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A newspaper with issues

LAPD looks to Santa Monica's pursuit policy

Commission makes changes

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Police Department has modeled part of its new pursuit policy after Santa Monica's, which attempts to protect the public from high speed chases that may not be justified.

After several highly public police chases that have either killed or seriously injured innocent bystanders, the LAPD decided to review its police pursuit policy. The city's Police Commission ordered a review of the policy in early 2002 when a 4-year-old girl died in a crash during a chase of a stolen car.

LAPD officials turned almost immediately to the Santa Monica Police Department, which only engages in pursuits that involve individuals suspected of committing felony crimes.

Now, LAPD officers will be barred from pursuing vehicles that do not stop after minor infractions, such as traffic violations, under an experimental policy approved Tuesday by the Police Commission.

"(Santa Monica's policy) actually led to something that was approved today," said Police Commission spokeswoman Tami Catania. "It's not as restrictive as Santa Monica, but our commission wanted to look at Santa Monica as a reference point."

The policy, to be tried for 12 months, is intended to reduce the chances of collisions and injuries during chases. It will not go into effect for 60 to 90 days so that the department can train officers on the revised pursuit policy.

Pursuits of non-yielding vehicles will still be allowed for such things as reckless driving or auto theft. But the officers will take weather conditions and the possibility of injuring bystanders into account.

In Santa Monica, police only engage in pursuits if officers can clearly articulate that the suspects have committed a felony crime with use of deadly or threatened force, said SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega. That includes residential burglaries that have occurred and the full extent of the crime is not known by officers, Fabrega added.

The SMPD's policy, which was modified in 1991 when Police Chief James T.

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Youth, student activists call for formal representation

BY ANDY FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Students and youth activists on Tuesday called for the creation of a permanent Youth Commission at City Hall to better represent the views of Santa Monica's young people.

About 50 community members, youth counselors, school district representatives and city staff members met Tuesday at the Ken Edwards Center to discuss strategies for creating a Youth Commission and how it could benefit the entire city.

"There is a process starting to create a Santa Monica Youth Commission," said Jerry Rubin, a local activist coordinating the effort. "And the more we get the word out about it, the better."

The idea is to create a sitting commission consisting of representatives of students from local public and private middle schools, high schools and possibly a representative from Santa Monica College that would meet regularly to discuss issues affecting Santa Monica's youth.

The group would give young people in the community a voice on civic issues, organizers say, and provide a viewpoint that is otherwise absent from City Hall.

**"This is about
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shafted them."**

— KRISTINA LIZAMA
Santa Monica High School senior

"The biggest advantage to me is an overarching perspective," said Matt Chapa, with the Los Angeles City Youth Services Department. "The youth have a different viewpoint, and they aren't inhibited about

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Associated Press

Above: A car on the shoulder of the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu catches fire after brush along the roadway goes up in flames Monday. Left: A Los Angeles County helicopter tries to contain a wildfire in Malibu on Tuesday. The wildfire stoked by fierce Santa Ana winds charred more than 1,500 acres, damaged three homes and threatened hundreds of houses in the hills overlooking the Pacific Ocean.



Malibu fire is contained after winds die down

Local firefighters on scene

By staff and wire reports

Firefighters contained a Malibu wildfire and utility crews worked to restore electricity to thousands of customers Tuesday as Santa Ana winds that stoked fires and snapped power poles across Southern California began to weaken.

Dying winds allowed firefighters to fully surround a Malibu blaze Tuesday afternoon. The fire's perimeter extended over 2,200 acres, but only 759 acres within the fire lines actually burned, said Los Angeles County Fire Department Capt. Brian Jordan.

"The winds died down and that's what actually helped us," Jordan said. "The winds were the biggest problem."

Three homes were damaged as the blaze hoppedscotched around houses in the Santa Monica Mountains after apparently being sparked Monday by a downed power line.

"It jumped around — all over, boy," said actor Cheech Marin, who installed sprinklers to soak vegetation around his home after losing a barn and garage to a 1978 fire. "What I knew from the fires last time is they are extremely capricious."

More than 1,000 firefighters were on the lines in Malibu at its peak, but as firefighters gained control of the blaze units that had been dispatched from throughout the state were being released.

The Santa Monica Fire Department sent two engines, eight firefighters and a battalion chief to help battle the Malibu blaze.

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♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ The daylight hours favor you. Understand someone better by being willing to express your deeper needs. You might be surprised by the level of someone's response. Talk, rather than guessing. Take nothing for granted. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Handle professional matters in your usual dynamic manner. Sometimes you push someone away when you least intend to. Speak your mind to a co-worker who really cares about your work. Schedule a meeting for later in the day. Tonight: A midweek break.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Make an effort to read between the lines. Reach out for experts. Just think of how many different ways someone can interpret what is happening. Take the lead in a meeting or with an important project. Tonight: A must show.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ An associate whispers in your ear, making a big difference in what might happen. Carefully consider your options. Don't hesitate to find an expert or get feedback from someone you respect. Postpone a long-distance call until late in the afternoon. Tonight: Try something different.

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★★★★ Your efforts make a difference to others. You get feedback that might surprise you. Others really are more aware of your efforts than you think. Your creativity surges. A key associate or a potential friend seeks you out. Tonight: Togetherness works.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others might view you as a tornado as you charge into work. You know what you need to do and will get it done, despite major distractions. Schedule meetings and other interpersonal dealings for the end of the day. Tonight: Sort through your offers.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ How you approach someone could make all the difference in the end result. Your humor lightens up work and helps others get the job done. What about you? Because you are the nurturer, you get to work till the wee hours. Tonight: As late as you need to go.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might have a difficult time pulling yourself out the doldrums, but you will succeed. Use your famed ingenuity to get a project moving. You might need to psych yourself up, as well as someone else. Let the good times flow. Tonight: Play away.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone makes an enormous effort. Think clearly about your long-term desires, especially those involving a child or loved one. An action or effort made later this afternoon could stick in someone's mind. Tonight: Happy at home.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Think carefully about your finances. Don't make a fast decision; rather, evaluate the pros and cons. Seek out an expert to get feedback. Delay returning calls until later in the day, when you have more time. A boss pushes you. Think of the long-term gains. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your happy ways take you in another direction. Consider more carefully options that surround a loved one at a distance. This person might need your help far more than you realize. Balance your checkbook. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

QUOTE of the DAY

"Women who seek to be like men lack ambition."
— Timothy Leary

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LOCAL



Couple's break up centers around repairs in courtroom

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When a boyfriend and girlfriend break up, the results often need cleaning up not in divorce court, but in a small claims courtroom.

Consider the case of Alex Martin and Carrie Gold, who'd maintained a three-year-plus relationship at least through last August, when Gold's car got damaged with Martin at the wheel.

Gold claimed her car sustained \$3,265 in damage after Martin scraped it along a pole in front of her West Los Angeles home. Martin said he had started the car to take Gold out on a date when he noticed it was parked so close to the pole that it couldn't be moved without scraping it.

"I didn't move it an inch and it hit the pole," Martin told commissioner Donna Groman in court recently. Gold's insurance paid for most of the repair, leaving her on the hook for the \$1,000 deductible. She looked to Martin to pay it.

Martin maintained that he had tried, but, as an unemployed but aspiring actor and voice-over artist, it was difficult. So he offered to let Gold, who is a nurse, drive his car. That offer didn't work out well when Gold said the car completely died near the corner of Pico and San

Vicente boulevards, leaving her to stash it at a nearby repair shop so she could go back to work.

"I didn't know what was wrong, but it wasn't moving," Gold told the judge.

Martin said Gold had burned out the clutch on his stick shift — he said he'd forgotten to consider that she didn't know how to drive a manual car. The repairs, Martin said, cost him \$738.

He also said he allowed Gold to charge a \$275 home study course to his credit card. The charge and the burned-out clutch should take care of the repairs to Gold's car, shouldn't they? He posed the question to Commissioner Groman, who grappled with whether or not to allow them as a legal "offset" or counterclaim to Gold's bill.

