



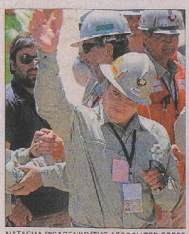
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Manuel Gonzalez, the first rescuer to reach the trapped miners, acknowledges the crowd after a news conference Thursday.

69 days of dread, despair, then hope

"Los 33" | One miner describes the suffocating fear the group felt before rescuers made contact

By JONATHAN FRANKLIN and JUAN FORERO
WASHINGTON POST; BLANKENBERG

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile — When the world came crashing down, Richard Villarreal thought he would be entombed forever, with little chance that rescuers would ever reach him in a dark chamber 2,050 feet under the Atacama Desert.

Inside "We were waiting for death," said Villarreal, 26, who had lied to his mother about the work he had landed in this century-old mine. Money and gifts pour in for rescued miners | A10

"We were waiting away. We were so skinny. I lost 25 pounds. I was afraid of not meeting my baby, who is on the way. That was what I was most waiting for."

In an extensive interview with The Washington Post, Villarreal described the anguish among the 33 trapped men after the Aug. 5 collapse sealed all exits out of the craggy cavity where they had gathered to prepare for lunch.

It would take two weeks for a borehole to reach them and another eight before they would see sunlight. Villarreal was the 28th miner rescued from the depths in a 22-hour rescue operation Wednesday that extricated

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True cost of a service call? Wait for it ...

Time | Americans lose billions just waiting on the repair guy, a survey finds

By DAVID MIGOYA
THE DENVER POST

DENVER — Americans last year wasted more than 2.75 billion hours waiting for some type of in-home service or appointment — from a utility hookup or furniture delivery — the equivalent of 1.3 million people out of work for a year, according to a new survey of consumer attitudes.

For one of the most hated activities — waiting for someone to come by the house — the people surveyed spent an average of five hours waiting for an appointment to arrive. That's because, in general, service appointments have a three-hour window (9 a.m. to noon, for example) and consumers waited two hours beyond that, according to the ICA Technologies survey of 1,009 Americans who waited for a service call.

And the amount of money lost Please see **WAITING**, Page A11

Bus cuts make tax a hard sell

Nov. 2 ballot | Riders who have seen service decline worry TriMet will focus on rail and leave them behind

By JOSEPH ROSE
THE OREGONIAN

Here's more proof that TriMet's \$125 million property tax measure to replace aging buses and improve shoddy scoops faces a bumpy ride on the Nov. 2 ballot. Teresa Soto de Roman hasn't made

up her mind. Not good, considering that TriMet expects longtime bus riders like Soto de Roman — 62, an east Portland renter, dependent on public transit — to resolutely support Measure 26-119.

But Soto de Roman and other daily bus commuters worry that they're becoming an afterthought as financially strapped TriMet dreams big about rail projects. Why, they wonder, support an agency that doesn't seem too excited about them?

Soto de Roman moved from eastern Oregon to Portland without a car

Find audio excerpts from Joseph Rose's interview with TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane at the Hard Drive commuting blog: oregonlive.com/harddrive

in 2003.

"I wrote letters to my family about how wonderful TriMet's bus service was," she said. "Little by little, things have fallen apart."

Commuters' frustrations run long and loud. They lament that bus riders must pay in what is now only the Free

Rail Zone from downtown Portland to the Lloyd Center. After repeated service cuts, some lines have stopped running completely on Sundays in neighborhoods miles from the nearest MAX station.

Even as TriMet goes hat in hand to voters for new buses, riders can't help notice that Oregon's largest transit agency is determined to fill a \$137 million gap in the proposed \$1.4 billion Portland to Milwaukie MAX line.

"Doesn't seem like we're very high up on the priority list, does it?" said Please see **TRIMET**, Page A11

Overlooked Astoria history will get its due

The city will mark its 2011 bicentennial with a park celebrating its Chinese heritage

By LORI TOBIAS
THE OREGONIAN

A dozen or so years ago, Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen invited Chinese American elder Duncan Law to a meeting at a local museum. Law firmly declined — and by way of explaining, gave Van Dusen a history lesson he had never known he'd missed.

