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Too much development eliminating public art?

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica is spending \$95,000 to study whether or not rampant development is having a negative effect on the amount of public art in the city.

If a correlation is found, the city would charge developers fees to create sculptures, murals and landscaping.

California cities such as Culver City and San Francisco already charge developers for public art. Seattle and Boston do the same.

"The council commissioned the planning department to do a Nexus study, which proves from a legal basis the relationship between devel-

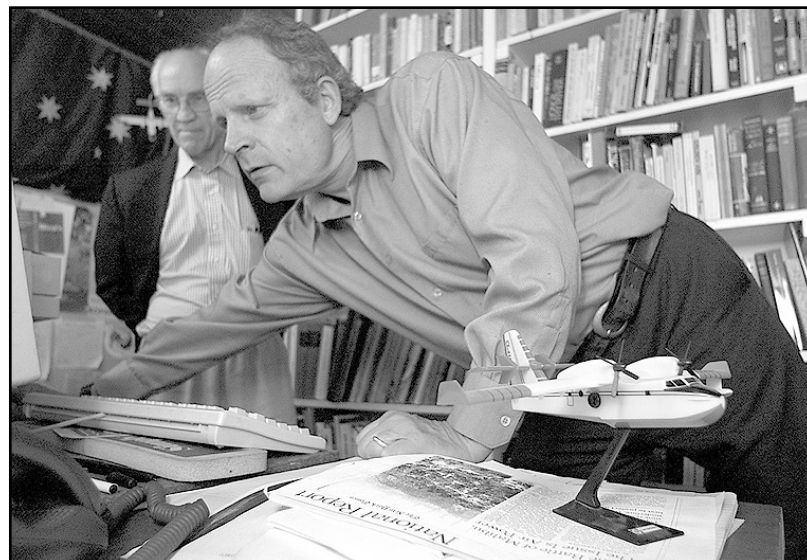
opment and some sort of infrastructure improvement," said senior planner Kim Christensen. "What we would be doing is trying to prove the need in the community for public art and art improvements in relation to development."

A similar study is being undertaken to determine if a correlation exists between development and the need for child care.

Santa Monica already taxes the construction of new office and residential complexes to address the additional people who are drawn to the area and need city services.

City officials said it's likely the city would offer developers options on how they could fulfill

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Damian Dovarganes/Associated Press

Tony Morris, a documentary filmmaker and journalist, and a resident of Topanga Canyon, right, and Bob Cavage, president of Aerial Fire Protection Associates, are pressing Los Angeles County officials to consider buying two Canadair CL-415 amphibious aircrafts, known as "Super Scoopers."

Flag face



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press

Yukimi Isom and her daughter, Autry, get patriotic at Palisades Park on Thursday as part of the city's Fourth of July celebration.

Malibu residents want planes to help fight fires

BY PAUL WILBORN
Associated Press Writer

MALIBU — In the canyons of Malibu and Topanga, where a tree-shrouded retreat just inland from the jagged lips of the Pacific Ocean starts around \$500,000 and spikes up from there, fire is a fact of life.

Up here, arson watch volunteers patrol for signs of smoke. Deputies enforce brush removal requirements around houses. And people spend the dry months between June and December watching nervously for fire trucks.

Topanga resident Tony Morris isn't content to watch and worry. He's launched what may be a Quixotic crusade to talk his wealthy neighbors into spending

\$50 million for two state-of-the-art water dumping bombers known as Super Scoopers.

A documentary filmmaker and journalist, Morris fled the 1993 Topanga/Malibu wildfire with his family, a few documents and his son's bunny. He spent two days thinking his was one of the 350 houses destroyed by that blaze, which also killed three people.

His house survived, but Morris was reborn as a fervent believer in the fixed-wing CL 415s used extensively in Canada and Southern Europe to douse wildfires but are rare in the United States.

His evangelism has won him some local disciples, but so far he

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Surveillance cameras will keep eye on Palm Springs

By The Associated Press

PALM SPRINGS — Elvis, Frank Sinatra and other celebrities often came here to escape public scrutiny.

Now the desert city intends to watch more closely, turning its sights on residents and visitors with surveillance cameras installed and tested this week at popular tourist destinations.

Critics condemn the cameras as an invasion of privacy and a "Big Brother" tactic. Others, however, say the move will help merchants and tourists feel more secure.

More than a dozen cameras went up in the city's

trendy downtown shopping district, several popular parks and at the airport, Mayor Will Kleindienst said.

"This is a safety issue," he said. "We do not see it as an invasion of privacy or attack on civil liberties."

However, Palm Springs Councilman Ron Oden cautioned that the cameras will create a false sense of security and push crime from one area to another.

