

Shooting leaves three injured

Just three weeks after the deadly Santana shooting, another San Diego-area high school is attacked.

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EL CAJON, Calif. — Three people were injured Thursday in a high school shooting less than three weeks after two students were killed and 13 people were wounded in an attack at a nearby school. A suspect was in custody and was taken to a hospital, police Capt. Bill McClure said. Two adults had minor injuries, he said. Other details were not immediately

released, but one student said he recognized the suspect as a former student of Granite Hills High School who graduated last year.

"It just seemed like he was planning on doing it," junior Chris Wesley told KGTV. He said the gunman fired at least eight shots and reloaded, apparently firing at random.

Students poured out of the high school after the midday shooting as law enforcement officers searched the campus amid confusion over the circumstances of the gunfire.

"My information right now is that no one was seriously injured," said Granger Ward, superintendent of Grossmont Union High School District. "The school

is locked down, and they are going room by room to bring them out and evacuate the school."

Granite Hills, with 2,900 students, is a few miles south of Santana High School in Santee, where a 15-year-old student allegedly killed two classmates March 5. Both schools are in the same district 17 miles east of San Diego.

San Diego County sheriff's spokesman Dan Papp said deputies were at Granite Hills taking a report when the shooting happened, but he didn't know why. Ryan Carrillo, a sophomore at the school, told KGTV-San Diego that he heard gunshots as he walked to a bathroom near the school office.

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Ryan Carrillo
Granite Hills sophomore

"It sounded like an explosion, like in a chemistry class or something," he said of the first two shots he heard.

After hearing five more shots, he ran out of the school and into a nearby park.

Students hugged and cried as they gathered in the park as parents ran about, frantically searching for their children.

Mir makes final rotation of earth

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KOROLYOV, Russia — After 15 years in the heavens, Mir took its last tours around Earth on Thursday, accepting final commands that would trigger a fiery, suicide plunge into the South Pacific.

On its last day, the aging space station soaked up the sun's energy to power its fickle batteries and stabilize its alignment. If all went well, Mir would fall harmlessly into the sea. If not, the consequences of 27-and-a-half tons of blazing debris tumbling from the sky were frightening.

The chief of Mission Control, Vladimir Solovoyov, put the chances "that everything will be all right at 98-99 percent."

The death of Mir marked the end of a proud chapter in the Russian space program; it proved that long duration space flight was possible. Its passing came with much wistfulness and some protest. About 15 demonstrators briefly rallied Thursday outside Mission Control, holding up a portrait of Yuri Gagarin, the Russian who was the first man in space.

"Don't Give Up the Russian Space Industry," the sign read. But Mir was doomed. The impoverished Russian government could not afford to keep it in orbit — and in good repair — while fulfilling its obligations to the construction of the international space station.

Inside Mission Control near Moscow, the mood was strictly professional. Controllers bottled up regrets over Mir's demise as they pored over charts and figures in preparation for crucial commands that would power the final descent early today.

"All the emotions we feel, we will only be able to express them tomorrow after the sinking of the station," said Andrei Borisenko, the shift director at Mission Control. "Today we are working without emotion and doing our jobs."

According to plan, a Progress cargo ship docked to Mir would fire its rockets twice, slowing the station and changing its orbit from circular to elliptical.

Then, around 8 a.m. Moscow time and midnight Eastern time, Progress engines would fire one last time, a 23-minute burn to send the station into the waters between Australia and Chile. The area centers roughly at 44 degrees

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south latitude and 150 degrees west longitude.

Most of the 143-ton craft would burn up during re-entry, but the remaining chunks — the equivalent of 20 Volkswagen Beetles — were expected to reach the Earth's surface, scattered over a long swath following the station's descent.

Some 1,500 fragments of 40 pounds or more were expected to fall over the zone, which is 120 miles wide by 3,600 miles long.