Law told him: "The Columbia River Maritime Museum has no mention of the Chinese, but the Chinese built the jetties, they built the river wall that protects Astoria from the Columbia River. ... The Chinese brought the railroad to Astoria. Astoria was the salmon capital of the world, and the Chinese were exclusively the processors. Yet there was no mention of the Chinese anywhere in the museum."

That was all news to Van Dusen. "I've lived in Astoria my whole life, and I had no idea about the Chinese contribution until he refused to go into that building," the mayor said.

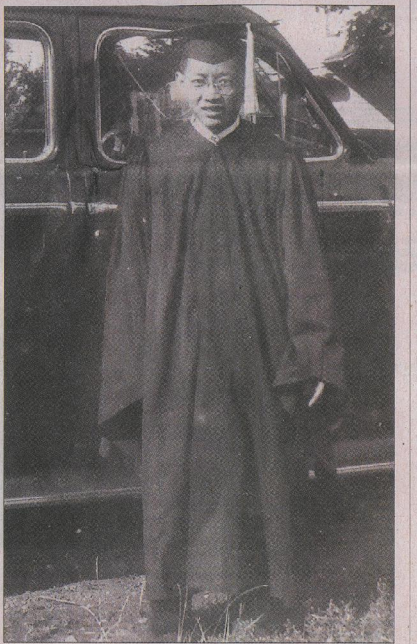
The museum eventually corrected the omission, which came in part because Chinese laborers left so few artifacts, said museum deputy director David Pearson.

That might have been that. But then came the afternoon about two years ago when Van Dusen found himself walking in the city's neighborhood known as old Chinatown, pondering what might make a fitting legacy gift for the city's 2011 bicentennial. In 1911 for the centennial, the city raised \$1 million to buy

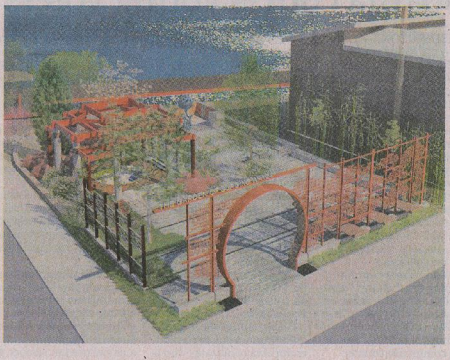
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Duncan Law today (left) and in a 1944 graduation photo from Oregon State University (below). Law worked in Astoria's canneries as a teenager and later for OSU's Seafood Laboratory in Astoria. He retired from the lab in 1954.



Photos courtesy of THE LAW FAMILY



Celebrating Astoria's bicentennial

The Garden of Surging Waves, designed by Suenn Ho, will commemorate Chinese contributions to the early development of Astoria. The nearly \$1 million project will feature art work commissioned from China and will be located in the neighborhood known in Astoria as old Chinatown — on the riverfront at the foot of Ninth Street.



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Stormier weather ahead for Northwest

Winter | A moderate La Niña that "could get stronger" means cooler, rainier and windier times

By STUART TOMLINSON
THE OREGONIAN

Are you ready for La Niña? Since 1950, there have been 18 La Niña events, the cooler-than-normal subsurface waters in the tropical Pacific Ocean that typically give the Pacific Northwest wetter, cooler and stormier winters than normal.

Statistically, 75 percent of those winters have involved above-average rainfall in the Pacific Northwest; half of them have resulted in cooler-than-average winters. Our last big La Niña came in the winter of 2007-08, a season that included the Great Coastal Gale of '07.

"This year it's a moderate La Niña, but it could get stronger," said Tyree Wilde of the National Weather Service in Portland. Wilde is one of four forecasters who will share their winter predictions at the Oregon chapter of the American Meteorological Society's "What Will the Winter Be Like?" meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at OMSI. The event is free and open to the public.