Police cameras have monitored public areas in Europe and some cities in the United States for years.

Palm Springs police haven't seen a major increase in downtown crime but merchants have reported smash-

and-grab robberies over the years.

And they still recall the 1999 daytime robbery of a jewelry store, when shots were fired while people sipped coffee at a cafe across the street.

The cameras are expected to go into use sometime this fall. The cost of installation was about \$365,000.

Mounted on street lights, the cameras can pan 360 degrees and zoom close enough to read license plates or notice a bulge, possibly a gun, in a person's jacket, said incoming police Chief Gary Jeandron. The cameras do not pick up sound.

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Use care with finances. You might go overboard in an attempt to celebrate and allow your most lively and wild mood to flow. Dote on others, but in a meaningful manner. Let others ask for more of what they need emotionally. Tonight: Help another feel at ease.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You're all smiles, and for good reason. Starting the weekend early puts you in an unusually good frame of mind. Entertain, inviting others over. No one can make others feel more at ease than you. Spend time with a favorite friend. Tonight: Let the fireworks happen!

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Slow down and take your time when making a decision. In fact, relax and put your feet up. Even though many around you could be celebrating, you could opt to do otherwise. Watch an old movie or visit with a friend. Feel free to listen to another drummer. Tonight: Keep it low-key.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Where your friends are is where you can be found! You might even do the tour of parties and celebrations. Decide who and where, and the rest will be easy. Celebrate the day in your typical style. A special friend or loved one seeks you out. Tonight: Where the gang is.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Take charge and invite others to join you, whether at your home or out at an event. Celebration comes naturally to the Lion. Do others a favor and share this special day with them. A child or loved one still needs special attention. Tonight: In the limelight.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to do something a bit different this Fourth of July. Some might opt to take off and do some traveling. Be smart and don't make plans to return right away. Others might want to escape to the movies or a concert. Tonight: Reach out for someone at a distance.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You don't have to be among crowds or with your many friends. Choose the company of one special person who you ultimately enjoy. Get past images and do something a bit different. Make it OK to have your own private fireworks. Tonight: Let the fun go till the wee hours.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your popularity peaks. What a perfect day to join friends. You make the rounds, visiting with friends, loved ones and others in general. Socialize to your heart's content. Wear red, white and blue! You're nearly as popular as the flag! Tonight: You could watch not only the sunset, but also the sunrise.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Go out of your way for someone you care about. For some, you might pitch in and do this person's job so a friend can have the day off. For others, you might want to go out of your way to make sure a lonesome friend or two has plans. Tonight: Just go with the moment.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Allow your sensuality to direct you. Nothing has to be a certain way. Just flow. Seize the moment when another decides to cave in and give you what you most want. Socialize and play as if you were a kid again. Tonight: Play the night away.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You opt to stay close to home right now. Indulge a family member, making the most out of an opportunity. Listen well to another, also sharing some vulnerability. Catch up on news and recent happenings. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Speak your mind without worry. Others lighten up the mood of the day, refusing to take anything or anyone personally. Delay an important conversation if you must. Be yourself; be lively. Enjoy the moment to the max. Tonight: Get together with friends.

QUOTE of the DAY

"You can make a killing as a playwright in America, but you can't make a living."

— Sherwood Anderson (1876-1941)

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LOCAL

Santa Monica College to offer preschool child care

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College has embarked on a partnership with the local school district and a nonprofit child care provider to offer child care services for about 125 children.

The college, in partnership with Easter Seals Southern California and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, is forming the Santa Monica Preschool Collaborative, which will provide child care and development services to children from 2 to 5 years old, including those with special needs. Of the 125 to be served by the collaborative, an estimated 24 will be children of SMC students.

"This is an innovative solution to a growing problem of providing adequate child care services in an era of budget cuts and increased costs," said SMC President Dr. Piedad F. Robertson. "By pooling our resources, the three organizations can provide the best care to the most children, including children with special needs."

Beginning this fall, the new collaborative will provide child care at three sites — John Adams and Lincoln Child Care Centers in Santa Monica and the new SMC Child Care Center on 15th Street, just north of Broadway, about a mile from the main campus. The SMC site, which is leased from the Assistance League, will

open for the first time this fall.

Easter Seals will be the operational agent, responsible for staffing, management, oversight, and contract compliance with the State Department of Education.

SMC will contribute a maximum of \$100,000 a year toward expenses and will provide the services of pre-school teachers currently employed by the college. SMC recently hired Jenny Trickey to be the director of SMC child care services, and she will focus her work on the collaborative.

The new SMC Child Care Center is a 1,500-square-foot brick building with two classrooms, activity room, and new playground. Desks and supplies from SMC's former Child Care Center — closed several years ago — will be used.

