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Weather: 83°-70°

Partly cloudy

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Pricy bird fare

A man said Hawaiian Airlines planned to charge him \$250 to fly his pet bird, Willie, home from California.

— BUSINESS, D1

UH loses, waits for NIT invite

UH sees a close-up, last-second shot bounce out and its WAC season end with a 70-68 loss to Rice.

— SPORTS, C1

Aquarium marks 100th

The Waikiki Aquarium celebrates 100 years of research and enlightenment for Island families.

— TGIF



Tia Carrere back in town

Catching up with Tia Carrere, a Sacred Hearts Academy grad who is back in town to be honored for her humanitarian work.

— ISLAND LIFE, E1

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A GANNETT NEWSPAPER

Council discusses return of van cams

Ideas offered to end racing deaths

By Mike Leidemann

ADVERTISER STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN WELTZ

Nearly everyone at yesterday's City Council hearing on traffic safety had a suggestion to try to end the carnage on Honolulu's highways and side streets.

More arrests. A new highway patrol. More traffic calming. A prize for those who race legally. More education. Even the return of traffic cameras.

"Maybe it's time to revisit the issue of van cams," said Transportation Committee Chairman Nestor Garcia, who plans to propose limited use of the high-tech cameras to let police catch late-night speeders on O'ahu freeways.

"Good idea, bad execution," Garcia said of the state-run van cam program two years ago that collapsed after only three months amid howls of public, legislative and judicial problems and protests.

Garcia said he would like to see a new traffic camera program limited to police working the overnight shift on Honolulu highways in hopes of cutting down on racing, reckless driving and excessive speeding that have claimed several lives recently.

"People have been asking that something be done, and maybe this time we can do the cameras right, bringing in community support up front," he said. "It would be done only to catch the most egregious speeders, not those going just a few miles over the speed limit."

The state Legislature would have to amend the traffic camera law to allow

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Thousands of demonstrators raised their arms in unison yesterday in Madrid to protest the deadly bombing of intercity trains and train stations by terrorists.

Terror evolves in Spain attacks

198 dead, more than 1,400 hurt

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MADRID, Spain — The bombings of commuter trains in Madrid yesterday prove at least one of two nightmares scenarios:

■ Al-Qaida has pulled off its first big attacks on the West since 9/11.

■ Basque terrorists in Spain, and maybe terrorists everywhere, are learning the tactics of al-Qaida and its affiliates.

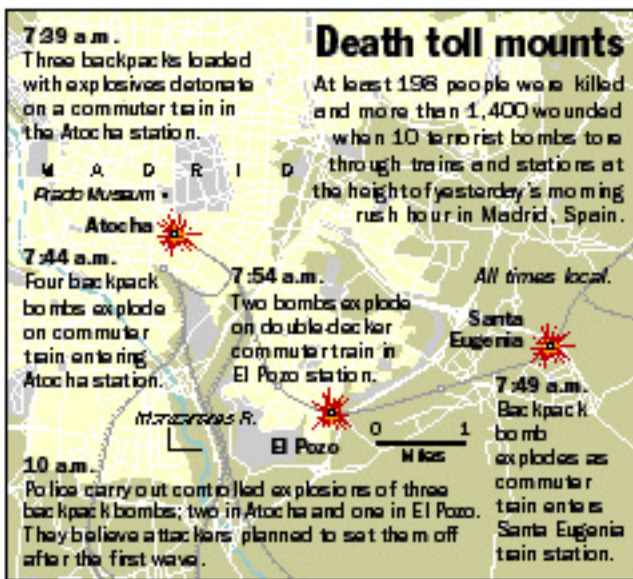
A series of bombs hidden in backpacks exploded in quick succession yesterday, blowing apart four commuter trains and killing at

least 198 people and wounding more than 1,400. Spain at first blamed Basque separatists but a shadowy group claimed responsibility in the name of al-Qaida for the worst terrorist attack in Spanish history.

Panicked rush-hour commuters trampled on each other, abandoning their bags and shoes, after two of the bombs went off in one train in the Atocha station in the heart of Madrid. Train cars were turned into twisted wrecks and platforms were strewn with corpses. Cell phones rang unanswered on the bodies of the dead as frantic relatives tried to call them.