Martin, who is from Santa Monica, said his money problems began when he left his prior career as a census bureau interviewer to pursue a career as an actor.

How are the pair getting along now?

Gold called Martin's claim a distraction and "red herring" and left the courthouse in a huff.

Martin excused Gold for acting a bit moody, but said she'd called him recently to see him.

Commissioner Groman hasn't yet ruled on the case.

The Q-Line

The city was sued on Friday for instituting a law that requires charitable groups to have permits from the Los Angeles County Health Department and the city in order to feed the homeless. The charities argue it's their constitutional right to hand out free food.

City officials say the law is designed to reduce significant public health risks that the meal programs create, as well as to attach the free food with Santa Monica's social services (the city spends \$2 million annually on homeless services).

But many believe politics played a role in the law's passing, which they say

was designed as a way to get rid of the homeless population here by inadvertently eliminating food lines in city parks.

So this week Q-Line wants to know:

"Do you think the new law is really about protecting the public, or is it to get rid of the food lines and subsequently the homeless?"

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surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Tuesday night at low tide Sunset was hitting head high, conditions were clean with light winds, and a packed line-up was ripping awesome, peeling rights.

Surfers can expect to enjoy much of the same today as the west-northwest swell holds.

If winds stay low, we should see epic surf, shoulder- to head-high waves, sun, and warm weather in the north and south.

Thursday, forecasts predict fading swell and decreasing size. Expect a one- to two-foot drop in wave height and less consistency to the sets.

Rumor of the day: Some people are saying the Santa Ana's are coming back today, and surf will be blown out.

The warm, offshore winds weren't a problem Tuesday, but there is a chance they could pick up, especially during the afternoon.



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Low-	5:49am	2.60'
High-	11:36am	4.66'
Low-	6:52pm	0.30'

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Zuma	4-6'/Fair	3-5'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	D
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George Bush's continual contempt is why I hate him



INCITES

By Ed Silverstein

I don't want to dwell on the fact that it took confusing, mostly Democratic, Palm Beach and Dade counties ballots (that weren't counted); questionable, mostly Republican, military mail-in ballots (that were counted); the illegal purging of 25,000 mostly black/Democratic voters from the rent rolls; and Jeb Bush, Kathleen Harris, Ralph Nader and the Supreme Court for George Bush to steal, sorry, I mean win the election. What rankles is that this president, who did not have a mandate, who did not win the popular vote, has pursued an agenda that ignores the desires of a majority of Americans.

Mr. Bush has embraced the far religious right, a group that is personified by Trent Lott who (wink, wink, nudge, nudge) isn't a racist. This is exemplified by his choice of U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, a man who lost an election to a dead opponent and who is so far to the right it is a wonder he hasn't fallen off the edge of the Earth that he probably still believes is flat.

The president has encouraged Ashcroft to trample over our civil rights and, while it may be somewhat justified since 9/11, I have yet to see him draw a line he will not cross with the possible exception of gun

rights. For instance, the attorney general will not even consider laws that would require background checks for suspected terrorists buying guns. The president also claims he wants stronger state rights, yet he sat back while Ashcroft did everything he could to obliterate legalization of medical marijuana and assisted suicide laws passed by California and Oregon voters.

But even those home schoolers and speakers in tongues will be impacted by Mr. Bush's cozy relationship with big business and their millions in campaign contributions. And only but the most naive must realize that these companies expect a quid pro quo. With Mr. Bush, they're getting it. It is why we don't have the right to sue HMO's when they withhold adequate care. It is why we pay more for prescription drugs than other countries, even though our government pays for much of the research. It is why there is no funding for alternative energy sources that might eventually get us out from under the thumb of religious despots, human rights violators and supporters of terrorism. It is why Mr. Bush didn't have the Federal Energy Commission step in when California was being shafted by the likes of Enron. It is why multi-billion dollar corporations are getting billions in tax breaks. And it is why Mr. Bush has begun eroding environmental protections on the quality of our water, air and land all for the benefit of business.

Mr. Bush recently gutted the 1976 National Forest Management Act, making it easier for loggers and more perilous for

wildlife. He unilaterally extended the rights of coal mining companies to dump their wastes into streams. He has refused to join the Kyoto Accord to reduce greenhouse gasses. And all of this was accomplished when the Democrats still controlled the Senate and were still able to block some of the president's more heinous objectives, such as drilling in the Alaska wilderness and increased arsenic in the water. And Ralph, just for the record, there is a difference between Democrats and Republicans.

Then there's the president's tax cut, one of the most fiscally irresponsible pieces of legislation ever perpetrated. Can anybody really believe that this money wouldn't be better spent shoring up Social Security, or providing a prescription drug benefit plan for the elderly? That he had the gall to tell the American people that this cut, which vastly benefits the rich and big business, was not going to cause a deficit shows the true character of the man. What is worse is that Mr. Bush has now fabricated a claim that during the campaign he said that he would never run a deficit except in the case of war, recession or national emergency. He never said it. It's a lie.

And it is this that I truly hate about George Bush. It is his contempt.

It is with this contempt that he breaks his promise never to touch the Social Security surplus, or about pursuing a non-partisan agenda, or about not knowing Enron's Kenneth Lay, or about using drugs. It is there when he plays bait and

switch; publicly supporting a popular piece of legislation, such as corporate reform, then quietly lobbying to ensure that it is never passed. It was contempt when he appointed Harvey Pitt as Chairman of the Security & Exchange Commission, a veritable fox guarding the chicken coop, or by breaking a written promise and delaying an appointment of a Democrat to the Federal Election Commission, which allowed the commission to approve loopholes subverting the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law. It is the cloud of secrecy (such as we haven't seen since Nixon) in which the Bush administration operates under, yet his willingness to undermine privacy protections for the rest of us. And it is there when the president's Minister of Propaganda, Ari Fleischer, uses intimidation, double speak, loss of access and even lies (much like Saddam Hussein) to fend off the press.

So here we are, at the brink of war with Iraq. Personally, I'm torn. Does Iraq pose a true threat, or are Hussein's human rights violations sufficient that it is morally imperative that we step in, or is this just an oil grab? What I do know is that I can't trust my president to give me those answers.

Having said this, I can only hope that I won't be arrested on suspicion of terrorism without the right to see counsel or family, or even worse, have Christmas visits from the IRS for the rest of my life.

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LOCAL



Santa Monica Police Dept. reviews each car pursuit

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Butts Jr. came to Santa Monica, leaves it up to the responding officer to judge whether he should initiate a pursuit, as well as terminate it.

"The chief's belief is that the importance of stopping a vehicle has to be compared to the risk involved," Fabrega said. "The purpose of the policy is to protect the general public and officers of the Santa Monica Police Department from the dangers which are inherent in pursuits."

LAPD's new policy mirrors the SMPD's in that a supervising officer, such as a sergeant on duty, is involved in the pursuit.

"The supervising officer needs to be part of the pursuit to make the determination," Fabrega said. "Without seeing what's going on, it's difficult to make the decision. We want the constant assessment by the supervisors."

The supervising officer should terminate the pursuit if the chase endangers the public or police, and if it doesn't follow the department's policy.

"Our main goal is public safety and to maintain our officers' safety and residents in the community," Fabrega said.

He added that it's not worth endangering lives to chase a person if she can be tracked down later with information like license plate numbers that officers can gather at the scene.

"We can follow up and make an arrest down the line," Fabrega said.

SMPD will not give chase if there is clear and reasonable danger to the public and the police, as well if the violator can be identified and later arrested. If an officer does initiate a pursuit, he is required to call police dispatch and inform them of his location, direction of travel, speed, the

reason for the chase, the number of suspects involved and what the conditions are on the road, including traffic levels, Fabrega said.

LAPD also will review how officers handle pursuits, much like what SMPD does. After every chase, SMPD officers are required to write a memo explaining their roles. A pursuit review board is convened consisting of a high ranking SMPD officer, a member of the police union and an officer of equal rank to the officer involved in the pursuit.

