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Marin aid groups touched by Himalayan catastrophe



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A Nepalese family collects belongings Monday from their home destroyed in Saturday's earthquake. They live on the outskirts of Kathmandu, the capital.

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Olga Murray, founder of the Sausalito-based Nepal Youth Foundation, was in Kathmandu preparing to host 600 guests at a party celebrating her 90th birthday when Saturday's disastrous earthquake struck, causing widespread death and devastation.

"I was at home when the shaking started, and after falling to the floor and sliding around a bit, the shaking stopped, and I went outside," Murray said in an email to the foundation she started in 1990 to aid Nepal's children.

As of Monday, the death toll was at more than 4,000 and rising as rescue workers pulled bodies from the ruins of the capital city.

Murray, recently inducted into the Marin Women's Hall of Fame, reported that she, the nine members of her Tibetan staff and their families as well as the 40 children in two foundation

QUAKE AID

Nepal FREED, the Nepal Foundation for Rural Economic and Educational Development, is accepting donations for earthquake relief at crowdise.com/NepalFREED.

The Nepal Youth Foundation in Sausalito is accepting donations at nepalyouth-foundation.org/earthquake-in-nepal.

The American Red Cross is accepting donations at www.redcross.org.

homes were unhurt in the quake.

But the family of Mill Valley resident Jay Tamang hasn't been so lucky. Rescuers are still searching for three of his cousins in the rubble of a church in Kathmandu.

"They don't know if they're dead or alive," he said on Monday.

An aunt who lives in a remote mountain village suffered a serious head injury when she was hit by a landslide of falling rocks.

"Now she is near death



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Mill Valley resident Jay Tamang, who moved from Nepal to Marin in 2004, has relatives missing in the aftermath of Saturday's quake. His parents Lakpa Ghale and Singa Bahadur Tamang, seen on the computer screen in back, are living in a tent in their mountain village without food, water or medical help.

because there is no medical assistance," he said.

Two days after the disaster, rescue workers are still trying to reach vulnerable mountain villages destroyed or nearly destroyed by landslides. Tamang has heard reports from a brother in Nepal that as many as 40 people are dead in Bhalche, the remote village in the moun-

tains northwest of Kathmandu where he grew up.

"All the rescuers are focused on Kathmandu, but in my village there is no help," he said.

The only way to reach the village is by helicopter, he said, but the limited number of helicopters are being used elsewhere.

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VALLEY FORD

Marin sheriff's captain injured in head-on collision

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A Marin County sheriff's captain is recovering from major injuries after a crash caused by an alleged drunken driver near the Sonoma County line, authorities said.

Rick Navarro, a 47-year-old Sonoma County resident, was off duty Sunday afternoon when the crash occurred on Valley Ford Road just west of Highway 1, the California Highway Patrol said.

Navarro was heading east with his wife Jennifer when their car was struck by an oncoming van that veered into their lane.

Capt. Navarro was trapped inside the car, a county-owned Chevrolet Impala, and had to be extracted by firefighters, said Valley Ford fire Chief Matt Epstein.

"It was a difficult extrication," Epstein said. "Both the damage to the vehicle and the way the vehicle came to rest made it very challenging."

Capt. Navarro was taken to CRASH » PAGE 2



PHOTO BY DAVE CANNON

Firefighters assist at the scene of a crash Sunday near Valley Ford. Police said a drunken driver collided with a car carrying Marin sheriff's Capt. Rick Navarro and his wife Jennifer.

SAUSALITO

Murder suspect ID'd as jail death

Accused crowbar killer was found dead in his cell

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An inmate found dead at the Marin County Jail last week was a Sausalito man charged with murdering his landlord with a crowbar, a sheriff's spokesman said Monday.

Conrad Justin Smith, 52, apparently killed himself inside his locked cell, but the circumstances remain under investigation, said sheriff's Lt. Doug Pittman.

The San Rafael Police Department and the Sonoma County coroner's office are conducting an independent review of the death so the Marin County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, which runs the county jail, is not investigating itself.

Smith's death was discovered at about 1 a.m. Friday during a routine check inside the jail. The sheriff's department said he had "mortal wounds" but has not released a description of the injuries.

Pittman said the cause of death will not be released until toxicology tests are completed in about four to six weeks.

Smith was charged with murdering Sausalito resident David Morgan on Dec. 11 at the home they shared on Nevada Street. Morgan owned the home and Smith, a struggling carpenter, lived in the garage.

Police said Smith was on the brink of eviction and possible homelessness when he beat Morgan to death with an 18-inch crowbar. Smith was ar-



Smith

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SENATE DISTRICT 2

Marin's senator seeks regulation of pot industry

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State Sen. Mike McGuire has introduced a sweeping bill that would legalize and regulate the medical marijuana industry from cultivation to consumption and all the steps in between.

The bill, SB 643, passed out of the state Senate's Business and Professions Committee on April 20 and will receive a hearing in the Senate's Governance and Finance Committee on Wednesday.

The Compassionate Use Act of 1996 and subsequent state legislation exempted qualified medical patients and their caregivers from state criminal sanctions related to possession, cultivation and transportation of limited amounts of marijuana. Nevertheless, a lack of statewide regulation has resulted in uncertainty about the legality of some medical marijuana cultivation and distribution activities.



McGuire

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THEATER GUNMAN

Prosecutor: 2 exams found Holmes sane

A prosecutor says two mental health evaluations found Colorado theater gunman James Holmes to be sane. PAGE A8



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Rioters plunge part of Baltimore into chaos and the governor declares a state of emergency. PAGE A7

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