All the sites in the collaborative will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on school days, and they also will be used as labs for SMC child development students who are required to serve a certain number of hours in such centers.

Currently, the college provides vouchers to qualified SMC students who need child care. The college also assists students in finding appropriate child care services.

Under the collaborative arrangement, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will provide funding for the care and education of up to 24 special education children.

Easter Seals, the nation's largest nonprofit provider of inclusive child care (programs for children with special needs as well as "typically developing" youngsters), receives state funding to provide care for 80 children in the Santa Monica

collaborative.

Andrea King, California director of the Easter Seals Child Development Center Network, said the collaborative is Easter Seals' first venture into inclusive preschool education in Los Angeles County.

The Q Line

To invest or not to invest?

First Enron, then WorldCom and now Xerox.

Their unique accounting practices are now on public display for all to see. And their dirty little secrets are coming back to haunt corporate America. The billions of dollars in overstated revenue is just the beginning, some say.

Here are the three responses to this week's Q Line question:

"Is more scandal to unfold in this mess? Is this the time to invest?"

■ "Enron, WorldCom, Xerox. Will more business scandals darken our investment future? Probably since the accounting fraud practiced by WorldCom is reportedly of the garden variety, not the complex head-scratching, hard to comprehend, book cooking that flows from Enron. Now given all this, is now the time to invest? Only if you are a pro at short selling where you can make money in a market that some people predict the Dow will sink to 5500 or if you need a tax write off for '03."

■ "This is not the time to invest nor to privatize social security. Seniors would lose everything if they invested in private corporations, which are corrupt."

■ "I believe there will be more scandal. My 401K retirement portfolio is going in the toilet. Maybe it is time to divest instead of invest. I wonder if I should stuff what I have left in the mattresses. I better do it pretty fast or the mattress is going to be pretty thin."

Rescue at sea



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press

Lifeguard personnel rescue a man who jumped off the Santa Monica Pier Wednesday evening. A lone lifeguard on a surf board took off from the beach, reaching the man in the water minutes before the lifeguard patrol boat arrived. It is unknown why the man jumped into the cold, choppy water.



Lackluster dawn patrol, but this afternoon, incoming southwest swell will begin to show. The increased activity will post periodical chest-high sets as it builds.

New swell peaks Saturday and will carry into Sunday when another, more southerly southwest swell is due to hit shore. The weekend promises waist to shoulder level surf at southwest exposures, clean conditions and northwest winds. (Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

Location	Friday	Saturday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
El Porto	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A

Tides:

Friday	1:21 A.M. Low 1.05'	7:21 A.M. High 3.19'	12:00 P.M. Low 2.12'	6:41 P.M. High 5.37'
Saturday	2:12 A.M. Low .047'	8:21 A.M. High 3.20'	12:54 P.M. Low 2.19'	7:18 P.M. High 5.48'



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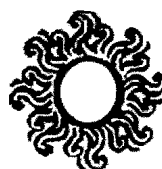
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OPINION

LETTERS

Columnist on the edge of something

Editor:

From the "Edge of the West" something wicked this way comes.
"Under God or no under God, isn't it a little bizarre, even a little bit creepy, in 2002, to still be commanding rooms full of 6 and 7 year olds to stand in unison, hands on hearts, pledging allegiance to a flag, nurturing a nationalistic and religious fervor that gets this planet into trouble time after senseless time?"

Ron Scott Smith tries to hide his hatred of the last vestige of morality left in our public schools by tying it to a litany of name calling by AM radio personalities. From his blow-by-blow descriptions of programming from sun up to sun down, I suspect he is as avid a fan as I — "methinks he doth protest too much."

Let me mangle another quote: "Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it." When President Eisenhower led the movement to add those linchpin words, "under God," it was fresh on the heels of his victory against the antichrist Hitler as "General" Eisenhower — Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces that, yes, Virginia, saved the ass of the free world. A no-small task that would not have been necessary had Adolph not been enabled by the PC prophets of the time.

Is it REALLY not generally known that the Indiana Jones franchise of swash-buckling US agents pitted against occultic Nazis is based in fact?

Did you NOT read Tolkien's Lord of the Rings in high school — or somehow missed those badly pedicured Hobbits this past Christmas in the theaters?

How IS it that by fact or fiction — or even fiction based on fact, that someone can stand by while the dust is still settling from the wreckage of the twin towers — with his finger in his nose, and remain ignorant that we are in the midst of a life and death battle between what is good and what is evil? Perhaps the last battle.

Have you lost your mind? Or just your cajones? We have poison dripped in our ears daily by the hypnotic media voices that attempt to paralyze us with the lies that we are impotent, vulnerable and helpless while the next attack is inevitable and unforeseeable — all the while our enemies are whooping it up bigger than Tony Robins at an AMWAY convention. Ask your friendly neighborhood Mosk member if he feels empowered or not.

