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Barstow faults plan

Officials say redistricting divides Latinos

By Neil Nisperos Staff Writer

Barstow officials are opposing a San Bernardino County redistricting plan they say would dilute the city's Latino vote and separate neighbors with similar political

interests.

The county's proposed plan would move Barstow from the 1st District to the 3rd District.

But it's a proposal that would move the city from a district with a

40 percent Latino population to one that's 33 percent Latino, Barstow officials said.

That would be inconsistent with the federal Voting Rights Act, officials said.

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"It's certainly a concern from our standpoint," said City Manager Curt Mitchell. "The issues that were raised about diluting the minority

REDISTRICTING A7

Meth suspect set for hearing

Professor's bail money questioned

By Mike Cruz and Melissa Pinion-Whitt Staff Writers

SAN BERNARDINO — Steve Kinzey, a university professor and president of a motorcycle club who faces drug trafficking charges, on Friday was ordered to appear in court next week for a hearing on the source of his bail money.

Prosecutors went to San Bernardino Superior Court Judge Kenneth Barron Friday after a bail bondsman posted a \$300,000 bond this week for Kinzey.

Posting the bond removed an arrest warrant for Kinzey, 43, from the computer system. Kinzey, an associate professor of kinesiology at Cal State San Bernardino, never was arrested and wasn't scheduled to appear for arraignment until November.

But prosecutors and sheriff's detectives want to know where the bail money came from, and they weren't pleased that a snafu in the court clerk's office enabled Kinzey to circumvent the usual process for drug cases.

"It's a procedural thing," Deputy District Attorney Bruce Brown said after Friday's court hearing. "The clerk's office made a mistake and forgot to have that done when bail was posted."

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RADIO TELESCOPE

Stellar achievements

Site lets students tap into space

By Jim Steinberg Staff Writer

APPLE VALLEY — Gabriel Perreira is just starting out in the ninth grade and already he has two years of experience on a radio telescope.

At age 15, he's participated in major research projects, including one that confirmed there's water on the moon.

Now, says Gabriel, he's considering a career in science.

Gabriel's world was astronomically expanded by participating in the Goldstone Apple Valley Radio Telescope project, a partnership of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the Lewis Center for Educational Research in Apple Valley.

The radio telescope project TELESCOPE A7



Eric Reed Correspondent

Students at the Academy of Academic Excellence in Apple Valley collect data Thursday using radio telescopes from NASA's Goldstone Deep Space Network in the Mojave Desert as part of a long-term study on power fluctuations in quasars.

Students plant 'seeds of change'

Elementary school remembers 9/11

By Ryan Hagen Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — Planting something beautiful.

That's how children at North Verdmont Elementary School expect to remember Sept. 11, after they spent Friday morning planting roses, other flowers and citrus trees in an annual ceremony honoring those they call the "real heroes" of 9/11.

Students from kindergarten, first grade and third grade read a poem to each of several groups — including police officers, firefighters and the military — before representatives of those groups helped the students plant.

Cassie Davis, who read a poem called "One" to honor the school district, said afterward CEREMONY A5



Micha Escamilla Correspondent

North Verdmont Elementary School students Elizabeth Minguela, left, and Khuslen Becar, right, hold the Flag of Heroes during a Sept. 11 ceremony Friday in San Bernardino.

Still wary, nation remembers 9/11

Staff and wire reports

Undaunted by talk of a new terror threat, New Yorkers and Washingtonians wove among police armed with assault rifles and waited with varying degrees of patience at checkpoints Friday while intelligence officials scrambled to nail down information on a possible al-Qaida strike timed to the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Meanwhile, Americans, from ground zero in New York City to the Inland Empire, are preparing

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SBHS alumna honored

San Bernardino High School honors an alumna who was a passenger on American Airlines Flight 11.

9/11 events

A listing of Sept. 11 events in the area. SEPT. 11 A5

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Eye on supervisors

High Desert residents will be able to participate in meetings of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors via a new videoconferencing system at the county's Transitional Assistance Department in Victorville.

STATE

Slight boost?

The state would get a boost under President Barack Obama's jobs proposal to cut taxes and increase spending, but it will not be enough to solve all the state's unemployment and budget problems. Stephen Levy, senior economist at the Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy in Palo Alto, said he would have liked to see a larger package for a state with 12 percent unemployment, the second highest in the nation. Obama's plan released this week calls for about \$447 billion, about half as much as the 2009 federal stimulus program.

SAN BERNARDINO

Cal State gets donation

Cal State San Bernardino has received a donation of \$30,000 from a family trust to help students who are military veterans.

The contribution came from the Zapletal Charitable Trust, and will assist with tuition, books and other costs. Scholarships will go to academically eligible students with financial need.

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