The board then determines whether the pursuit followed the SMPD's policy. If it didn't, an internal investigation is launched and the supervising officer, watch commander and officer involved could be disciplined either by being suspended or required to be re-trained.

SMPD last year was involved in six pursuits, Fabrega said.

In 2001, Los Angeles police initiated 781 chases, resulting in six deaths and 139 injuries. In 2000, infractions such as traffic violations led to 59 percent of police chases, and injuries occurred in about half the pursuits in which fleeing drivers refused to stop.

Whenever possible, LAPD officers in cars will turn over pursuits to police helicopter crews. The department also will look into using devices such as "spike strips" to disable fleeing vehicles.

"We're saying to officers, if you have a reasonable belief that a felony or misdemeanor is being committed, has been committed or is about to be committed, then you can certainly initiate a pursuit," Deputy Police Chief George Gascon said at the commission meeting. "The message we do not want to send out to officers is not to engage."

Youth want more influence

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giving it. The whole political correctness isn't inhibiting them, to their benefit."

Los Angeles, Malibu and Huntington Beach, among other municipalities, have created similar commissions to advocate on the behalf of youth, and to design programs and services for younger residents. The commissions also involve students in the governmental process, officials said.

Already, the Santa Monica Unified School District has student representatives from its two high schools — Santa Monica and Malibu — serving as alternate school board members. And with the exception of voting on personnel and student expulsion decisions, the students are given full voting rights.

And the Santa Monica Police Department has created a Youth Services Division that helps officers and young people work together.

The idea of creating some form of a local youth commission has been endorsed by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Monica Community College, SMMUSD Superintendent John Deasy, Councilman Mike Feinstein and the officers of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified PTO, among others.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified school board will discuss the implications of creating a Youth Commission — and possibly endorsing the concept of creating

one locally — at its Thursday meeting.

Some people have said young adults should have played a larger role in designing the \$120-million civic center redevelopment plan to include athletic fields, and they should have been more involved when city officials designed a new skate facility at Olympic Park.

"This is about empowering people who feel cast aside by adults that have shafted them," said Kristina Lizama, a 17-year-old Santa Monica High School senior. "It would give kids the support and backing we need to at least give us the feeling that we are actually empowered enough to make change."

While City Council members have been expressing support individually for a youth commission, the city manager's office has not been instructed to begin the process of creating one, said Santa Monica spokeswoman Judy Rambeau.

Barbara Stinchfield, the city's Health and Human Services Department, wanted to make sure youth at Tuesday's meeting understood how daunting working in a commission can be for everyone — both youth and adults.

"It can be frustrating for youth because they sometime have ideas that the city can't deliver on," she said. "Sometimes things you would like to take a year can take six years, and I just want to make sure everybody here understands that."

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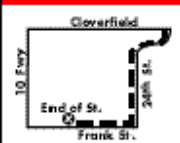
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No fire-related injuries were reported on scene

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From Monday morning until 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, they fought flames encroaching dozens of homes in the Encinal Canyon of the Santa Monica Mountains.

The firefighters caught a brief break before heading back into the canyon Tuesday afternoon and into the evening, fire officials said.

"They were assigned to structure fires rather than wildfires because that's what our guys know best," said Jill Barnes, a Santa Monica Fire Department spokeswoman. "We typically count on the guys in Malibu with experience fighting brush to be out in the field."

No fire-related injuries were reported in Malibu, but two California Highway Patrol officers were hit by a car while directing traffic away from the blaze Monday. They were hospitalized in stable condition.

Firefighters were busy elsewhere, too. Off the coast, a 275-acre fire on Santa Catalina Island was 45 percent contained Tuesday night, with no homes in immediate danger. A 150-acre fire that damaged five homes Monday in a rural area near Norco, about 45 miles east of Los Angeles, was 100 percent contained by noon Tuesday. A 45-year-old woman, Cindy Sapper of Mira Loma, was arrested Monday night for investigation of arson.

The National Weather Service downgraded high wind warnings to advisory status at midday but cautioned that offshore flow of air remained strong and gusts could still reach 60 mph in the mountains and 40 mph below the passes and canyons.

"These are very dry winds that take the moisture out of the air and away from plants. The plants lose the moisture and become drier. And that really hurts when you're fighting brush fires," said Stuart Seto, an NWS weather specialist.

The dreaded Santa Anas roared into

Southern California late Sunday after high pressure set in over the West, sending air racing toward the Pacific coast. Trees and trucks were blown over and power poles toppled, knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of people.

Two deaths were linked directly to the winds: a San Diego woman struck by a falling tree and a passenger in a car hit by a flying pickup truck cover on a freeway in Riverside.

"It jumped around — all over, boy. What I knew from the fires last time is they are extremely capricious."

— CHEECH MARIN
Actor/Malibu resident

In the winds' aftermath, Glendale Water and Power worker Ralph Rodriguez, 38, died early Tuesday after falling from a pole while repairing damage, utility spokesman Ritch Wells said.

Nearly 40,000 Southern California Edison and 2,300 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power customers remained without power Tuesday.

Heaviest damage in SCE territory occurred east of Los Angeles in the San Gabriel Valley and Riverside-San Bernardino area, and to the south in Orange County. In the city of Orange alone, 45 poles were toppled, and 29 fell in Arcadia.

In Malibu, Marin was already anticipating the second half of the city's disaster cycle: mudslides on fire-denuded slopes.

"It's always something in Malibu," he said.

Environmentalists sue to block whale sonar testing

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Environmentalists are seeking to block scientists from studying the impacts of underwater sonar tests on migrating gray whales.

The testing by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and New Hampshire-based Scientific Solutions Inc. is set to begin Wednesday off the Northern California coast during the whales' southward migratory season.

A federal judge is scheduled to hold a hearing Wednesday morning here to address claims that the high-frequency sonar could injure the migrating behemoths and should be blocked. The National Marine Fisheries Service has approved the three-week testing period about a mile offshore.

"They have authorized a researcher to broadcast intense sound at them to see if they respond to it," said attorney Lanny Sinkin, who filed the suit on behalf of several groups, including the Channel Islands Animal Protection Association. "You don't go out and perform experiments on them. You go out and protect them."

Sinkin said the sounds could separate mothers from their calves and disorient whales. Shelley Dawicki, an institute spokeswoman, said scientists are developing a sonar system to detect whales in the water. Among other things, such technology may help ships avoid colliding with the whales.

Scientists, she said, want to study whether the sounds are hurting the whales.

"The permit is to monitor behavior and physiological responses," Dawicki said.

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STATE



CA Coastal Commission plans to challenge ruling

BY LAURA WIDES

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The California Coastal Commission, during its first meeting since it was declared unconstitutional, planned to ask the state attorney general Wednesday to file an appeal with the Supreme Court.

An appeal would stave off efforts to weaken the commission, at least until Gov. Gray Davis calls a special legislative session to reorganize the agency, Commissioner Pedro Nava said Tuesday.

Without it, the appeals court decision becomes binding at month's end.

"There are three certainties in our lives — death, taxes and appealing this decision," Nava said. "If we don't do that, the clock starts ticking."

During the commission's three-day hearing, it was to meet with representatives of the attorney general's office to talk about legal strategy.

The commission's 12 voting members were also scheduled to vote on one of the largest coastal development proposals in the state's history — a controversial San Clemente plan to build more than 300 homes and a 22-acre retail center.

An appeal is crucial because the court's ruling would prohibit the commission from granting or denying coastal development permits and would stop the commission from issuing cease and desist orders to developers who violate coastal protection laws.

That could give a free pass to those seeking to build on the state's last, open

coastal dunes, wetlands and seaside cliffs.

The 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento ruled Dec. 30 that the commission's structure violates the state Constitution because the Legislature appoints a majority of its voting members and can replace them at will, even though the commission is under the executive branch.

That structure violates the Constitution's separation of powers clause, the court said.