Whether we are parents or not — as adult citizens, we have duties that pertain to our young ones. Courage. Resolve. Faith. Allegiance. These are but a few that no child will grasp without a role model. To teach them peace, mercy and how to beat swords into plowshares are the rewards and privilege of living in safety. A safety that would never exist should more people like Smith have their way.

Oh, I suppose it's more fashionable these days to burn the Flag than salute it. More chic to backbite those that defend us than stand beside them. More easy even to believe in nothing than in something. But if the Smiths of the world have their way, it won't be "nothing" that you get. It will be a "something." And it will be something far sadder than we can imagine — not a nation any longer, not even a society, but merely a population, where even the faith of a child is nowhere to be found.

The never-ending battle for Truth, Justice, and the American Way rages on friends. It's time to get in the game. Lift up your voices, lace up your boots and NEVER leave the house without girding your loins!

The heroes we have created for entertainment are the avatars for our time. Channel one for goodness sake. We have all been afraid at one time or another. You can either listen to the voice of your inner-coward or unleash Captain America. It's up to you. How will you train your child to dress themselves? Will they put on a burka — or a Superman's cape?

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We just happen to serve the Lord in white Stetsons, blue jeans and very sharp spurs.

Rooms full of 6 and 7 year olds, standing in unison, hands on hearts, pledging allegiance to The Flag; may it ever be so!

Joe King
Santa Monica

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LOCAL

Santa Monica praised for its public art projects

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their art obligations.

Developers would be given the chance to include artwork in their projects, buy artwork for the city, or pay the city to develop the artwork. The study will even look into whether fees collected from developers could be used to build artist live-work spaces throughout the city.

"I think this is a wonderful idea," said Elena Allen, chairwoman of the city's arts commission. "There is a real need in Santa Monica for more artwork, and especially for more space for artists to work."

City officials say residents and the city's arts commission will have a say in what kind of artwork is included, to make sure nothing too scandalous or anything in bad taste is included.

"Community process is very important when hiring artists or including artwork in projects," said Hamp Simmons, a cultural affairs coordinator with the city. "We always make sure people get a chance to look over what is being proposed before it's approved."

Christensen said the city has long included public artwork into negotiations of larger corporate developments. During the planning approval for the MGM building and the Water Gardens complex, city officials negotiated for the inclusion of public artwork in their proposals.

"The city has taken steps to recognize this is a major cultural attribute to our community and it has tried to address these types of issues," Christensen said.

Whenever Santa Monica builds a new park or makes an improvement, 1 percent of the budget must be spent on art in the project.

Art aspects are heavily involved in the \$120 million Civic Center Redevelopment plan, the \$50 million renovation of the Main Library, as well as numerous other projects throughout the city.

"We have artists partner with the engineers directly," Simmons said. "The artists concentrate on the decorative aspects of the site — the tiles, the color schemes or the types of materials being used — while the engineers and architects work on the technical aspects of the project."

Topanga resident calling on the rich to help combat fires

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hasn't converted Los Angeles County fire officials or cash-strapped county supervisors. So Morris is going where the money is — to the millionaires and billionaires who call these canyons home.

"The houses in the path of fire out here are owned by the wealthiest people in the world," Morris said. "We think these people will open their pocketbooks."

According to Forbes Magazine, the Topanga/Malibu area is the 11th wealthiest community in the United States. The median price for a house in Topanga Canyon is \$635,000, said Karen Dannenbaum, who manages a local real estate office. In Malibu, a tiny fixer-upper is \$500,000 and from there, she says, "the sky's the limit."

Two major fires in Malibu and Topanga in the 1990s destroyed hundreds of homes, and led to devastating mudslides. The canyon brush is born to burn, Morris said, but with thousands of high-priced houses and thousands more people living in the rugged canyons, nature can no longer be allowed to take its course.

That's where the Super Scoopers come in, Morris said.

He and other locals spent \$7,000 last year making a documentary heralding the planes as a fire-season savior. He is in the process of launching a nonprofit corporation, Aerial Fire Protection Association, and hopes to start picking up checks in several months.

That won't be in time to beat the current fire season, when fears are especially high in those canyons because one of the driest winters on record has created volatile conditions there and elsewhere in the state.

Still, Morris is taking his message and his documentary to civic groups and business gatherings and even plans to knock on the doors of the rich and famous.

"I'm not afraid to ask anybody for this money," he said.

County fire officials already lease two

Super Scoopers during the peak fire months between September and December, when Santa Ana winds often whip through tinderbox canyons throughout Southern California.

Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman said that's all his budget will bear.

"We feel leasing the Super Scoopers is by and large the best way to balance our budget with the high risk we face," Freeman said during a recent radio debate with Morris.

Firefighters favor more mobile helicopters that not only dump water and foam but can handle rescue work and function as flying ambulances when not fighting fires. Fixed-wing aircraft, mostly World War II vintage tankers, are used to dump fire retardant.

The modern Super Scoopers suck water from the ocean, lakes or large reservoirs and can get to a fire quickly, with 1,600 gallons of water.

When county fire officials praise the scoopers, the next sentence usually begins with "But..."

"Those Super Scoopers are great to have during the months we need them," said county fire Capt. Brian Jordan. "But they only fly and dump water."

Morris and his supporters disagree.

Actor Thad Geer, a 45-year canyon resident who is also a volunteer firefighter, has heard the arguments from firefighters that helicopters are better. He's not so sure.

"My personal opinion, the more water you can get on a fire the better," Geer said. "From what I've seen (Super Scoopers) seem to be very effective and it gives the residents a lot more hope."

Morris is trying to keep a civil relationship with fire officials. If his group can buy the planes, they would be under the control of county firefighters, he said.

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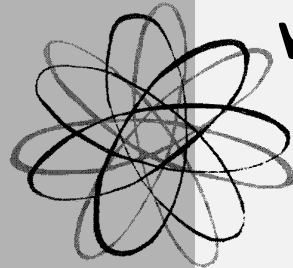
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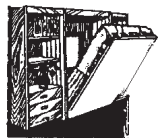


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Twilight music



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Titled "Jazz on the Latin Side," the second Twilight Dance Series at the Santa Monica Pier on Wednesday was put together as a Latin allstar band by radio station KLON's Jose Rizo. It featured Poncho Sanchez (congos), Justo Amario, Francisco Aquabella, Alex Acuna, and Danielo Lozano.

Authorities edgy as motorcycle rally weekend approaches

BY WILLIAM SCHIFFMANN

Associated Press Writer

HOLLISTER — Fifty-five years ago, a brawl at a motorcycle gathering in this Central California farm town inspired the Marlon Brando film "The Wild One" and cemented the image of the outlaw biker in American lore.

Over the July Fourth weekend, an army of law officers will be on hand to make sure the Hollister Independence Rally, the scene of that long-ago dustup, doesn't turn into a repeat of the lethal violence that rocked a similar event in Laughlin, Nev., in April.

"We're always concerned," said police Capt. Bob Brooks. "This year that concern is a little more heightened."

Police expect more than 60,000 riders, most on expensive, heavily chromed Harley-Davidson motorcycles, for this year's rally Friday through Sunday. On Saturday, the busiest day, sparkling bikes line block after block, and visitors can barely move through the crush of leather-clad humanity.

Hollister's population swells from 36,000 to 100,000 or more with the rally crowd. In stark contrast, on a recent weekday at 10 a.m., there was not a single pedestrian in sight on San Benito Street, the main drag.

In front of Johnny's Bar & Grill, a life-size image of a young, leather-clad Brando as he appeared in the film greets thirsty patrons. Inside, two people sit at the bar, poking at breakfast.

During the rally weekend, Johnny's will be jammed to overflowing, befitting its position as the unofficial headquarters for the festivities. Over the bar is the cover of an ancient Life Magazine, featuring a photo staged way back in 1947. It shows a bleary-eyed reveler sitting on a bike, a beer bottle in his hand and a pile of bottles under the bike.

The magazine's story reported on a mostly imaginary riot — there were a number of arrests, mostly of drunks — but it tarred American motorcycle riders with an outlaw image they've never really shaken.

"At first it would seem like a strange thing to celebrate the original Hollister run, which led to the movie "The Wild One," which gave motorcycling such a big black eye," said Dave Edwards, editor of Cycle World, one of the most popular motorcycling magazines in the country.

Edwards doesn't expect trouble in Hollister, which has welcomed the thundering horde of bikers for the past five years as a major boost to the local economy.

"The Hells Angels or whatever gang, they don't go out of their way to attract attention," he said. "They don't want the attention of the police any more than you or I do. They know the heat is on and they are not going to go out looking for trouble."

Normally a peaceful gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts, the Laughlin rally was marred by a brawl in a casino between Hells Angels and Mongols gang members that left three dead April 27. A fourth biker — a Hells Angels member from San Diego — was found dead that same day on Interstate 40.

Some motorcycle events around the country have been canceled because of Laughlin. However, three major motorcycle runs — the Elko, Nev., Motorcycle Jamboree, the Redwood Run near Piercy in Northern California and the annual Laconia, N.H., rally, all last month — have been trouble-free.