Space officials said debris would be traveling so fast that it could smash through a block of concrete six-feet thick. Vsevolod Latyshev, a spokesman at Mission Control, said Russia would make no effort to recover the debris.

"What for?" he asked quizzically.

Space officials voiced confidence that they could carry out a safe descent, pointing to their experience in dumping dozens of Progress ships and other spacecraft into the same area of the Pacific.

But Mir was by far the heaviest spacecraft ever dumped, and its size and shape made it difficult to exactly predict the re-entry.

A fleet of fishing boats in the zone insisted on staying put because the tuna were biting, said Wayne Heikkila, general manager of the Western Fishboat Owners Association.

Thirty-five space buffs and scientists were in the South Pacific to chase the plunging station; participants were optimistic that they would catch sight of Mir in a 200-second window of opportunity.

But to Russians, Mir's demise was no joke. Mir came to symbolize the Soviet Union's fading technological prowess. It was launched in 1986 — just five weeks before former Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev embarked upon perestroika, the reforms that doomed the Communist empire, and just two months before the Chernobyl atomic reactor exploded in the world's worst nuclear accident.



Two eight-foot replicas of the Academy Awards Oscar statues arrive Thursday in front of New York's Le Cirque 2000 restaurant. The Manhattan restaurant will host the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences 12th annual New York Oscar Night celebration of the 73rd Academy Awards. The celebration will be held Saturday in Los Angeles.

Prize offered for short Oscar speeches

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LOS ANGELES — Winning an Academy Award: priceless. Giving a really short speech when accepting that award: Worth a \$2,500 television.

In an effort to contain Oscar winners' ramblings, producer Gil Cates is offering a high-definition TV set to the tersest person at Sunday's ceremony.

"I've tried to be charming and humorous," Cates told nominees at the traditional pre-Oscar lunch. "I've tried persuasion and bribery. It all comes down to my belief that brevity is next to godliness."

He showed clips of past Oscar speeches as an illustration, including Alfred Hitchcock's memorably brief "Thank you" when he received the prestigious Irving G. Thalberg award in 1967. Nominees, including Jeff

Bridges ("The Contender") and Geoffrey Rush ("Quills"), greeted the prize offer with laughter and bemused looks.

The television is Cates' latest ploy in the fight against winners who recite laundry lists of names instead of celebrating the joy of the moment in their allotted 45 seconds.

"No one wants to know about your makeup man and your hairdresser and that stuff," Cates said in an interview. "You make three people happy and you send a half-million (viewers) to the refrigerator."

This year, winners will be able to post unlimited expressions of gratitude on the official Oscar Web site.

Cates is under pressure to keep the show airing on ABC to the three hours between 8-11 p.m. EST; after that, ratings begin to slip.

It's a mark the Oscar cere-

mony rarely hits, however, and inflation has increasingly set in. The 1999 and 2000 broadcasts edged over four hours each, making them the longest ever.

Brevity alone isn't the point, Cates insists.

"It's not in the service of making a shorter show, really; it's making a better show and a more interesting show," he said. "When people talk about what the Oscar means to them, about what really touches their heart, it's wonderful to hear those acceptance speeches."

His favorite moments include the then 11-year-old Anna Paquin nearly hyperventilating as she clutched her 1994 supporting actress award for "The Piano" ("Adorable," Cates said) and Roberto Benigni's acrobatics as he vaulted over audience members to collect his actor trophy for "Life is Beautiful" in 1999.

World/Nation

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New York

Israeli Prime Minister meets King of Pop Michael Jackson

NEW YORK — After meeting with President Bush and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon ended his United States trip with a visit with a musical dignitary — Michael Jackson.

The prime minister and the King of Pop chatted Wednesday night at a reception for Sharon at the home of businessman Benny Shabtai. The two were introduced by Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, who has formed the Heal the Kids charity with Jackson.

"The prime minister was very gracious, it was a very nice visit, and they had a good rapport," Boteach told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The rabbi said he set up the meeting because he and Jackson may travel to Israel for their charity this summer to promote peace.