The commission, created by a 1972 initiative, regulates development along California's 1,100-mile coastline. The Senate and Assembly appoint four voting members each. The governor appoints four more.

Lawmakers have urged Davis to step in and call a special legislative session to fix the structure problems.

Davis said it is unlikely he will call such a session before Jan. 21.

The appeals court decision stemmed from a lawsuit filed by the Marine Forests Society, a nonprofit group that wanted to use old tires to create an artificial reef off Newport Beach to develop a fish habitat.

The society was ordered by the commission to halt the project in 1999 because it had not been issued a permit.

Environmentalists say they believe the commission can operate normally as soon as it files an appeal, but others say the panel will remain open to attack until it is restructured by either the Legislature or the California Supreme Court.

"For now, every permit is a lawsuit," Commissioner Cynthia McClain Hill said.

Federal arrest warrant sought for Max Factor heir

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Investigators searching for fugitive cosmetics heir Andrew Luster sought a federal arrest warrant Tuesday as his sensational trial on 87 sex crime charges against three women continued without him in Ventura County Superior Court.

Authorities said the 39-year-old great-grandson of cosmetics magnate Max Factor loaded his German shepherd and his collection of Chumash Indian artifacts into his sport utility vehicle on Friday and fled his beachfront home in Ventura County.

He left behind his cold-weather clothes, suggesting he may have headed for a warm climate.

"There's a considerable likelihood he's not only left Ventura County but left the state of California and possibly the United States," said Gary Auer, chief investigator for the district attorney's office.

He also left behind a swinging bachelor lifestyle of parties, surfing and, according to prosecutors, serial rape.

Luster is charged with sodomy, poisoning, rape and other crimes by authorities who say he used the date-rape drug GHB to render women unconscious, then videotaped himself having sex with them.

In one tape played in court after he disappeared, Luster is seen on camera having sex with a woman and declaring: "That's exactly what I like in my room. A passed-

out beautiful girl."

His attorneys say the sex was consensual, suggesting the women were feigning sleep to help him film pornographic movies.

They also dispute Superior Court Judge Ken Riley's classification of Luster as a fugitive.

"We don't believe he is ... I have no clue as to what happened," attorney Roger Jon Diamond said Tuesday. "I've not heard from him."

Diamond said in court Monday that Luster could have been abducted or involved in an accident.

The Max Factor heir, who lived off a trust fund and real estate investments, faces up to 150 years in prison if convicted. His trial, which began Dec. 16 before breaking for the holidays and resuming Monday, is expected to last a couple more weeks.

Riley resumed it without Luster under a state law that allows a trial to continue if the defendant leaves voluntarily.

"It's an unusual case where the individual (fled) in the middle of a trial," Auer said.

The case began 2 1/2 years ago when a 21-year-old college student told authorities Luster drugged and raped her after she met him in a Santa Barbara bar and accompanied him to his house in the tiny beachfront community of Mussel Shoals.

Authorities subsequently searched Luster's house and seized 17 homemade videotapes they said show other victims who may have been given the date-rape drug GHB and raped.

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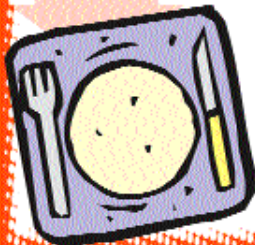
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**STATE**

Lawmakers seek to force end to Colorado River impasse

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Two influential state senators put a gun to the head of Southern California's Imperial Irrigation District Tuesday, proposing legislation that would chop the district's water use and make it fully responsible for environmental damage to the protected Salton Sea.

The senators are upset the district rejected an agreement to sell irrigation water to urban water districts, which resulted in a federal cutback in California's use of Colorado River water. Their tough legislation is designed to force the district into an agreement.

District officials did not immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Rejiggering water rights and federal contracts by fiat could have far-reaching consequences. But Sens. Mike Machado and Sheila Kuehl said they believe legislators have no choice but to confront an impasse they said potentially threatens the state's economy, quality of life, agricultural base and potential for development.

"I do not believe that any single entity should be allowed to affect the destiny of a whole state," said Machado, a Linden Democrat and chairman of Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee.

"They don't have the responsibility to save the state — we do," echoed Kuehl, D-Santa Monica.

The Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee Kuehl chairs would have to approve safeguarding the district from the high cost of protecting the Salton Sea, safeguards that ended when an earlier Kuehl-sponsored law expired at year's end. Imperial's lost irrigation water has kept the inland lake and its teeming wildlife alive since it was created by a canal breach in 1905.

However, the chairman of the Assembly's Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, Joe Canciamilla, D-Pittsburg, cautioned against any rush to judgment — particularly after the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California said Monday that such a deal isn't necessary to secure Southern California's water supply.

With officials now saying they have

sufficient water for at least 20 years, "I'm not convinced this is a crisis that requires any immediate or punitive action against IID," said Canciamilla. "I don't see any crisis and I would have to agree ... this perhaps isn't the best place to spend a billion dollars" on a water pact.

The Metropolitan district had no immediate comment on the proposed legislation.

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— SHEILA KUEHL
State senator, D-Santa Monica

Intervention by state lawmakers was expected, said Coachella Valley Water District spokesman Dennis Mahr.

"We would hope that that could be avoided, but we can see there is a need for California to live within its requirements," Mahr said.

The rejection by the Imperial district meant California missed a Dec. 31 deadline to come up with a plan to cut its annual overuse of Colorado River water over the next 14 years as part of an agreement with six other Western states. That prompted the Interior Department to begin cutting the state's allocation, immediately reducing the Metropolitan Water District's allocation by half.

The legislation to be introduced next week by Machado and Kuehl would bar the Imperial district from receiving more than 2.6 million acre-feet of Colorado River water, the amount to which they are entitled under a 1979 court decision. The nation's largest irrigation district currently receives more than 3 million acre-feet of Colorado water each year, roughly 70 percent of California's total river allotment.

The bill would specifically end the restriction if the district agrees to transfer a portion of its water to urban districts, but until then the senators want the legislation considered in a special session to speed up its passage.

Anna Nicole Smith tops Mr. Blackwell's worst-dressed list

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mr. Blackwell, the chronicler of clothing catastrophes, poked fun at former model and reality-TV star Anna Nicole Smith on Tuesday for committing the worst fashion follies of the past year.

Blackwell suggested to the husky Smith, 35, who stars in E! Entertainment Television's "The Anna Nicole Show": "Don't bother with a new designer, Anna, just hire a structural engineer."

The 43rd annual worst-dressed list from the acid-tongued critic and former fashion designer ranked Ozzy Osbourne's daughter Kelly as the year's No. 2 offender for looking like "a fright-wigged baby doll, stuck in a goth prom gown."

Colombian singer Shakira was third, with Blackwell calling her "overwrought

and underdressed," while he remarked that fourth-place Cameron Diaz looked like she was "dressed by a color-blind circus clown."

Britain's Princess Anne, gothic author Anne Rice, designer Donatella Versace, actress Meg Ryan and pop stars Christina Aguilera and Pink also made the list.

On the positive side, Blackwell praised Reese Witherspoon, Debra Messing, Halle Berry, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Oprah Winfrey, Jordan's Princess Firyal, Renee Zellweger, Kate Winslet, Nicole Kidman and Jennifer Aniston as "Fabulous Fashion Independents for 2002."

For a second consecutive year, Blackwell was unable to deliver his put-downs at a news conference because surgery on his throat has left him with a weak voice, according to his spokesman, B. Harlan Boll.

NATIONAL



Wireless phone service described by guests as 'cell hell'

BY JIM FITZGERALD
Associated Press Writer

YONKERS, N.Y. — Nearly a third of cell phone customers surveyed are seriously considering switching companies because of poor service, but there's no easy way to figure out which plans are best, Consumer Reports magazine said.

"Deciphering one plan is hard enough, but comparing plans from various carriers is nearly impossible," said Jim Guest, president of Yonkers-based Consumers Union, which publishes the magazine.

He said during a news conference Monday, companies make it difficult to switch by refusing to let customers keep their phones or phone numbers when they move to another company.

