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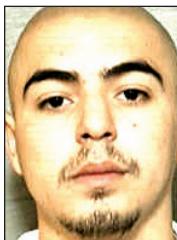
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# Escapee caught in Texas



Josue Orozco

By Dana Yates  
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The 18-year-old murder suspect who escaped from juvenile hall earlier this year was arrested Wednesday night in San Antonio, Texas.

Josue Raul Orozco was on the run for eight months after escaping from the San Mateo County Probation Department

Youth Services Center on Feb. 14. He was arrested by the San Antonio Police Department Tactical Response/Gang Unit at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday. The arrest is the result of information received by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau, who relayed the information to San Antonio authorities, said Lt. Ray Lunny of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

The San Antonio Police Department is holding Orozco on charges of burglary, resisting arrest and lying to police. He was booked into the Bexar County Jail under the name Jesus Contreras, one of several aliases he used while in Texas, Lunny said.

He will likely arrive in San Mateo County over the next few days as prosecutors work out details of his

case, Lunny said.

Texas prosecutors could either chose to try him there first or forgo their charges and send him back to California for the more serious charges. Orozco also has the right to fight extradition.

In San Mateo County, he will face escape charges in addition to the murder

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## SHE BLINDED ME WITH SCIENCE



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Skylights on the 'living roof,' a 2.5 acre expanse of native California plants, are seen at the California Academy of Sciences building in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. The new design unifies the Academy's original set of 12 buildings, features a natural history museum, aquarium, planetarium and research facility all under the 'living roof,' and is one of ten pilot 'green building' projects. **Story page 5**

# Lawmakers will rework budget

## State budget veto averted

By Judy Lin  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders averted a historic budget veto Thursday, agreeing to a compromise spending plan that includes the governor's demands for budget reform and scraps some of the borrowing gimmicks he opposed.

Facing a veto threat from Schwarzenegger of the spending plan they'd approved just days earlier and uncertain whether they could muster the two-thirds vote of the state Legislature required to override it, the four legislative leaders met with the governor again and agreed to many of his demands.

They emerged from a mid-afternoon meeting saying they would change the \$143 billion spending

plan the Legislature approved two days earlier.

"It appears we have a deal," Schwarzenegger spokesman Aaron McLear said.

Lawmakers scheduled meetings of the state Assembly and Senate to vote on the compromise plan Friday.

"We will be voting on the compromise budget that the five of us agreed to this morning," said Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles. "Hopefully this will bring to an end 80-plus painful days that the state of California has gone



Arnold Schwarzenegger

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# Sentencing delayed in bar triple-murder

## Defense attorney wants jury information

By Michelle Durand  
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The defense attorney for a Redwood City bar patron convicted of killing two customers wants juror contact information in hopes the dozen people who found his client guilty of murder may offer information that helps secure a new trial.

Rolando Fernandez, 28, was scheduled for

sentencing yesterday on a number of felonies stemming from the chaotic gunfight that left three dead and three wounded. Instead, the matter was pushed back to Oct. 7 at which time Judge Mark Forcum will also decide if defense attorney Lee Davis can have the juror information.

The prosecution is expected to object to the request on the basis jurors should be assured

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# Foreclosures prompt plunge in home prices

By Jacob Adelman  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Home sales in California surged in August as a flood of foreclosures tugged down prices.

Figures released Thursday by MDA DataQuick showed 37,988 new and preowned homes were sold statewide last month, up 13.6 percent from August 2007 but down 3.8 percent from July.

The firm said 46.9 percent of all homes sold last month were foreclosed properties.

That helped send the statewide median home price plunging 35.3 percent to \$301,000 during the year ended in August.

Most of the foreclosed homes were located in inland regions that have taken the worst hits during the housing crisis.

"It's the counties that have these large pockets of distressed properties where prices have plummeted," MDA DataQuick spokesman Andrew LePage said.

"If it weren't for the big price drops in the inland markets, we wouldn't see a year-over-

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