Johnny's co-owner Charisse Tyson is hoping that trend continues, because the bar — and the town's charities — make a ton of money. City officials estimate the riders leave behind \$6 million to \$8 million over the three-day weekend event.

"We make three months' income in six days," she said. "I'm praying a lot."

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Indoor plumbing a luxury for some, census shows

BY MARK NIESSE
Associated Press Writer

MOUNT WILLING, Ala. — Several times a day, Gennie McMeans fills a bucket with water from the spigot outside his rickety plywood house, hauls it to the kitchen and heats on the stove.

Occasionally, he'll fill a wash pail with the heated water for a hand-scrubbed bath among a couple dozen goats and horses.

"We get it real hot, but it takes a while," he said. "I take a bath three or four times a week. Oh, it would make it so much easier if I had water inside."

It was just two or three years ago McMeans even got a spigot. Before then, he'd carry water from a well for everything from washing clothes to cooking dinner.

McMeans, 73, who lives about 40 miles southwest of the state capital Montgomery, is one of a shrinking number of people who still have no indoor plumbing, no hot and cold water, no bath or shower, according to Census 2000 data. Most are elderly, poor and living in rural areas.

Nationwide, about 50,000 fewer households lacked complete plumbing in 2000 than in 1990, dropping from 721,693 homes (0.78 percent), to 670,986 homes (0.64 percent).

Alaska led the nation in both counts, with 13,489 homes in 1990 without complete plumbing, or 7.1 percent, and 14,003 in 2000, or 6.3 percent.

By region, the South had the highest rate without toilets and tubs. In 1990, nine of 15 states with the worst plumbing facilities were in the South. In 2000, the number dropped to five.

Alabama's Black Belt, the south-central region known for its dark soil and impoverished history, is slowly casting off its rustic inconveniences along with much of the rural South. But some houses wouldn't look out of place if they existed a century ago.

McMeans said he wants to finish building an indoor bathroom and run the outside water lines through it.

But until then, he'll do without, walk-

ing down a dirt path into the woods to take care of business. At night, he sits inside on a toilet lid propped up over a bucket, rather than venturing out.

"They got some rattlesnakes back there," McMeans said. "I got that bucket inside. I sit on it and put it outside in the morning."

To brush his few remaining teeth, McMeans just gets a toothbrush and stands outside next to the running spigot.

"The biggest thing I've been brushing is my gums," he joked.

According to Don Bogie, director of the Auburn University Montgomery Center for Cultural and Demographic Research, there are two main reasons more people have gotten plumbing since 1990.

Poor people increasingly are moving into trailer homes, which come with a commode installed, he said. And county governments have managed to provide water lines to outlying areas that previously were beyond reach.

"Rural water availability has improved dramatically over the last few years," said Pres Allinder, director of environmental services for the Alabama health department. "The funding has been there to build these systems and reach out where they weren't before."

Even places such as Gees Bend in Wilcox County, one of the nation's poorest, have running water and toilets.

Sharon Kennedy remembers the not-so-distant past — five years ago — when she was one of those who did without.

"The bath water, you had to run it back and forth, you had to heat it. It was hard," said Kennedy. "Now we don't have a problem with water around here."

Those still without probably don't know what they're missing, living in the secluded countryside in homes that have been in the their family for decades, Bogie said.

"When you're not exposed to anything else, you don't know how good life can be when you have that indoor facility," said Bogie, who used an outhouse when he was a child in Kentucky. "It was like living in hell."

Big Brother contestant sues CBS over knife incident

BY BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — A contestant who had a knife held to her throat on the TV reality series "Big Brother 2" is suing CBS, alleging the network never should have allowed the assailant on the show because of his past arrests.

During the show, fellow contestant Justin Sebik put a knife to Krista Stegall's throat while kissing her and asked if she would be mad if he killed her. Sebik maintained he was joking but was kicked off the show.

Sebik, a bartender from New Jersey, had been arrested on assault charges in 1996 and was charged with assault and theft in 1997, according to the lawsuit. He also had shown signs of aggression toward other people on the show before the knife incident, the lawsuit alleges.

"I don't think there's any doubt (CBS) made a huge mistake letting him in and keeping him in," said Stegall's attorney, Clayton Burgess.

Stegall, a former waitress from Opelousas, La., and now a morning radio personality in nearby Lafayette, filed the lawsuit last week in New Orleans seeking unspecified damages. Several production companies and their insurers are also listed as defendants.

"We think there is no merit to this lawsuit and we are prepared to defend it vigorously," CBS spokeswoman Nancy Carr said.

The contestants in "Big Brother 2" lived together in a house and were cut off from the outside world. They plotted to have each other evicted by a vote of fellow house guests each week; the last remaining contestant won \$500,000.