A Federal Communications Commission regulation that would let customers keep their phone numbers when they switch is scheduled to go into effect in November. Sprint PCS spokesman Dan Wilinsky said his company was ready to meet that deadline.

Chris Murray, Consumers Union's telecommunications policy analyst, said the companies had twice persuaded the FCC to postpone it and were trying to do so again.

Guest said cell phone companies were consistently unclear about startup fees, roaming charges, early termination penalties and even when night and weekends begin and what "nationwide" means, all of which can drastically affect a customer's bill.

Howard Waterman, a Verizon Wireless spokesman, said every new customer is sent a detailed explanation of the calling plan, with all terms defined carefully.

Guest described the current state of the industry as a "cell hell" for consumers.

"The cell phone industry has made great strides in offering consumers sleek cell phones with the latest gee-whiz gadgets and gizmos, color screens, games, individualized rings and Internet access," he said. "But the cell phone industry is not providing the nuts and bolts — the basic services consumers depend on."

Even the ability to make a 911 call is affected, he said. The magazine found that emergency cell phone calls often failed because they were limited to one company's signal, even if a rival's signal was stronger in the area.

Waterman took issue with that claim, saying, "We treat 911 calls with the utmost priority. ... Our policy is 'find a signal, period,' even if it's a competitor's signal."

The magazine said a survey of 21,944 subscribers found numerous complaints of dead zones, busy signals

and dropped calls. It compared service in six cities — New York, Washington, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and San Francisco — and found that Verizon Wireless led the ratings in each.

Wilinsky, of Sprint, which finished last in four of the cities, said the results are "old news," especially for Sprint.

Consumer Reports suggested that customers do homework before signing on with any carrier, including seeking

recommendations from neighbors and business associates.

It also advised customers to decide on a plan before deciding on a phone, take advantage of the usual two-week trial period and review their bills carefully each month.

Consumers Union is a nonprofit organization that works to protect consumers through product testing and public information efforts.

United pilots approve 29 percent pay cut in bid to help bankrupt airline

BY DAVE CARPENTER
AP Business Writer

CHICAGO — Pilots for United Airlines said Tuesday they have agreed to slash their pay by 29 percent, giving the world's No. 2 airline a boost as it struggles to shed costs and reorganize in bankruptcy court.

Two small unions representing United dispatchers and meteorologists also ratified 13 percent wage cuts, leaving the airline needing approval from its flight attendants and machinists.

The 8,500 pilots, the highest-paid of United's employees, overwhelmingly agreed to the immediate, temporary pay cuts. But they called on the airline to involve unions more as it restructures labor costs.

Paul Whiteford, head of the United branch of the Air Line Pilots Association, called the ratification a good-faith act even as he said the "significant pilot sacrifice" should encourage "collaborative discussion" on a long-

term contract.

Flight attendants have been voting since last week on whether to accept a 9 percent wage reduction. The result of their vote is expected to be announced Wednesday.

The Machinists' union, however, has objected to United's proposal that its members take 13 percent pay cuts. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Eugene Wedoff is expected to rule later this week on whether to impose the wage cuts on 37,000 mechanics, baggage handlers and other ground workers.

United has said if Wedoff doesn't impose the cuts or any other union fails to ratify them, it will begin nullifying the labor contracts and imposing new ones. United says it must reduce wages by \$2.4 billion a year through 2008.

The airline has until Feb. 15 to cut costs or it could lose the remainder of the \$1.5 billion in interim financing a group of banks extended the carrier to allow it to restructure.

United, US Airways start sharing flights

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — United Airlines and US Airways, both restructuring in bankruptcy court, became partners in the sky Tuesday when they began sharing passengers on 192 daily flights.

The code-sharing arrangement, which comes two years after a failed merger attempt by the two, is aimed at raising badly needed revenue and keeping rivals from moving in on the struggling carriers' business.

The partnership allows the airlines to sell tickets on each other's flights, coordinate schedules and offer reciprocal perks such as frequent flier miles and use of either carrier's airport lounges. While the flight sharing is new,

some of the other elements were put into effect recently.

United passengers now have access to 14 additional cities in the East and Southeast, while US Airways customers gain initial service to Oakland, Sacramento and San Jose, Calif.; Portland, Ore., and Salt Lake City, and more flights to other Western cities. More code-sharing flights are to be made available later.

United said the sharing arrangement will be expanded to US Airways' expanding Caribbean route network and United flights to Asia, Europe and Latin America.

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Northwest and Continental have a similar arrangement.

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NATIONAL

More white-collar criminals ordered to do hard time

BY CURT ANDERSON

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The government is making more white-collar and nonviolent criminals serve hard time.

Under a Justice Department directive, fewer will be sentenced to halfway houses and other "community corrections centers" and more will be locked up in federal prisons.

The change means the immediate transfer of about 125 federal inmates to federal penitentiaries, Bureau of Prisons spokesman Dan Dunne said Tuesday. It also means a better chance of prison time for white-collar crimes such as fraud, insider stock trading and embezzlement.

"The prospect of prison, more than any other sanction, is feared by white-collar criminals and has a powerful deterrent effect," Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson said in a memo announcing the change.

In a related matter announced last month, the Justice Department is urging the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Commission to adopt tougher penalties for several white-collar offenses and to restrict the ability of judges to impose more lenient sentences. The commission meets Wednesday to adopt guidelines for a law enacted last year to get tough on corporate wrongdoing.

For years, federal prosecutors have complained when judges or prison officials placed a first-time, nonviolent inmate in a halfway house, where prisoners can be furloughed on weekends and visited often by family, instead of a penitentiary.

In practice, this has frequently meant

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— LARRY THOMPSON
Deputy Attorney General

that people convicted of economic crimes — who are often wealthier and better-educated — were spared prison while those without those advantages weren't.

After learning of a West Virginia case in which a dentist got lenient treatment for tax fraud, the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel found that the Bureau of Prisons practice violated federal law requiring confinement for certain convictions. A halfway house or community cen-

ter, the analysis concluded, is not true confinement.

Halfway houses, where about 8,600 prisoners reside, are intended to help inmates make the transition from prison to society.

Thompson's memo to Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, the Bureau of Prisons director, requires that all halfway house prisoners with more than 150 days remaining on their sentences as of Dec. 20 be trans-

ferred to a regular prison.

Sentencing guidelines are still in the works for the law enacted last year to crack down on corporate wrongdoing. The Justice Department's criminal division argues that the guidelines currently proposed would represent only modestly tougher penalties and would leave out many smaller-scale frauds.

"Congress did not intend to ignore such cases and reserve severe punishment only for those whose illegal deeds make the front page," Justice officials said in written comments to the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

The current plan, they added, "will send a message to the American people and corporate officers that fraud crimes are not taken seriously."

A commission spokesman said all such comments were being taken into account as the final guidelines are being written.

Post office records \$1 billion profit for first quarter of fiscal year; expected only \$200M

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service recorded a \$1 billion profit in the first quarter of the fiscal year, topping expectations by \$200 million, the agency said Tuesday.

The busy three-month period before Christmas meant a heavy mail volume for the post office, producing income to help balance slower periods.

Richard J. Strasser Jr., the agency's chief financial officer, said the post office

had revenue of \$16.1 billion during the period covering Sept. 7 to Nov. 29.

That was \$300 million less than had been expected, but cost cutting and staff reductions lowered expenses by \$500 million, Strasser said.

The post office had a net loss of \$1.35 billion last fiscal year but anticipates finishing this year in the black due to cost cutting and the rate increase that took effect last summer.

Strasser told the agency's board of governors that during the first quarter the post

office delivered 49.3 billion pieces of mail, an increase of 742 million.

Standard advertising mail volume increased by 1.5 billion pieces, driven by election mail, while First-Class volume dropped 629 million pieces.

Strasser projected that the second quarter will be similar to the first, with revenue and volume lagging behind projections due to slow economic conditions. He said cost controls are expected to produce a net income at or above a planned \$360 million for the quarter.