Last winter had two defining moments: A 10-day cold snap in early December that saw record low temperatures in the Portland metropolitan area, and at the end of the month a surprise snowstorm that led to a commuter nightmare of stuck buses and marooned cars.

Otherwise, we had our usual supply of wind, rain and more rain, but some pretty mild temperatures. Steve Pierce, vice president of the Oregon AMS, said that quick-hitting storm of late

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Voter help online

Ballots for the Nov. 2 election go in the mail today. The Oregonian offers plenty of help for you to learn more about the candidates and the issues. At oregonlive.com/politics, you'll find the latest political news, plus:

- Our Voter Guide allows you to compare candidates side by side, examine the arguments for and against measures, find your legislative districts and fill out a sample ballot.
- Maps on Politics, a daily blog by senior political reporter Jeff Maps, offers analysis and behind-the-scenes understanding of candidates and campaigns.
- PolitFact Oregon, by The Oregonian's political team, investigates political claims to tell you what's True, what's Half True and what's Pants-on-Fire false.

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Weather: Low-elevation snow is hard to predict

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December dumped as much as 7 inches of snow in some places, but at Portland International Airport, just 2 1/2 inches fell.

"That turned out to be the total for the entire winter," said Pierce, who later showed up holding on for dear life to railings at Crown Point in the Columbia River Gorge during 100-mph-plus wind gusts. The video made national news.

Long-range forecasts are notoriously tricky. Two years ago, only Steve Todd of the National Weather Service said he saw conditions that could lead to "some of our bigger valley snow events."

We could see a repeat of that. Maybe. Portland's snowiest December on record occurred in 2008, but that was an El Niño year.

"The strong La Niña in the tropical Pacific will bring us a succession of storms, especially from November through February," said George Taylor, former state climatologist who runs Applied Climate Services in Corvallis. "We can expect some big wind events especially on the coast, heavy rains with possible flooding, and plenty of mountain snow. We may get some low-elevation snow, but that is notoriously hard to predict. But I think an active winter is likely to occur."

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The forecasts

TYREE WILDE



Warning coordination meteorologist, National Weather Service, Portland

Temperatures: Increased odds of lower-than-normal temperatures

Precipitation: Increased odds of above-average precipitation

Snow: Increased odds of above-average snowpack in the mountains

Quote: "Overall, expect an active winter weather pattern this coming winter, with numerous storms moving across Oregon and Washington."

PETE PARSONS



Oregon Department of Forestry meteorologist, Salem

Temperatures: No significant departures from normal indicated through December

Precipitation: Well above normal in November and December, especially from the Cascades to the coast

Snow: Well above normal for elevations above 1,000 feet; at least one episode of snow or ice in the valley

Quote: "This should be a very stormy winter."

KYLE DITTMER



Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Hydrologist-Meteorologist

Temperatures: Near-normal across winter; slightly warm early, slightly cool late

Precipitation: Above normal, 105 to 130 percent of normal

Snow: An 80 to 95 percent chance of snow in the valley floor from mid-December to early March

Quote: "Salmon love La Niña winters."

GEORGE TAYLOR



Climatologist, Applied Climate Services, Corvallis

Temperatures: Below average

Precipitation: Above average, with possible flooding

Snow: Plenty of mountain snow, with a 50-50 chance of low-elevation snow

Quote: "A wet, windy, wild winter. Lots of big Pacific storms, beginning in November."

World of riches welcomes rescued miners

Aftermath | Most of the 33 remain in the hospital as money and other gifts pour in

BY ALEXEI BARRIOHEUO
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile.—The lucky ones now have more than \$100,000 in the bank and a free vacation in Greece awaiting them. But for the moment, many of the family members of the 33 miners trapped under the hard volcanic rock for more than two months seemed content to remain at Camp Hope on Thursday, tending to their tents and sweeping away the desert dust from their makeshift dining tables.

Elizabeth Segovia, the sister of one of the miners, Dario Segovia, arranged balloons next to the family's five tents, which were decked out with flags and signs welcoming him to the camp. The families have invited him and the other 32 miners to a Mass at the mine Sunday.