CBS is working on a third "Big Brother" series.

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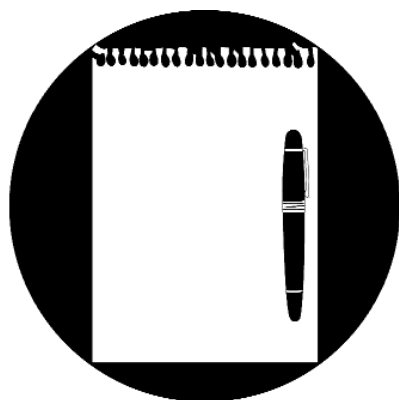
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Many states drain billions from rainy day funds

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Many states tapped into their "rainy day funds" this fiscal year, to plug revenue shortfalls and prevent budget cuts.

In places such as Pennsylvania, where lawmakers used nearly 70 percent of the reserve, the question is: What happens if it's still raining next year?

During the boom years in the 1990s, states deposited billions of dollars in "rainy day funds" in case of recession or catastrophe.

State governments drained tens of billions of dollars from such funds this budget season, continuing a trend that began in fiscal 2001 when Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Mississippi dipped into their reserves.

States' cash reserves have plummeted nearly two-thirds since peaking in fiscal 2000, from \$48.8 billion to a projected \$18.3 billion in fiscal 2003, as the economic slowdown caused tax revenues to dry up, according to a recent analysis by the National Association of State Budget Officers.

"Things have become so bad that it certainly makes sense to tap the rainy day fund. It just makes sense to begin with the least painful choices," said Scott Pattison, the group's executive director.

"That doesn't mean that fiscal 2003 won't be really terrible and won't be worse than fiscal '02," Pattison added.

If that's true and tax revenues do not recover by next budget season, states with depleted reserve accounts could be forced to raise taxes or cut services and jobs even more than they already have, said Nick Jenny, a senior policy analyst at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government at the State University of New York in Albany.

Lawmakers used a variety of measures to soak up revenue shortfalls, from raising cigarette taxes to cutting spending. But 22 states dipped into cash reserves last year, and at least that many plan to do so in the fiscal year that began Monday, analysts said.

"With a few exceptions, overwhelmingly states are spending down their rainy day funds, in some cases way down," said Corina Eckl, who tracks state finances for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Despite a serious cash crunch, California is one state bucking the trend. Its rainy day fund of nearly \$1 billion is not intended to plug budget gaps, but is to be used only for emergencies such as a particularly bad wildfire season, said Annette Porini, chief deputy director of the California Department of Finance.

Low pay, hard work keep more men from teaching

BY GREG TOPPO
AP Education Writer

DALLAS — Zach Galvin makes a good living teaching English, drama and public speaking in Natick, Mass. But high living costs make it hard to make ends meet in the Boston suburb.

"I'm earning a salary in a town that I'll never be able to afford to live in," he said.

Galvin, 32, said he makes over \$50,000 a year, but can't afford a down payment on a house. Other guys his age often make \$70,000 to \$80,000.

"They say, 'You're doing great work but you're a fool to be doing that job,'" he said. "It's tongue-in-cheek, but there's some truth to it."

Gathered at their annual meeting this week, members of the National Education Association talked about why so few men go into teaching — recent statistics show that only one in four public school teachers is male.

"It's not macho — it's not cool," said Ned Good, a middle school teacher in Burr Oak, Mich. "To say you're a teacher is not going to get you a pat on the back from most people."

Good, the only male out of 12 teachers in his tiny school district, echoed the comments of many teachers who said that while teacher salaries are rising nationwide, teaching still carries little prestige.

"Your job as a male is to provide for your family — it's not to be a nice guy and do what you can to help others," he said.

Delegates to the NEA, the nation's largest teachers union, this week approved a measure to help recruit more men into their ranks, with an emphasis on

recruiting more minorities and getting more men into elementary school jobs.

"We are not doing all that we can to recruit these people," said John Hutcheson, an elementary school special education teacher in Carter, Ky., who submitted the proposal. He said men often find higher-paying principals' and superintendents' jobs more attractive.

According to the Education Department, the percentage of male teachers in public schools has actually gone down in the past 40 years. In 1961, 31 percent of teachers were male. By 1996, it dropped to fewer than 26 percent.

As a whole, the nation's public school teaching force has also become a bit less diverse: In 1972, about 88 percent of teachers were white — that rose to nearly 91 percent by 1996.

Teacher salaries just barely kept pace with living costs in the 1990s, rising 31 percent to about \$43,000, the NEA found last spring. In its annual report on state spending in education, the union said teacher salaries rose 0.5 percent between 1990 and 2000 when inflation is taken into account.