New York

Company to produce three dolls of rapper Eminem

NEW YORK — It's not the real Slim Shady — it's an action figure that looks just like him.

A series of three Eminem dolls will hit stores in July, said Carlos Espada, spokesman for Art Asylum, the Brooklyn, N.Y. company that's designing the toys.

One is a low-key version of the rapper as Marshall Mathers — his real name — dressed in a puffy white jacket.

A second doll depicts Mathers as his alter ego, "Slim Shady," wearing a hockey mask and carrying a chain saw — which doesn't work. "We haven't perfected that yet," Espada joked Tuesday.

Details of the third doll were still in the works.

Each costs \$9.99, and for \$12.99, they come with a base. The dolls will be sold at Tower Records and specialty stores.

Washington, D.C.

Russian relations evened with departure orders

President Bush sought to keep U.S. relations with Russia on an even keel Thursday after ordering the ouster of more than 50 diplomats suspected of undercover intelligence activities.

In Moscow, Russia's foreign minister said the expulsions, the most since the Cold War, were political. But Bush said he was simply dealing with facts, and the two nations could maintain a good working relationship.

Six Russians assigned to Moscow's embassy in Washington were directly linked by U.S. officials to the case of Robert Hanssen, a FBI agent arrested a month ago on charges of selling secrets to Russia. Two of the six have already left the United States; the four others must depart within 10 days.

At the same time, Bush ordered the Russian diplomatic contingent sharply reduced, officials said.

A total of 46 Russians, at the embassy and at consulates across the country, have until July 1 to leave, they said.

"I was presented with the facts. I made the decision. It was the right thing to do," Bush said.

France

Anti-globalization activist's sentence upheld by court

MONTPELLIER, France — A French appeals court on Thursday upheld a radical farmer's three-month prison sentence for ransacking a McDonald's to protest unchecked globalization.

Jose Bove, a 47-year-old sheep farmer, has become a symbol of anti-globalization activists in France and abroad since he led an attack on a McDonald's restaurant under construction in the town of Millau in August 1999.

The court in Montpellier upheld a September ruling that ordered Bove to spend three months in jail for vandalizing the restaurant and fined him \$870.

He also was ordered to pay another \$870 for a separate conviction — for briefly holding three Agriculture Ministry officials captive in the town of Rodez in 1999.

Sentences also were upheld for eight co-defendants.

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Investors worry as Dow continues fall

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NEW YORK — Despondent investors intensified their selloff of blue chip stocks Thursday, accelerating the decline in the Dow Jones industrial average and sending the stock market's best-known indicator into bear market territory.

A last-hour rally allowed the Dow to recover somewhat, but the index still closed with a loss of nearly 100 points.

Investors are in "deep despair," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer for First Albany Corp. "There is a sense of giving up. They are extraordinarily depressed and demoralized."

The Dow, which dropped by triple digits in six of the past nine trading sessions, tumbled to the 9,379 level in the opening minutes of trading, putting the blue chip index down more than 20 percent from the closing high of 11,722.98 it reached on Jan. 14,

2000. A decline of 20 percent is considered bear market territory.

The Dow continued to slide in heavy late afternoon trading, falling more than 380 points. It regained some ground in the final hour and closed down a more moderate 97.52 at 9,389.48.

Thursday's loss means the Dow, which last week suffered its worst-ever weekly point drop, has fallen 1,468.77, or 13.5 percent, over the last 10 trading sessions.

Broader market indicators were mixed. The Nasdaq composite index, down more than 62 percent from its own high of 5,048.62 reached March 10, 2000, advanced 67.47 to 1,897.70.

The market's broadest measure, the Standard & Poor's 500, finished down 4.56 at 1,117.58, having made a last-minute recovery of its own. The S&P 500 has lost more than a quarter of its value since peaking at 1,527.46 a year ago.