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By Joyce Kwan

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The situation is not considered very serious, but its cause needs to be determined, said Arlie Corday. The situation "poses no danger to public health and safety or to the environment," according to the MIT press release.

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World & Nation

U.N. Warns of Rapid Decay of Environment
By James Kanter

The human population is living far beyond its means and inflicting damage to the environment that could pass points of no return, according to a new report by the United Nations.

Climate change, the rate of extinction of species and the challenge of feeding a growing population are putting humanity at risk, the United Nations Environment Programme said in its fourth Global Environmental Outlook since 1997.

“The time to act now is so vast that the amount of resources needed to sustain it exceeds what is available at current consumption patterns,” Achim Steiner, the executive director of the Environment Programme, said in a telephone interview.

Many biologists and climate scientists have concluded that human activities have become a dominant influence on the Earth’s climate and ecosystems. But there is still a range of views on whether the changes could have catastrophic impacts, as the human population heads to 9 billion by midcentury, or toward manageable results.

Pioneer of DNA Research Retires As Lab Chief After Racial Remarks
By Comelia Dean

James D. Watson, the eminent biologist who ignited an uproar last week over remarks with racial connotations, would resign Thursday as chancellor of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, which he joined as director in 1968.

In a statement, he noted that, at 79, he is “overdue” to surrender leadership positions at the lab, which he joined as director in 1968 and served as president until 2003. But he said the circumstances of his resignation “are not those which I could ever have anticipated or desired.”

Watson, who shared the 1962 Nobel Prize for describing the double-helix structure of DNA, and later headed the American government’s part in the international Human Genome Project, was quoted in The New York Times saying last week that “all the black people” in the lab were “colleagues” and by the president, and the lab would not discuss further.

Watson is the second lab director in three years to resign, following Edward I. Prather, the lab’s director, who also resigned last year.

Bush Makes California Visit; Wildfire Fatality Count Rises
By Jennifer Steinhauser

President Bush toured Southern California on Thursday as investigators got down to the work of determining how one sunny fall day last weekend erupted into a 16-fire storm now in its fifth day.

Recovery crews, moving from house to house in townships where the fires have passed, found the bodies of two people in the shell of a home in Poway, northeast of San Diego. And in the early evening, San Diego officials said, Border Patrol agents found the burned bodies of four immigrants who may have been killed while crossing the border.

They were the first confirmed fatalities since Sunday, when a man was killed in Proctorville, near the Mexican border.

Bush, joined by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, also a Republican, visited the charred remains of neighborhoods, met distraught residents and examined fire crews and burned fires that continue to burn throughout the region. By Thursday, the fires had destroyed 1,900 homes, injured 37 people and burned a half million acres.

With most of the fires no longer posing a significant threat, the focus of federal officials was stepping up efforts to determine how much of the blame for the devastation fell on nature and how much on a criminal element.

In Orange County, where the authorities have already determined a podría suspects, closed canyon roads and begun to interview people about possible suspects, closed canyon roads and sifting through the rubble in search of clues.

The fire there, which is still burning, has consumed 20,000 acres and nine houses. On Wednesday, FBI agents descended on Santiago Canyon Road near Irvine to gather evidence, which was sent to a lab to be analyzed.

“We desperately want to catch the person or persons that did this,” said Chad Prather, the Orange County Fire Authority Chief at a news conference in Irvine. The evidence at the scene, which Prather would not discuss further, suggested arson, he said.

That fire, as a separate fire, to the east in Riverside County, has also been tagged by investigators as arson. At least two people, in San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, have been arrested on suspicion of arson.

The massive scale and ferocity of the fires almost certainly stemmed from a trajectory familiar to fire fighters, fire investigation experts said.

Fires created through human error, lightning or a downed power line typically create large embers that can fly as far as a mile through the powerful Santa Ana winds, setting off new blazes. Early indications point to downed power lines as the culprit in a fire in Malibu and possibly two others.

Vote on New Version of Vetoed Child Health Care Bill Planned
By Robert Pear

Sensing a political advantage, Democrats pushed Wednesday to move a health care bill for children back to the House floor after making minor changes to win more Republican votes.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the House would vote Thursday on the new bill, which, like the original that the Senate passed three weeks ago, would cover 10 million children and increase spending by $35 billion, for a total of $60 billion, in the next five years.

“The bill addresses all of the concerns that we have heard from our colleagues and by the president,” Pelosi said. “We hope the Republicans will take yes for an answer.”

The new bill would tighten eligibility for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, generally barring the use of federal money to cover illegal immigrants, childrenless adults and children of families with incomes exceeding three times the poverty level: $41,950 for a family of four.

Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., said the changes would improve the bill and would pick up some Republican votes.

Upton was among 44 Republicans who voted last week to override the president’s veto of the earlier bill, which covered 10 million children, but had opposed the bill because of increased spending.

Upton said that the income limits in the new bill “completely obliterate” Bush’s argument that Congress wanted to provide coverage to families making $35,000 a year, which is about four times the poverty level for a family of four.

The new bill would still cost more than Bush wants, and it would be financed with an increase in tobacco taxes, another feature to which he objects.

Bush administration officials were on Capitol Hill on Wednesday to point out theäoompare Michael O’Leary, the secretary of health and human services, met with House Republican leaders on Tuesday and with Senate Republican leaders on Wednesday, but he said he “yet to engage in direct conversations with the Democrats.”

“I have zero impact on what the Democrats do,” Leavitt said.

Ferg. Franklin Emanuel of Illinois, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, said administration officials did not appear to be serious about striking a deal. “I don’t think they want a bill,” Emanuel said.

Weather & Wildfire

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The rapid growth of the wildfires in Southern California early this week was primarily facilitated by the prevailing weather conditions. In particular, there was an intense northeasterly wind and the relative humidity was extremely low, both characteristics of the Santa Ana flow regime. The Santa Ana wind is a regional example of the more general phenomenon of downslope flow. As the name implies, downslope flow occurs when wind is directed towards the Pacific coast. As the air travels along such a path, it descends and is compressed, which results in heating of the air, 10 degrees (10°C) for every 1000 meters of descent. While the temperature of the descending air increases, its water vapor content remains unchanged, such that the relative humidity decreases. Hence, the downslope Santa Ana winds are necessarily accompanied by low relative humidity, setting the stage for explosive upslope growth.

Extended Forecast Today: Morning sunshine, then increasing clouds. High 58°F (14°C).

Tonight: Light rain likely, breezy. Low 53°F (12°C).

Wednesday: Sunny and windy. High 72°F (22°C).

Saturday: Snow showers early, then clearing. Low 55°F (13°C).

Sunday: Sunny. High 63°F (17°C).

Monday: Sunny, cooler. High 49°F (9°C).
Bush Says U.S. Will Not Invade Iran Despite Recent Sanctions

By Helene Cooper

WASHINGTON

In announcing new sanctions against an elite unit of Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps, Bush administration officials took pains Thursday to offer assurances on that at least for now, the United States is not going to war with Iran.

“We do not believe that conflict is inevitable,” said R. Nicholas Burns, the undersecretary of state for political affairs. “This decision today supports the diplomacy and in no way, shape or form does it anticipate the use of force.”

The move designated the Quds force of the Revolutionary Guard and four state-owned Iranian banks as supporters of terrorism, and the Guard itself as an illegal exporter of ballistic missiles. The decision thus raised the temperature in America’s ongoing confrontation with Iran over terrorism and nuclear weapons.

But it also reflected some consternation by an administration that has also accused the Quds force of aiding Shiite militia attacks on U.S. soldiers in Iraq, and has even detained some Quds force members there, but has so far resisted calls for retaliatory strikes inside Iran.

“This is a warning shot across the bow, not that the U.S. is going to invade Iran, but that Iran has pushed the level of escalation, particularly inside Iraq, to unacceptable levels,” said Anthony H. Cordesman, a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

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Crocker said, would run into the geographic fact that the northern mountains, called the Qandeel range, are remote and inaccessible. “I don’t think it’s realistic to expect that the Iraqis are going to match up with mountain and take on the PKK and arrest their leaders,” Crocker said. “This is in the hard-to-do category.”

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search and exaggerating the capabilities of a missile defense system.” As I emphasize, the accur-
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munity to know.

I quote from the report: “The inferred sens-
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1A data.”

Perhaps the most important fact of rel-
ance to the MIT community is that the MIT-DoD Report concluded that the FTP-1A experiment had basically failed. This means that the claims of success by the Missile De-
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Correction

The Tech’s Oct. 23, 2007 news article, “MIT’s First Student Life Dean to Retire at End of School Year,” inaccurately stated that student dining at Next House and Baker House was restarted during Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedect’s time at MIT. Neither dining hall closed during that time, and thus could not have restarted.

Letters To The Editor

Statement on House Resolution 106

We, the undersigned, commend the House Foreign Affairs Committee for passing a resolution “Remembering the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Armenian genocide.” and hope that it will come before the entire House for a vote. While the decision is symbolic, it repre-
sents an important departure from past practice. 

