quoted as saying he hoped it would "cause greater destruction than in the Sept. 11 attacks," torching the airport, killing several thousand people and destroying parts of New

York's borough of Queens, where the pipeline route is marked by warning signs.

The accused mastermind of the plot, Russell Defreitas, 63, was in custody Monday in New York, where he is due to have a bail hearing Wednesday.

Two other suspects, Kareem Ibrahim and Abdul Kadir, a former member of Guyana's Parliament, were in Trinidad and planned to fight U.S. extradition.

The two made their initial court appearance Monday on one count each of conspiracy to commit a terrorist act against the government of the United States. The judge set a bail hearing for June 11 and an extradition hearing Aug. 2.

## Migden: DA will make decision within two weeks

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exiting onto Highway 12. She rear-ended a car carrying a woman and her 3-year-old daughter, who were taken to an emergency room for treatment, Bishop said. He declined to say how fast investigators believe Migden was driving.

"In both collisions, inattention due to distraction by cell phone use was found to be a contributing factor," Bishop said.

Last year, Migden voted for a law that requires drivers to use a headset or other hands-free device when talking on a cell phone while driving. The

law takes effect in July 2008.

Coffer said she needs to review the case before deciding whether to file charges against the senator.

"We still have to review the 911 calls and there's some additional investigation that we want to do," Coffer said.

Reckless driving is a misdemeanor in most cases, unless the victims suffer great bodily injury or the driver has prior convictions for reckless driving, which prosecutors do not believe is the case with Migden, Coffer said.

The CHP received about a half dozen emergency calls from other motorists on the day

of Migden's accident, some of whom said she nearly ran them off the road. Migden told the AP afterward that she could not recall the wild ride.

In a statement released Monday, Migden said, "I am very sorry about the accident which I caused. I am not driving. I am in the process of undergoing a medical evaluation and I will in no way shirk my responsibility for what happened."

Bishop noted that investigators conducted field sobriety tests at the time of the crash and found no indication that Migden was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. But he said the agency has filed a re-

quest for driver reevaluation with the DMV.

"That's a tool that we have to make sure that we keep the roadways safe," he said. "Given the circumstances of these collisions, we felt that it was an appropriate action to request that the DMV reevaluate the senator's driving abilities."

The state is liable for any damages because Migden has said she was on state business at the time of her crash.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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## Roundabout: Sculptor is professor at Solano College

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Union and Texas streets.

Solano County built the roundabout in 2005. Almost from the beginning, various supervisors talked about installing an art project there.

The county and the Suisun Valley Fund teamed up to commission the \$68,500 sculpture. The Solano County Art Committee - of which Vasquez is a member - chose Reinertson's submission.

Installation of the sculpture comes at a time when efforts are under way to establish Suisun Valley farms and vineyards as a regional tourist destination.

The sculpture includes such motifs as hills and trees.

Fairfield Assistant Public Works Director Rick Wood, secretary of the Suisun Valley Fund Advisory Committee, stopped at the sculpture after its installation Saturday to carefully inspect it.

Wood praised the sculpture. Coming from the perspective of a city dweller, it captures the sort of spiritual sense of what

the valley is and does for the area, he said Monday.

Reinertson lives in Davis and is an art professor at Solano Community College. She takes Rockville Road on her way to work.

"I'd cut over the traffic, take that exit from the freeway and I'd drive through the valley," she said recently. "I saw the mountains of agriculture and that's when I came up with the Mother Earth figure. The bounty of the earth is there."

The county and Suisun Valley Fund will dedicate the sculpture at 10 a.m. Friday. The Suisun Valley Fund is a group that promotes Suisun Valley, with money coming from Fairfield and the Solano Irrigation District.

Vasquez predicted the sculpture will attract attention.

"I think people will get off the road just to see it," he said.

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Mike McCoy/Daily Republic

The new sculpture on Rockville Road will be dedicated at 10 a.m. Friday.

### California Lottery

#### Daily 3/Monday

Afternoon numbers picked 8, 9, 0  
Night numbers picked 0, 4, 9  
Match three in order for top prize; combinations for other prizes.

#### Fantasy 5/Monday

Numbers picked 7, 10, 21, 24, 28  
Match all five for top prize. Match at least three for other prizes.

#### Daily Derby/Monday

1st place 10, Solid Gold  
2nd place 5, California Classic  
3rd place 11, Money Bags  
Race time 1:43.96  
Match winners and time for top prize. Match either for other prizes.

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