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INTERNATIONAL



North Korea declares 'sanctions mean a war'

BY SANG-HUN CHOE
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea — Standing in neat rows on a snow-covered plaza, tens of thousands of North Koreans rallied Tuesday in Pyongyang calling for a stronger military. The communist state said U.S. economic sanctions against it would lead to war.

North Korea's saber-rattling came hours before the United States, Japan and South Korea agreed to urge Pyongyang to renounce its nuclear weapons programs if it wanted better ties with the rest of the world.

The three allies have stressed a peaceful resolution of the rising tensions — a stance President Bush reiterated Tuesday.

"In this case, I believe, working with countries in the region, diplomacy will work," Bush said, speaking in Chicago on economic policy. "We have no aggressive intentions, no argument with the North Korean people. We're interested in peace in the Korean Peninsula."

But North Korea's rhetoric, broadcast to the world through its official Korean Central News Agency, remained defiant.

"Sanctions mean a war, and the war knows no mercy," the KCNA, monitored in Seoul, declared Tuesday.

In the North Korean capital, more than 100,000 people in dark overcoats and caps attended a state-orchestrated rally and vowed to "exert utmost efforts to increase the national defense capacity," the KCNA said.

Braving icy cold, the demonstrators shook clenched fists against the backdrop of white-and-red communist slogans, according to KCNA photographs carried by South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department announced Tuesday that the United States is willing to talk to North Korea but will not make concessions to freeze Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.

Winding up two days of talks with South Korea and Japan, a statement approved by all three governments endorsed dialogue with North Korea as a useful vehicle for resolving serious issues.

To follow up on the trilateral talks that began Monday, South Korea's national security adviser, Yim Sung-joon, left for Washington on Tuesday to meet his U.S. counterpart, Condoleezza Rice. From Washington, Yim will travel to Tokyo for more talks.

Later this week, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly will travel to Seoul.

On Monday, the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency gave North Korea a second chance to abandon its suspected weapons programs — stopping short of referring the matter to the U.N. Security Council and effectively delaying the possibility of U.N. sanctions.

President Bush reaffirmed that the United States has "no intention of invading North Korea," but urged North



KCNA/Associated Press

North Koreans rally in Pyongyang on Tuesday. Standing in neat rows on a snow-covered plaza, tens of thousands of North Koreans rallied Tuesday calling for a stronger military, as the communist state warned U.S. economic sanctions against it would lead to war. Banner reads: Attain the Goal with Strong Military in this 55th Anniversary of the Republic of Korea.

Korea to permit international monitoring of its nuclear facilities.

Welcoming the IAEA decision, South Korea's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday urged North Korea not to miss a "precious chance" to resolve the issue "diplomatically and peacefully."

North Korea's threat of a possible war was contained in a KCNA dispatch lambasting what it described as "piracy" in the seizure of a North Korean ship carrying missiles to Yemen last month.

U.S. and Spanish warships seized a North Korean ship carrying Scud missiles in the Arabian Sea. They later allowed it to sail after receiving assurances the Scuds would not be transferred elsewhere in the tense Persian Gulf region.

Exporting missiles is a main source of hard currency for North Korea.

The North called the seizure part of a U.S. strategy of

"total economic sanctions aimed at isolating and stifling" North Korea.

Separately, South Korea said Tuesday that its last portion of the 400,000 tons of aid rice it promised to North Korea last year would leave port Jan. 14.

Extending more aid would require additional talks.

The North alarmed the world in October by admitting to a U.S. envoy that it had a secret uranium-based nuclear weapons program, in violation of a 1994 accord.

As punishment, the United States and its allies halted oil supplies promised in the agreement. North Korea then announced it would reactivate its older plutonium-based nuclear program, saying it needs to restart a reactor to generate electricity.

The United States says the plutonium-based program could be used to build nuclear weapons. Washington has also said North Korea may already have two nuclear weapons and could build several more in short order.

Norwegian teen acquitted in DVD film cracking case

BY DOUG MELLGREN
Associated Press Writer

OSLO, Norway — Dealing Hollywood a major setback, a Norwegian court acquitted a teenager Tuesday of violating computer break-in laws by creating a program to circumvent security codes on DVD movies.

The ruling was a key test of how far copyright holders can prevent people from using materials they legally obtained in the name of preventing others from engaging in piracy.

Jon Lech Johansen, who was 15 when he developed and posted the program on the Internet in late 1999, said he was only trying to play DVDs he already owned on his Linux-based computer, which did not already have DVD-viewing software.

Head judge Irene Sogn, in reading the verdict, said people cannot be convicted of breaking into their own property. Sogn said prosecutors failed to prove that Johansen or others had used the program to access illegal pirate copies of films.

"The court finds that someone who buys a DVD film that has been legally produced has legal access the film. Something else would apply if the film had been an illegal ... pirate copy," the ruling said.

The unanimous, 25-page ruling from the three-member Oslo City Court was the latest setback in the entertainment

industry's drive to curtail illegal copying of its movies.

The Motion Picture Association of America had no comment, spokeswoman Phuong Yokitis said from Washington.

Johansen became a folk hero to hackers, especially in the United States, where a battle still rages over a 1998 copyright law that bans such software. He was elated by the verdict.

"I'm very satisfied," he said after Sogn read the ruling. "We won support on all points. I had figured that we could win, but it can go either way."

The prosecution, which had called for a 90-day suspended jail sentence, confiscation of computer equipment and court costs, said it would decide in the next two weeks whether to appeal.

Johansen said he expects another round because this is the first such case in Norway.

"But clearly, winning the first round means a lot," Johansen said.

The ruling found that consumers have rights to legally obtained DVD films "even if the films are played in a different way than the makers had foreseen."

Johansen said that was key.

"As long as you have purchased a DVD legally, then you are allowed to decode it with any equipment and can't be forced to buy any specific equipment," he said.

The film industry developed the Content Scrambling

System to encrypt and prevent illegal copying of DVD films. However, the system, usually called CSS, also prevents DVD films from being played on unauthorized equipment.

Johansen's program, which pieces together security codes and other programs sent to him by fellow hackers, breaks the CSS barrier, allowing films to be played and copied on computers.

The short program Johansen wrote is just one of many readily available programs that can break DVD security codes. One is included in a software package, sold by at least one U.S. company, that even burns DVDs after cracking the copy protection.

Charges against Johansen were filed after Norwegian prosecutors received a complaint from the MPAA and the DVD Copy Control Association, the group that licenses CSS.

Prosecutors asserted that the program, in effect, left film studios' property unlocked and open for theft. The prosecution decided to charge Johansen with a data break-in, rather than handle the matter as a copyright case.

Prosecutors also accused Johansen of being an accessory to others making illegal copies of films by posting his program on the Internet.

Johansen had claimed he posted the program for others to test.



SPORTS

Roddick wins 'down under'



Dan Peled/Associated Press

Andy Roddick of the United States plays a shot against Tommy Robredo of Spain during the Adidas International tennis tournament in Sydney, Tuesday. Roddick defeated Robredo 6-2, 6-2.

Tampa Bay ready to face San Francisco

BY FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — The NFL's top-ranked defense is bracing for Terrell Owens.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers know that containing the flamboyant receiver will be one of the keys to winning Sunday's playoff game against the San Francisco 49ers. And they welcome the challenge.

"Terrell is one of the elite players in this league. We've known that for a long time, and I think he's stepped up his game even more this year," said safety John Lynch, one of five Bucs defensive stars on the All-Pro team.

Owens caught 100 passes for 1,300 yards and 13 touchdowns during the regular season. He had nine receptions for 177 yards and two TDs in San Francisco's 39-38 wild-card victory over the New York Giants.

One of the intriguing matchups Sunday will be the 6-foot-3, 226-pound Owens against Tampa Bay cornerback Ronde Barber, who believes the Bucs' defense matches up well against the 49ers' offense.