Subordinating the realities of human suffering to the conclusions of strategic thinking has a long-
standing record, one whose moral opprobrium grows with every profession of “never again.” Yet in the face of a clear and present danger, Congress will forsake yet another opportunity to weigh the United States’ broader ethical obligations in the world that it leads. The declaration of genocide does not fulfill our responsibilities to its victims, indeed, it is worse when we render that judgment that our responsibilities begin.

Except for those individuals who are ignorant of suffering by no fault of their own, we hold as self-evident these principles: 

To acknowledge suffering only after it has occurred is unacceptable.

To deny suffering while it is occurring is unacceptable.

In the preface to The Book of Laughter and Forgetting (1978), Milan Kundera observed that “the struggle of man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting.” We pray that this principle 

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Could you fix it?

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Dude, what were
you doing in the
Harvard Coop?

Me?

Yes, you,
I saw you.

Hem, nothing!

You were buying
Harvard stuff,
weren’t you?

Of course not!

Yes, you did,
I saw it.

Just a sticker.

You bought
Harvard T-shirts,
didn’t you?

No... no...

And Harvard
keychains...

Alright! Alright!

I bought some shirts,
stickers and keychains
for my parents.

Dude, show geek
pride. You’re in
MIT, not in Harvard.

I cross-registered
a class, I swear!

by R Perez-Franco

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by Roxana Safipour

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OLPC Requests Monetary Donations to Buy Laptops

By Hiawatha Bray

In a major strategy shift, the Cambridge, Mass. foundation that plans to provide laptop computers to poor children around the globe is asking wealthy individuals and corporations to help pick up the tab by purchasing hundreds or thousands of the machines.

The bid for support from philanthropists comes as the nonprofit One Laptop Per Child Foundation faces manufacturing delays and competing low-cost laptops from commercial vendors that have caused some analysts to question whether the project is in crisis. “I think they’re at a very critical moment,” said Josh Bernoff, an analyst with Forrester Research in Cambridge.

The new program is the foundation’s latest effort to expand the sales of its low-cost machine, called the XO laptop. The machine is intended to sell for $100, once it goes into mass production; for now, it’s priced at $200. The foundation originally expected governments in developing countries to buy millions of the computers for distribution to schoolchildren. But foundation chairman Nicholas P. Negroponte ’66 has acknowledged that cooperation from governments has been slower than he’d expected.

So in September, the foundation for the first time offered to sell XO machines to individual users, on the condition that the buyer pay $399 for two laptops. The buyer gets one, while the other is donated to a child in a developing country.

Now the foundation has begun a program called “GiveMany,” for donors willing to pay for hundreds or thousands of XO machines. It’s a three-tiered program. A donor who buys 100 to 999 machines will pay $299 apiece, and choose the institutions that will get these machines. But $99 of the price will be used to pay for more laptops, to be distributed by the foundation. Thus, someone who buys 100 machines will also fund the distribution of 50 more laptops.

Donors can also choose to buy 1,000 to 9,999 machines at $249 each, or 10,000 or more computers at $200.

The foundation is still negotiating government purchases of the laptops, and says it’s nearing deals with several countries — “three or four, and more will follow,” said Robert Fadel, the foundation’s director of finance and operations.

But because the foundation has little cash of its own, it needs a lot of paying customers to cover manufacturing costs. “They’re basically set it up so they have to sell them by the thousands or the millions to these governments,” said Bernoff. “Their whole model is based on their selling them in massive quantities.” Bernoff suggested that the GiveMany program may be needed to boost sales to a level that makes the project economically viable.

“This is symptomatic of the fact that the business proposition wasn’t very clearly thought out initially,” said Roger Kay, a computer industry analyst and the president of Endpoint Technologies Corp. in Wayland. “The price point was a little higher than they said, and some of the governments who pledged money, it turned out it wasn’t really pledged.”

Kay said the foundation lacks well-developed distribution channels to deliver the laptops. He also warned that developing countries are often rife with government corruption, and that the foundation has no way of ensuring its laptops will end up in the hands of needy children.

Meanwhile, the foundation has pushed back the date when full production of the XO laptop will begin. Quanta Computer of Taiwan was supposed to start making the machines this month, but the manufacturing launch has now been moved into November.

At the same time, another Taiwanese computer company called Asustek has just unveiled its own entry into the ultracheap laptop market. The Eee PC will cost as little as $299. It runs the free Linux operating system, something the XO can’t do. Last week, an Asustek executive said his company had already won an order for a million of the machines from a country he declined to identify.
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