"March 11, 2004, now holds its place in the history

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Claim threatens attack on U.S.

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U.S. officials cited circumstantial evidence yesterday that Islamic terrorists may have been behind the bombings in Madrid, but cautioned it was too early to tell whether al-Qaida or one of its affiliates was responsible.

An Arabic newspaper said yesterday it had received a claim of responsibility for the Madrid train bombings issued in the name of al-Qaida. The claim also said that a major attack against Ameri-

ca was "90 percent ready."

The five-page e-mail claim, signed by the shadowy Brigade of Abu Hafs al-Masri, was received at Al-Quds al-Arabi's London offices. It said the brigade's "death squad" had penetrated "one of the pillars of the crusade alliance, Spain," and carried out what it called Operation Death Trains.

"This is part of settling old accounts with Spain, the crusader, and America's ally in its war against Islam," the claim said.

Referring to Spain's Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, the statement asked: "Aznar, where is America? Who will protect you, Britain, Japan, Italy and others from us?"

The statement warned the United States that a major strike is approaching.

"We announce the good news for the Muslims in the world that the strike of the black wind of death, the expected strike against America, is now at its final stage —

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California swordfishing fleet reeled in

Boats expected to return to Hawai'i

By Kenneth R. Weiss

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — The federal government yesterday shut down California's swordfish fishing fleet, ordering the two dozen boats

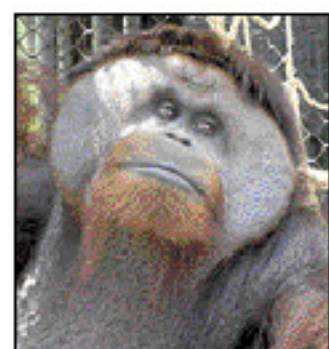
to stop stringing more than a million baited hooks across a large swath of the Pacific Ocean because they are inadvertently snagging sea turtles and driving them toward extinction.

Most of the Los Angeles-based fleet, which began fishing off the California coast when the courts pushed the boats out of Hawai'i with similar restrictions several years ago, is likely to return to the Islands this spring to resume fishing when a federal court order is lifted.

"We expect that most of these vessels will go back to Hawai'i and target swordfish," said Tim Price, an assistant regional administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The California crackdown forbids only "long lin-

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RUSTI THE ORANGUTAN

Plan for Rusti leaves city a bit shaky

By Johnny Brannon

ADVERTISER STAFF WRITER

Rusti the orangutan's home is still in dispute.

A lawyers' disagreement threw a monkey wrench yesterday into plans to build the great ape a swinging new bachelor pad at the

Honolulu Zoo. Everyone agrees the hairy orange creature deserves a better home than the cramped old gorilla cage he was "temporarily" placed in seven years ago, and Rusti's owners want to pay for a modern enclosure where he could hang out in

a tall banyan tree. But City Council members yesterday balked at the plan after questioning who would be responsible if the animal got out and "caused some damage."

A lawyer for Rusti's Los

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Herbert Choy served on 9th Circuit Court

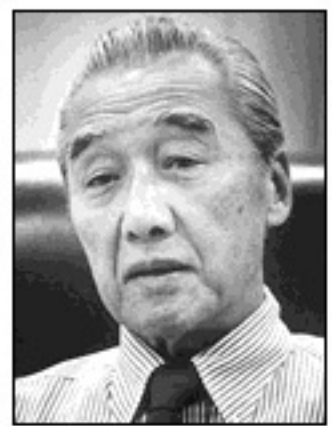
By Peter Boylan

ADVERTISER STAFF WRITER

Herbert Choy, the son of South Korean immigrants who became the first lawyer of Korean ancestry to be admitted to the bar and the first Asian American to serve on the federal bench, died Wednesday due to complications from pneumonia.

The senior judge on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals was 88.

"Everyone should be tremendously proud of what he accomplished because it wasn't easy," said Bruce Kim, one of Choy's six nephews and cousins who became an attorney. "He broke open a lot of doors for Asian Ameri-



HERBERT CHOY

cans and Korean Americans, both here and nationally."

Choy gained admission to the bar in November 1941

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