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Police: Shooter was linked to rape



BY MARCUS WOHLSEIN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The parolee who killed three Oakland police officers and left a fourth brain-dead over the weekend had been linked by DNA evidence to a rape the day before the shootings, authori-

ties said. Oakland police spokesman Jeff Thomason confirmed a report on the San Francisco Chronicle's Web site on Monday night that DNA from an unsolved rape in Oakland earlier this year matched that of Lovelle Mixon.

Investigators got that information Friday, the day before Mixon opened fire on the officers following a routine traffic stop. Police could not have immediately issued an arrest warrant for Mixon because investigators first needed to gather

another sample of his DNA for comparison purposes, Lt. Kevin Wiley, who oversees the police sex crimes unit, told the Chronicle. Police are investigating any connections to other rapes, Thomason said. Earlier Monday, state Attor-

ney General Jerry Brown said he will examine how 26-year-old Lovelle Mixon was monitored following his release from prison in November on a conviction for assault with a deadly weapon. Mixon also was a suspect in a murder last year See Shooter, Page A12

Families in crash identified

Were en route to planned ski trip

WIRE, STAFF REPORTS

BUTTE, Mont. — Dr. Irving "Bud" Feldkamp was at the entrance of the ultra-exclusive resort where he planned to spend the week skiing with his children and grandchildren when he got the call from his nephew.

"He saw it on CNN. He said, 'Nobody survived.' And we knew it was our plane," Feldkamp said Monday.

Two of his daughters, two sons-in-law and five of his grandchildren were among 14 people killed Sunday when their single-engine turboprop plane nosedived into a Catholic cemetery near the Butte airport and burst into flames.

Nut Tree Airport Manager Andy Swanson dropped by his office Sunday morning and spotted two cars parked outside the gate waiting for the plane to land.

"A gentleman asked how he could access the field. He said they had a lot to carry," said Swanson, who assumed the people were going to Tahoe to ski.

Swanson said a young boy in the group was playing on the sidewalk as the group waited for the plane to arrive. When the plane landed at about 9:30 a.m., the boy jumped into a car and the car then went through a gate that Swanson opened.

"The guy rolled the window down to say, 'You saved my back,'" Swanson said. "I didn't think about the aircraft until I got the call last night. It is really sad, especially with the young kids."

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Room for a plume

Land is open for birds, but idea of parks on hold



Brad Zweerink/Daily Republic

Two peafowl walk through the grass on land donated to the city by Adey Dunnell in the Rolling Hills neighborhood. About 50 peafowl and another 50 wild turkeys live on the 6 acres Dunnell donated to the city to serve as a park and peafowl habitat.

BY BEN ANTONIUS DAILY REPUBLIC

FAIRFIELD — Adey Dunnell's avian legacy is still alive, colorful and noisy as ever. It just hasn't gotten off the ground yet.

More than a decade after Dunnell gave the city 6 acres of land in the center of the Rolling Hills neighborhood, little has happened to achieve her

dream of giving the resident flock of peafowl a permanent home.

Plans for a \$2 million renovation stagnated several years ago and were scrapped in 2008 as the city's finances tightened.

With the exception of a Girl Scouts building, the land "is basically in the same unimproved state it was previously," said Fred Beiner, the city's parks planner.

In fact, the biggest change for the birds probably came in January, when longtime volunteer Sean Quinn stepped aside after more than a decade of bringing them their meals.

Now city manager, Quinn was director of the city's department planning and development in 1998 when the city first got the property. He agreed to feed the birds twice a week, not realizing the com-

mitment he was making.

"We were in a staff meeting upstairs and someone goes, 'How are we going to feed these peacocks?'" Quinn recalled. "I am a fairly impatient guy and I said 'I will do it for the first six months, then you guys figure it out.'"

After being promoted to the city's top job in 2007, Quinn

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Obama hones in on toxic assets

BY TOM RAUM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration aimed squarely at the crisis clogging the nation's credit system Monday with a plan to take over up to \$1 trillion in sour mortgage securities with the help of private investors. For once, Wall Street cheered.

The announcement, closely stage-managed throughout the day, filled in crucial blanks in the administration's financial rescue

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package and formed what President Barack Obama called "one more critical element in our recovery."

The coordinated effort by the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. relies on a mix of government and private money -- mostly from institutional investors

such as hedge funds -- to help banks rid their balance sheets of real-estate related securities that are now extremely difficult to value.

The goal, said Obama, is to get banks lending again, so "families can get basic consumer loans, auto loans, student loans, (and so) that small businesses are able to finance themselves, and we can start getting this economy moving again."

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Travis AFB to receive \$14.5 million in stimulus

BY IAN THOMPSON DAILY REPUBLIC

TRAVIS AFB — More than \$14.5 million in President Obama's stimulus package is going to Travis Air Force Base for projects such as replacing the base's reservoir and installing a perimeter fence as an anti-terrorism security measure.

The projects at Travis are just a few of the 3,000-plus De-

partment of Defense military construction and improvement projects being funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The cost of replacing Travis' reservoir will be \$3.7 million. Other big projects will be replacing power lines at the cost of \$4.8 million and repairing one of the base's dormitories.

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