"We want to show him how we lived here, how we waited and prayed every minute of every day, supporting him and shouting for him every day," said Elizabeth Segovia, 51. "That's why we are preparing something special for when they come."

Most of the miners were still in a hospital about an hour away Thursday. But when they feel stronger, they may return to lives filled with gifts, rich offers

to tell their stories and opportunities to see the world.

Leonardo Farkas, a Chilean businessman, has already written checks of 5 million pesos, or about \$10,450, to each of the 33 men. Farkas, an eccentric mining entrepreneur known for his philanthropy and long blond hair, went ahead with the donations as a way of helping the men ease into their new lives.

"The idea is that they shouldn't be stressed while looking for new jobs," said Rodrigo Mundaca, a spokesman for Farkas.

Workers at the state mining company CODELCO said they would chip in about \$600. Though a relatively high-paying profession here, a successful miner in Chile usually cannot expect much more than about \$2,000 a month in salary.

Trips to Greece

Beyond the money, a range of other promised gifts have flooded in. A Greek mining company, ELMIN Hellenic Mining Enterprises, has offered a one-week vacation to Greece for each miner and companion, so that they could "enjoy our sun and sea" after their long ordeal.

"It was our long-term idea, as they work under similar conditions to the Chileans and immediately felt solidarity with them," said the company's managing director, Iyberis Polychronoulos.

Finding takers here did not seem difficult.

"We all want to go with him, but he gets to decide," said Juana Segovia, the 17-year-old daughter of one of the miners, Victor Segovia.

Family members said they also had been invited by two European soccer teams, Manchester United and Real Madrid, to visit their stadiums in Britain and Spain. Real Madrid had already sent 33 jerseys — signed by players and with the words "Have strength, miners" printed on them — to the miners while they were trapped below. One of the managers, Franklin Lobos, once played professionally.

Manchester United legend Bobby Charlton, the son of a miner, has sent a recorded message to the Chileans inviting them to Old Trafford, according to news reports, while former Argentina national coach Diego Maradona sent a message saying that the miners' liberation after 69 days underground "was proof that miracles exist and you are one of them."

Graceland, too

Edison Pena, an Elvis fanatic among the miners, may get to see the King.

Graceland and the Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau extended invitations for him and a loved one to visit the home in Memphis. Pena, 34, had officials send down Elvis music through the narrow borehole so he could lead the other miners in sing-alongs.

Pena, who earned the nickname the Runner for jogging three to six miles a day through the mine tunnels during his captivity, also could swing up to New York for the New York City Marathon on Nov. 7.

The New York Road Runners, the group that directs the marathon, said Thursday that they hoped to bring Pena to town to watch the race — or to participate, if he is up for it.

"He has taken the phrase 'runner for life' to a whole new level," said Mary Wittenberg, the chief executive of New York Road Runners, in an e-mail.

Then there are other goodies, like the latest-generation iPod Touch models that Apple says it has sent to each miner. And, of course, the miners get to keep the Oakley sunglasses they wore while leaving the mine to protect their light-deprived eyes, according to Alejandro Pino, an official who helped prepare the miners before their rescue.

Personal attention

Others offered more unconventional ways to help the miners recover. Adriana Barrientos, a reality show personality in Chile, offered to do a striptease for each of the 33 miners.

"It's something to improve the spirits, one dance for each of the 33, in private," Barrientos told La Cuarta, a Chilean newspaper. "The government should take care of them for life, so they never have to work again and

can live a dignified life."

Government officials at both the federal and local level said they will push to make the San Esteban Mining Co., which owns the mine, pay the country back for rescuing the miners. President Sebastian Pinera said Thursday that the effort had cost \$10 million to \$20 million, paid for through a mix of donations by private companies and the government.

Now that the rescue is done, Pinera said he was considering turning Camp Hope, the makeshift village that sprouted up as a temporary home for family members, into a memorial, adding that he would talk to the miners themselves about what the "best lesson" was to draw from the experience.