"It seems like we always get a couple of these at playoff time. It's always our D vs. some powerful offense coming in here. But the West Coast offense, I think we've seen it so much and we're used to it so much that it's almost — I don't want to say 'routine' — but we've got a feel for it," Barber said.

The Bucs led the NFL in total defense and allowed a league-low 196 points to become just the sixth team to limit opponents to fewer than 200. They also led the league with 31 interceptions and tied for first in turnover differential at plus-17.

Another key to Tampa Bay's success has been its ability to keep mobile quarterbacks like Michael Vick, Donovan McNabb and Aaron Brooks in check. With San Francisco, they face a different challenge in Jeff Garcia, a scrambler who's adept at finding receivers when he's on the run.

Garcia, who rallied San Francisco from a 24-point deficit against the Giants, was sacked only 22 times this season.

"We've played some quarterbacks who can move and create. But one thing about Jeff that's impressive is that he has an unbelievable ability, running right or left or forward, to locate receivers and throw the ball," Bucs coach Jon Gruden said.

"He does a magnificent job of keeping all five eligibles in play, and if there's no one there, he is capable of running for big yardage."

Owens is hardly the 49ers' only productive receiver. Eric Johnson had eight catches for 78 yards against the Giants, and Tai Streets had five for 58, including the TD that capped the second-biggest comeback in playoff history.

Eddie Murray, Gary Carter both elected into Hall of Fame

BY BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Eddie Murray silently led with his bat. Gary Carter spurred teams with his enthusiasm.

Murray, the only switch-hitter with 500 home runs and 3,000 hits, was elected to the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, and Carter finally made it on his sixth try Tuesday.

"I got overly excited and screamed," Carter said. "Now we can do a little celebrating."

No one else came close in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Carry-over candidates Bruce Sutter, Jim Rice and Andre Dawson were right around 50 percent, and first-timers Ryne Sandberg and Lee Smith didn't even reach that mark. Darryl Kile, the St. Louis pitcher who died last season, got token support.

Murray, who made his mark as a first baseman for the Baltimore Orioles, became the 38th player picked as a first-timer. He easily exceeded the 75 percent necessary for election, getting chosen on 85 percent of the ballots (423 of 496).

Murray's ticket to Cooperstown came on a somber day for him. Later Tuesday, he was to attend the funeral of his sister in Southern California. She died Jan. 2 at 38.

"Unfortunately, I cannot speak with you today because of the passing of my younger sister, Tanja, after her long-fought battle with kidney disease. Although I dedicated my professional career to the game, I have dedicated my life to my family," Murray said in a statement.

"The elation I feel by being recognized for my achievements on the field is overshadowed by the anguish of losing someone so dear to me," he said.

Carter, an 11-time All-Star catcher, got in with 78 percent (387). He fell 11 votes short last year at 72.7 percent.

Murray and Carter played together for Los Angeles in 1991. They became the sixth set of teammates to be elected together; Minnesota's Kirby Puckett and Dave Winfield made it in 2001.

Carter played his first 11 seasons with Montreal and became the first person to have spent a significant portion of his career with the Expos to be elected. He is the just the 13th catcher to make the Hall.

Carter helped lead the New York Mets to the 1986 World Series title. Overall, he played five seasons for them.

Though players can express a preference as to which cap will appear on their Cooperstown plaque, the final choice rests with the Hall of Fame.

The Expos' future has put some doubt in Carter's mind, and he

pointed to the Mets' success when he was in New York.

"Maybe they might wind up splitting the hat," Carter said from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Pete Rose, ineligible for the ballot because he's on baseball's permanently banned list, got 18 write-in votes — the same as last year. Rose and commissioner Bud Selig's aides have been negotiating terms of a possible reinstatement for the career hits leader.

The reconfigured Veterans Committee, which is considering former manager Whitey Herzog, former players' union head Marvin Miller and many others, will announce its voting results Feb. 26.

Induction ceremonies will be July 27 in Cooperstown, the small village in upstate New York. Murray and Carter bring the Hall's total to 256 members.

Carter's father, Jim, turns 85 three weeks before the festivities.

"He was beyond words," Carter said. "I know how much it means to him."

Murray and Carter both got key hits the last time their teams won the World Series.

Murray, currently the Cleveland Indians' hitting coach, was an eight-time All-Star and finished with 504 homers and 3,255 hits in 21 seasons. Hank Aaron and Willie Mays are the only other players in the 500-3,000 club.

He hit 19 career grand slams, second in major league history to Lou Gehrig's 23, and played a record 2,413 games at first base. Murray batted .287 overall.

In 1983, Murray homered twice for the Orioles in the clinching Game 5 of the World Series against Philadelphia.

Murray never led the league in hitting, homers or RBIs in a full season, was never an MVP and never was friendly with the media, the people who do the Hall voting.

Still, his sheer numbers — posted mostly before baseball's offensive outbursts — made him an automatic pick.

Carter, a three-time Gold Glove winner, got the two-out hit that started the Mets' incredible three-run rally in the bottom of the 10th inning to beat Boston in Game 6 of the 1986 Series. The Mets won the championship in Game 7.

Carter hit .262 with 324 homers and 1,225 RBIs in 19 seasons. He holds the major league record for putouts by a catcher and played an NL-record 2,056 games at the position.

Murray spent his first 12 years with Baltimore and also played for the Mets and Cleveland. He finished his career with the Orioles.

Carter also played with San Francisco and wound up with Montreal.

Sandberg got 49.2 percent (244 votes). A 10-time All-Star second baseman for the Chicago Cubs, he holds the record for most homers as a second baseman (277) and highest fielding percentage at the position (.989).

The 1984 NL MVP and a nine-time Gold Glove winner, Sandberg hit .285 lifetime.

"I have to remember struggling through the minor leagues and struggling that first year as a rookie. I just have to keep things in perspective, that it's just great to be considered," he said.

Smith got 42.3 percent (210 votes). He is baseball's career saves leader with 478 and was a seven-time All-Star in 18 seasons. Too bad for him, he pitched in just four playoff games and was 0-2 with one save and an 8.49 ERA in them.

Only two relievers — Rollie Fingers and Hoyt Wilhelm — have been elected to the Hall.

Jim Kaat, who won 283 games, got 26.2 percent in his 15th and final year of eligibility with the BBWAA.

Donovan McNabb will start against Falcons

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb will start the Philadelphia Eagles' playoff game against the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday night, his first action in nearly two months.

The two-time Pro Bowl quarterback hasn't played since breaking his right ankle against the Arizona Cardinals on Nov. 17.

"I'm excited about where I'm at and getting back on the field," McNabb said Tuesday. "I'm able to do a lot of things I was able to do before I got hurt, and I learned a lot by watching."

The Eagles were 7-3 with McNabb, who was having the best season of his four-year career. McNabb completed 211 of 361 passes (58 percent) for 2,289 yards, 17 touchdowns and six interceptions in 10 games. He ran for 460 yards and six TDs.

McNabb practiced for the first time with the team last week, taking all the snaps in practice Thursday and Friday.

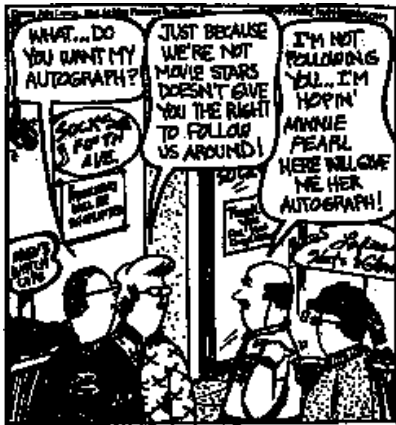
"He worked hard getting himself back into shape, he's pain-free, and he's looked sharp," Eagles coach Andy Reid said.

