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Defense chief wary over 'don't ask' ruling

Gates cites 'enormous consequences' of repeal

By Anne Gearan and Pete Yost
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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates warned Wednesday of "enormous consequences" for men and women in uniform if a judge's order abruptly allowing gays to serve openly in the military is allowed to stand.

The Obama administration may well ask for a stay of the ruling while it appeals. Justice Department officials worked behind the scenes on their response Wednesday night with no word on when there would be an announcement. The uncertainty of the next step left gay-rights activists as well as the military in limbo over the status of the "don't ask, don't tell" law.

A day after a federal judge in California ordered the Pentagon to cease enforcing the law, Gates told reporters traveling with him in Europe that repeal should be a

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50 states join in probe of foreclosure procedures

The attorneys general from all 50 states launch a joint probe of major banks to investigate allegations that they used flawed documents to foreclose on homeowners.

Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, who is playing a leading role in the probe, hopes a review of lenders' foreclosure practices will clear up problems cited by borrowers and improve homeowners' chances of getting loan modifications.

Mortgage firms may have to change their policies and submit themselves to oversight. **Business, D1**

CHILE MINE RESCUE

'They made it'

Last of 33 miners pulled to the surface after 70-day ordeal



Luis Urzua, the last of 33 miners to be rescued from the collapsed San Jose Mine near Copiapo, Chile, cheers as Chile's President Sebastian Pinera (right) looks on. Urzua and the other miners had been trapped since an Aug. 5 cave-in.

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Drama kept Valley, rest of world riveted

By John Faherty
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Thirty-three men emerged from a small hole in the ground near a small town in Chile, and as they did, they managed to raise the spirits of people around the world.

In hotel lobbies and lunchtime bars and barbershops across the Valley, televisions usually dedicated to sports were instead tuned into a rescue operation.

Susan Bromberg of Phoenix began watching the rescue of the miners on Tuesday night. "It's so interesting, watching them come out," she said. "Their circumstances were so difficult. It's a horror to think of them down there

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Miner Esteban Rojas embraces his wife Wednesday after being rescued from a room deep underground.

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Chile celebrates success of flawless rescue effort

By Michael Warren
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile — The longest underground nightmare in history ended safely — and faster than anyone expected.

In a flawless operation that unfolded before a hopeful, transfixed world, 33 miners who were trapped for more than two months deep beneath Chile were raised one by one Wednesday through a smooth-walled shaft of rock.

The last person out was the one who held the men together when they were feared lost. Shift foreman Luis Urzua had enforced tight rations of their limited food and supplies before help could

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For Peace Corps, mission is evolving

Volunteers expand role beyond teaching to business, health-care issues

By Chris Hawley
REPUBLIC MEXICO CITY BUREAU

CAÑO NEGRO, Costa Rica — On a pitch-black night in March 2009, a bus chugged into this Central American village, opened its door and deposited one terrified American on a dirt road beside the Caño Negro swamp.

Peace Corps volunteer Mick Wigal was equipped with little more than a duffel bag of clothes, some mosquito netting and a vague mis-

sion from the U.S. government: Go out and help this village prosper.

"I was scared to death," said Wigal, 29, of Youngstown, Ohio. "All I could think was, 'What am I doing here?'"

It's a challenge faced by all 7,700 members of the Peace Corps, the U.S. foreign-aid program that grew out of a call to service made 50 years ago today by presidential candidate John F. Kennedy on

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Peace Corps volunteer Mick Wigal, 29, of Youngstown, Ohio, sorts beans with his host family in Caño Negro, Costa Rica. "You spend the first year just figuring the place out and the last year trying to get everything done," he says.

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NATION & WORLD LATINOS OUTLIVE WHITES, BLACKS

U.S. Hispanics can expect to outlive Whites by more than two years, according to a government report that shows their average life expectancy is 80 years, seven months. They outlive Blacks by seven years. **A3**



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VALLEY & STATE SHERIFF BATTLING BORDER CROSSERS

Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu, saying an insecure border funnels drug and immigrant smugglers into his jurisdiction, asks the county for more officers to combat them. The sheriff is running anti-cartel operations with Border Patrol (left). **B1**

SPORTS

Cardinals' defense rising up: The Cardinals' defense has taken a big step forward, says coordinator Bill Davis, and he expects the unit to keep getting better. **C1**

BUSINESS

Apollo sees fewer students: University of Phoenix parent company Apollo Group warns new-student enrollment may fall 40 percent, sending its share price down. **D1**

ARIZONA LIVING

Rockin' on: Scottsdale-based rocker and reality-TV star Bret Michaels is glad to be alive and says surviving a brain hemorrhage was by "the grace of God." **E1**

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