He said he would also consider what to do with the Phoenix capsule that shunted the miners to the surface, one by one, and the original note sent up from the miners Aug. 22, confirming they were alive. Pinera, the billionaire former head of a media empire, has pulled out the note from his desk or a suit pocket in the past to dramatic effect.

Before they leave, family members of the miners, who have been at the center of a worldwide media swirl for weeks, want

the men to experience a little of what their loved ones lived for the 69 days after Aug. 5, when the gold and copper mine collapsed, trapping the miners nearly half a mile below.



Chilean President Sebastian Pinera (center, front row) poses for a photo Thursday with the rescued miners during a visit to the hospital in Copiapo, Chile, where they are being examined. Three of the men were discharged from the hospital Thursday evening, and others were expected to follow today and over the weekend.

Miners: One says ordeal led to fistfights

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all of the miners and captivated a bold television audience.

His account of life inside the mine came before "Los 33," as they are now immortalized, were examined in a hospital in Copiapo, a small, dusty city that became the epicenter of joyous celebrations.

Despite their ordeal, the miners were generally in good condition and spirits Thursday, said Jorge Montes, the hospital's deputy director. "We don't see any problems from a medical point of view."

The miners and relatives said the men had made a pact to keep secret the discord that was a part

of their struggle. But Daniel Sanderson, a miner whose shift had ended hours before the disaster, said he later received a letter from one of the trapped men in which he recounted disagreements that led to blows.

"There were fistfights," Sanderson said. He would not reveal what the fights were about.

Many of the miners, in comments after the rescue, repeated a message of unity and hope under near-impossible circumstances, the same theme of solidarity offered by resident Sebastian Pinera's government.

Luis Urzua, 54, the foreman and a natural leader who was the last man rescued, said the large chamber where the men were trapped became a "democracy."

"Everything was voted on," he said. "We were 33 men, so 16 plus one was a majority."

But Villarreal spoke of the intense fear and despair before rescuers made contact.

Some of the men were so sure death was near that they simply climbed into cots in the cavern and would not get up. He

described being overwhelmed with the dread of never again seeing his dotting mother, Antonia Godoy, or meeting the boy his pregnant wife is carrying.

Sitting in bed in a field hospital, as nurses and doctors scurried from one miner to the other, Villarreal had a blanket over him to ward off the cold of his home in mountainous region. He appeared healthy but dazed after the 69-day ordeal and spoke with little emotion.

He said that the ever-present possibility of starvation to death haunted the miners as their days disconnected from the world above stretched into one week, then two.

"We were getting eaten up," he said, meaning that with little food, the miners were quickly losing weight and muscle mass. "We were moving but not eating. We started to ... get skinnier and skinnier."

The dire situation would later lead to dark jokes about cannibalism, he said. "At that moment, no one talked about it," he said. "But once it was over, it became a topic of joking, but

only once it was over, once they found us."

What gave the miners hope was when the borehole drilled beneath the rock finally reached them, he said, the "probes were so far away, so we had no hope."

Despite the odds, Villarreal said the group tried to focus on finding ways to endure. Thanks to stoic leaders such as the foreman, Urzua. He is credited with ensuring that the rations the men had — just 40 hours' worth — lasted for many more days.

That meant only half a spoonful a day of tuna per man. About three-quarters of this cap," Villarreal explained, pointed to the screw cap of a soda bottle.

"We talked about it at the first meeting we had when we were trapped," he said. "We all agreed that we would all share the food that was there, but rationing. You just had to tough it. Every 24 hours, eat a small piece of tuna. Nothing else."

He recounted how they had plenty of water but that it had an oily taste, as it had been intended for maintaining ma-

chinery. "You had to drink it," Villarreal said.

The men split into groups, each with a special task. Villarreal was in charge of maintaining the electrical system. He also talked about the positive role of older, more experienced and hard-bitten men such as Jose Henriquez, 56, a miner trained to perform holes who is also an evangelical pastor.

"I had never prayed before," Villarreal said.