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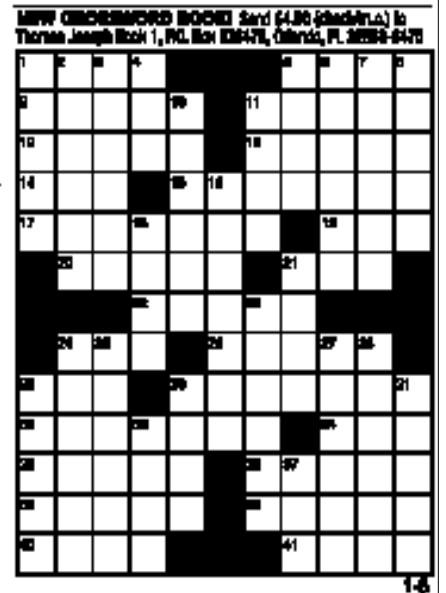
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

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■ In another case, following news that the Pentagon had hired former Reagan administration official John Poindexter to oversee the creation of software that could track nearly all consumer transactions in the country, an SF Weekly (San Francisco) columnist released Poindexter's home phone number, and Internet activists set up a Web site for tracking all of Poindexter's personal transactions.

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TODAY

Farmer's Market every Wednesday. 9am to 2pm, Arizona between Second and Fourth Streets. Come and enjoy one of the largest and best farmer's markets in California!

Puppetolio! presented by the Santa Monica Puppet & Magic Center. All ages, 3 and up. This musical revue features marionettes, ventriloquism, magic and more. Shows are always followed by a demonstration, Q & A, and a tour of the Puppet workshop and Museum. Saturdays and Sundays at 1pm and 3pm. Wednesdays and Holidays at 1pm. Seats are \$6.50. 1255 2nd Street in Santa Monica. Reservations/Information (310)656-0483. www.puppetmagic.com

Santa Monica Public Library presents Preschool Story Time, every Wednesday at 11:15am, 1343 Sixth Street. Stories for children between the ages of three and five who are ready to participate on their own. (310)458-8600

Conversations with God study group in Santa Monica every WEDNESDAY night 7-8:30 pm, sequentially exploring and implementing the concepts of the "with God" books authored by Neale Donald Walsch. Meets in an ocean front condominium, donation \$10. For further information call Grant at (310) 399-8982.

Unurban Coffee House presents Poetry and Spoken Word every Wednesday evening. Hosted by Tony Perez. 8pm, 3301 Pico Blvd. (310)315-0056

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

THURSDAY

Artful Science: The Social-Cultural Relationship Between Built and Natural Environments. **Sam Francis Gallery** at Crossroads School in Santa Monica presents an exhibition of drawings, paintings, photographs, and sculpture. Mon-Fri, 10am to 4pm through February 14. 1714 Twenty-First St., 2nd Floor, Peter Boxenbaum Arts Building. For more information please call (310)829-7391 ext. 425.

Ongoing support groups for people 55 and older. Current openings in Men's Group. Thursdays, 11:15 to 12:45. **Center for Healthy Aging**, 2125 Arizona Avenue. Sliding scale fee. Not drop-in groups. Phone interview required. Call Information and Referral. (310)576-2550.

Dharma at the Clubhouse. A weekly book and multi-media study group, no fee. Applying studies of Buddhism-Dharma into our daily lives. Every Thursday night at the Clubhouse at Douglas Park, 25th & Wilshire. 7:30 to 9pm. Dan (310) 451-4368 www.santamonica-cakks.org

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1441 Third St. at Broadway
About Schmidt (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40. **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10. **Antwone Fisher** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. **The Hours** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20.

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1313 Third St.
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG) 11:30, 3:15, 7:05, 10:30. **Treasure Planet** (PG) 12:00. **The Hot Chick** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10. **Gangs of New York** (R) 11:15, 12:15, 3:00, 4:15, 7:10, 8:15, 10:40. **Narc** (R) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00. **Adaptation** (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:30, 10:20.

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1310 3rd Street
Die Another Day (PG-13) 4:05. **Drumline** (PG-13) 12:30. **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:25, 10:00. **Star Trek: Nemesis** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50. **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:45, 8:30, 9:20. **Catch Me If You Can** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:10, 4:00, 6:20, 7:10, 9:30, 10:15. **Analyze That** (R) 1:30, 7:00. **Chicago** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:40, 10:20.

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1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Love Liza (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00. **The Pianist** (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15.

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1332 2nd St.
Pinocchio (NR) 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. **Frida** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05. **Max** (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05. **Far From Heaven** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45.



BACK PAGE

Startup creates a virtual world, but who will live There?

BY MATTHEW FORDAHL
AP Technology Writer

MENLO PARK — It was the dream of many a dead dot-com: build a virtual universe where people can socialize without the confusion of chat rooms or the awkwardness and emotional investment of physical face-to-face encounters.

Backed by serious venture capital and sophisticated software, There Inc. is hoping to offer just that, and is betting that people will be happy to pull out their credit cards to buy virtual clothes, good looks — even a trusted canine companion.

Without recent advances in personal computer technology, the lush graphics of There's online universe would not be possible. In order to participate, many people would need to upgrade their home PCs.

The company, in secret development for four years, faces competition meanwhile from online games. On the surface at least, a newly launched Internet version of the popular Sims franchise resembles There.

"The difference is Sims online is essentially a game. There is not," said Tom Melcher, There's chief executive. "There is a place. In Sims, you're driven by game motives. You have hunger, comfort, a bladder and energy. In There, you're driven by relationships."

The There universe was being unveiled for initial beta testers Wednesday at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. It officially launches later this year.

By downplaying competition, There

"It's more of a vacation at Club Med. The beta testing was for three hours, and that wasn't long enough for me. I wanted to stay on all night."

— DARLA MARCOMB
There tester

hopes to attract women to its universe, which is roamed much like the legendary computer game Myst. In fact, some areas look and sound like the mythical Myst island with the constant chirping of birds and distant roar of surf.

"If we can build a product that women love, guys will show up," Melcher said. "The reverse is not true."

Unlike Myst — which was eerily absent of other people — fellow humans, or online incarnations called avatars, are present to chat and play with. There's also no sequence, or "end of game." People just exist — until they log off.

Conversation appears as cartoon balloons that float above participants' heads. Voice chat also is possible if the Internet connection is fast enough.

People can buy clothes from partners like Nike, Levi Strauss & Co. and in auctions by other users with There's very own currency.

Some "Therebucks" will be included in the monthly fee — expected to be about \$10. Users also can purchase additional

"Therebucks" with a credit card or earn them by creating activities.

The rates are expected to fluctuate as testing proceeds, though \$1 now buys 1,787 Therebucks or about one-sixth of the price of a virtual dog — available in two breeds — or a buggy.

With transportation such as buggy or hoverboard, players can roam various islands or even planned Planets, each with its own themes. An online newsletter will detail activities so users aren't lost in what could become a very large electronic space.

The notion of buying virtual props isn't new. Sony's online medieval role-playing game EverQuest has its own underground economy in which players buy gear with real money outside the game, on eBay for instance, rather than earn it by playing.

There Inc. executives say their program, available online and with the purchase of some video cards, can run on most modern home computers that have a processor speed of at least 800 megahertz and a modern graphics card.

The company is looking for mainstream customers but they're not likely to want to take apart their PC to add a better graphics card, said Joe Laszlo, a senior analyst at Jupiter Research.

There works on a dialup connection to the Internet, though a high-speed connection brings additional features.

The company, which has secured \$33 million in funding through venture capitalists and its 84 employees, says it can break even with just 150,000 subscribers. Executives say they have enough funds to last two years.

Though There plans to build its universe slowly at first, analysts say keeping a virtual world humming — and subscribers happy — could be an expensive challenge.

"When you have a community where real people interact, the unexpected always happens," Laszlo said.

Executives also promise an open platform so that anyone with programming experience can create everything from a new planet to a new outfit. For now, no one will be allowed to shed their virtual clothes in There — but that could change if a company wants to sponsor an adult Sin City.

Darla Marcomb, a Fremont-based accountant who tested There briefly in August, said the experience was much more "real world" than any online game.

"It's more of a vacation at Club Med," she said. "The beta testing was for three hours, and that wasn't long enough for me. I wanted to stay on all night."

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