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JOHN KENNEY TRIAL

DOCTOR EXPLAINS GUNSHOT WOUNDS

PERFORMED AUTOPSIES ON GRIMESSES

By JIM JOHNSON
Herald Salinas Bureau

Elizabeth Grimes was most likely hunched forward, close to the ground with one arm slightly raised, when she was shot the first time by her Carmel Valley neighbor John Kenney, according to the testimony of a forensic pathologist Wednesday. Grimes was probably crouched on her knees, the pathologist said, perhaps doubled over in pain, when she was shot a second time — in the back.

“This was really the only position we could put (the model) in.”

Dr. John Hain on Elizabeth Grimes wounds

Dr. John Hain, who conducted autopsies on Elizabeth and Mel Grimes shortly after they were shot to death by Kenney on Jan. 29, 2007, said Wednesday the scenario he described is the one most supported by the evidence, and called it a “fairly compelling explanation” of the events.

But Kenney’s defense attorney Thomas Nolan derided Hain’s theory during a combative cross-examination, hammering away at the details of the forensic expert’s hypothesis, and reminding him that he testified during a preliminary hearing that it was difficult to determine the position of the deceased based on bullet trajectory.

Hain’s testimony came during the fourth day of Kenney’s trial on charges of lying in wait and murdering both his neighbors at the culmination of a long-running property dispute.

Kenney maintains that he shot his neighbors in self-defense after they physically attacked him when he placed a boulder on a disputed sliver of land. He faces life in prison if convicted of all charges.

During his testimony, Hain

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Denver: Obama first black nominated for president by a national party



HISTORY MADE



Sen. Barack Obama joins Sen. Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, after Biden’s speech to the Democratic National Convention on Wednesday.

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By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

DENVER — Barack Obama stepped triumphantly into history Wednesday night, the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination, as thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

Competing chants of “Obama” and “Yes we can” surged up from the convention floor as the outcome was announced.

Paying a late-night visit to the hall, Obama embraced runningmate Joe Biden and implored the delegates to help him “take back America” in the fall campaign against Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

“Change in American doesn’t start from the top down,” he told the adoring crowd, “it starts from the bottom up.”

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Obama, the son of a black Kenyan father and a white American mother, is now one victory from becoming president of a nation where, just decades ago, many blacks were denied the vote.

But even as he won the nomination, there was open talk in the convention city that Obama’s race remained a stumbling block to winning the White House.

“A lot of white workers ... and quite frankly a lot of union members believe he’s the wrong race,” AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Richard Trumka told a breakfast meeting of Michigan delegates.

Obama will face McCain, who will accept the Republican nomination next week in St.

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CHARLES DHARAPAK/Associated Press
Former President Bill Clinton speaks during the convention.

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Living the King dream

By JESSE J. HOLLAND and CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press

DENVER — When this campaign ends, after future presidents have come and gone, and when today’s young people are grown old, history will remember Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, as the day a black man became the presidential nominee of a major party.

This is history with the ink still wet; transcendent, yet in your face now.

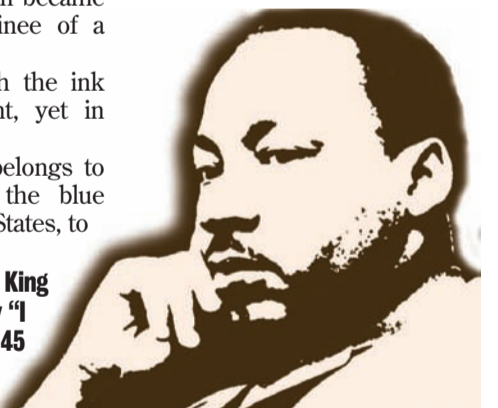
It’s a history that belongs to the red states and the blue states and the United States, to

borrow the phrase that made people first sit up and listen to Barack Obama only four years ago.

Americans who don’t like him, who will never vote for him, own it, too.

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The Rev. Martin Luther King delivered his legendary “I have a dream” speech 45 years ago today.



Downturn can’t trim salon’s profits

Dollars & Change



Dollars & Change is an ongoing series that examines how gas prices, inflation and economic conditions are being felt by Monterey County residents.

By MARIE VASARI
Herald Staff Writer

When it comes to spending money on grooming, some consumers may be cutting back.

But even those who are trimming budgets occasionally need to trim their hair, and that’s good news to Carole Kushnir.

She and three business partners own HK Enterprises, which operates 11 franchised Supercuts salons from Monterey to the San Francisco Bay Area.

These days, Kushnir said, business at their low-cost salons is strong enough that she has had to increase staffing.

Sales are stronger than last year, said Kushnir, who suspects some customers are choosing places such as Supercuts, where a haircut starts at \$14.95, rather than a pricier salon.

That’s not counting any of the coupon discounts that come printed on the back of Save Mart receipts or are often available online.

By comparison, the average cost of a woman’s haircut in America,

according to American Salon magazine, is \$21 for salons with fewer than six chairs, and up to \$44 for salons with more than 13 chairs.

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Krystha Martinez of Supercuts in Monterey works on Steve Wilson on Tuesday.

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