Then, 17 days after the mine collapsed, a drill bit chewed a narrow hole from the surface all the way to the roof of the mine.

It was 6:30 a.m., Villarreal said, and he was playing dominoes. He grabbed a wrench and began chipping on the bit, a faint message that told rescuers above that they had reached the miners.

Overjoyed, the miners sang the national anthem.

The narrow hole would be the miners' connection to the world above for the next eight weeks, a lifeline rescuers used to lower food and medicine until they could excavate an escape shaft and hoist Los 33 to freedom.

Astoria: Exhibit to feature future park artwork

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Coxcomb Hill and build the beloved Astoria Coliseum.

Now, as Van Dusen considered this next milestone celebration, once again he heard Law's words and knew what the city needed.

On Saturday, Astoria will open an exhibition of artwork commissioned by the city from China that ultimately will go in a public site named The Garden of Singing Waves in old Chinatown. The city spent \$100,000 for the work, and the artist donated a number of pieces.

"What an opportunity to talk about the Chinese contribution," Van Dusen said. "Astoria

was over 20 percent Chinese in the late 1800s. And yet it was not a part of our history. For our bicentennial we are going to go back and tell this very important history that was never told."

Growing up, Duncan Law's mother told him about the family's 1921 voyage from China to Astoria when he was a year old.

He had gotten so ill on the boat, his mother feared he would die. "She used to say, 'Boy I was ready to feed you to the fishes.' Because I died, that's what they would have had to do," said Law, chuckling.

He thinks now perhaps his mother had the gift of prophecy. "Because I've been in fisheries ever since," said Law, for whom the Duncan Law National Consumer Center in Astoria is named.

Law, 90, got his first job in the cannery at age 14 after living on the application, adding two years to his age. "Astoria was a pretty wild town in those days," he said. "Lots of loggers and fishermen. A lot of bawdyhouses in

Exhibit opening

What: Public celebration to open the exhibition of artwork for The Garden of Singing Waves

When: 3 p.m. Saturday

Where: Foot of 6th Street and Marine Drive by the trolley line

More information: www.astoriachineseheritage.org

Astoria, Ore.

He worked 14 to 16 hours a day and made very little money, he said. "It was really an opportunity for me as well as a lot of younger Chinese, we used that as a springboard to get an education."

When they weren't working, they slept and ate in the flea- and bedbug-infested bunkhouses near the canneries, where light came from a single bulb and furnishings were meager at best.

"They gave us a couple of sawhorses and four planks," Law recalled. "You put the planks on

the sawhorses, and we used our blankets for mattresses and warmth. One old fellow told me how to fix the bed, and he quickly went to the main canneries and got a couple of big cans, and he filled each one full of kerosene and he put it under each of the legs of the sawhorse. I thought, 'Gee, what kind of pyre is the building for me?'"

The next morning in those cans with kerosene there were quite a few bedbugs that had tried to go up the sawhorses to get at me."

Work in the canneries was repetitive and monotonous, he said.

"The fish contractors hired the Chinese to do the drudge work most people couldn't stand. The jobs didn't offer enough challenge to the other ethnic groups in this area," Law said. "This is what the Chinese heritage park is all about, to emphasize that the Chinese did play an important role in getting Astoria to what it is today."

But there is still a way to go before the park becomes reality.

The city needs to raise \$800,000 to construct the waterfront park, where 14 tons of sculpture will include a 12-foot-tall hand-hammered bronze moon gate, granite columns, two Ling Bi Scholar Rocks (delicately textured limestone formations that produce a metallic sound when tapped), cast bronze scrolls with classic Chinese quotations, 24 bronze timeline markers and a 6-foot-tall cast bronze lantern inspired by a Western Han Dynasty miniature incense burner from 204 B.C.

The garden takes its name from a Chinese term that speaks of turmoil and strife, and represents what the Chinese went through here, Van Dusen said.

"Hopefully the community will be able to realize \$800,000," he said, noting that supporters have raised \$200,000 so far. "I feel very confident we will. This is important for Astoria's history. It's very fascinating and very powerful."

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