In many states, the union said, teachers actually lost ground to inflation. U.S. Labor Department figures show that salaries for many blue-collar jobs also rose at similar rates, while those for professionals such as architects and physicians grew by 52 percent.

According to the National Association of Elementary School Principals, its members earn, on average, about \$73,000. Middle school principals earn \$78,000 and high school principals earn just under \$84,000.

BUSINESS



Financial news gives hope to CNBC, but still struggles

BY DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Nearly buried in the bad financial news of the past week was the glimmer of hope it offered to struggling CNBC.

On June 26, the day after CNBC's David Faber first reported about WorldCom Inc. inflating earnings by hiding nearly \$4 billion in expenses, the cable network had 29 percent more viewers than on a typical day this year.

After a nearly unrelenting two-year run of bad news following the bursting of the Internet bubble, CNBC will seize on even that small reason for optimism.

"I do think we're going through a historic period right now where American investors are going to have to engage in the complexities of the financial markets," said Pamela Thomas-Graham, CNBC's chief executive.

And, she hopes, engage in CNBC again.

The cable network has fallen far from its peak, when it averaged 418,000 viewers during the day in March 2000. For a few months, more people watched CNBC during the day than watched CNN.

CNBC earned not only high ratings, but a cultural buzz. Watching CNBC's ticker to see how your investments were doing during the boom years was a fad, the late rock singer Joey Ramone even writing a song about it entitled "Maria Bartiromo," after his favorite CNBC reporter.

"We were the great story of the late '90s and everyone wanted to get involved," Faber said. "It was good news and it's a lot easier to watch good news."

The network's ratings fell with the stock market. During the first half of this year, CNBC's average viewership of 232,000 was 23 percent lower than it was

the year earlier, according to Nielsen Media Research.

Fewer people are investing in stocks market now and, with the market doing poorly, even fewer want to hear about it every day, said Jack Wakshlag, a ratings analyst for the Turner television networks.

At the same time, viewers turned to cable news networks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, at the expense of CNBC. Fox News Channel averaged 643,000 viewers a day during the first half of the year and CNN had 525,000.

CNBC will focus heavily on the corporate scandals as they unfold, Thomas-Graham said. The network announced this week it had hired former Securities and Exchange Commission member Laura Unger as a commentator.

The WorldCom story, not necessarily the insider trading accusations against Martha Stewart, seemed to resound first with CNBC viewers.

The two top-rated cable business shows, Neil Cavuto's "Your World" on Fox News Channel and Lou Dobbs' "Moneyline" on CNN, also saw modest increases in viewership on June 26. CNN's financial news Web site had a 30 percent increase in traffic that day.

CNBC has long complained that Nielsen Media Research doesn't accurately measure its audience. Since Nielsen measures only in-home use, it doesn't count people watching the network at the workplace or gym.

That doesn't stop network executives from checking the numbers carefully, however. They are keeping their fingers crossed that, unlike during the past two years, viewers will want to know more about the bad financial news.

"We run the risk, as the market does, of if people give up, people stop watching," Faber said.

California economy rebounds, thanks to consumer spending

BY OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — California and eight other Western states recovered from recession this year thanks to consumer spending, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco said in its quarterly study of the region's economy.

"The consumer has been the main boost of the economy," said the agency's senior economist Mary Daly, the report's main author.

Home sales have increased in most Western states, boosting the construction industry. It had seen a sharp decline in commercial developments, according to the report released on Tuesday.

In California, despite an increase of 7.4 percent in housing costs, demand still surpasses supply. That result is partly due to the state's higher job-to-housing ratio.

Between 1991 and 2002, there were 1.73 jobs for every new house in California, creating a housing backlog. The nation's average jobs-to-housing ratio was 1.13 during the same period.

"Relative to the nation, what's going on with the housing market in California doesn't seem out of balance," Daly said.

Job growth, however, remains weak in

the region that consists of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Employment rose by a modest 0.1 percent as producers, waiting for signs of continued recovery, remained reluctant to hire new workers despite increased demand.

"Producers will have to improve their profitability and see a less uncertain recovery before they expand employment," Daly said.

Job gains in sectors such as retail trade, travel and tourism and many service-producing industries have prevented the job market throughout the seven Western states from completely collapsing, the report said.

But how fast the economy rebounds will depend on the recovery of the high-tech sector.

The Fed sees signs that the industry is stabilizing especially in the area of semiconductors where there has been a boost in orders and sales. Still, like other businesses in the region, high-tech manufacturers continue to hold employment and spending at a steady low rate and job losses continued in recent months.

"We've had a couple of quarters that show a recovery, but this is not enough for increase employment," Daly said.

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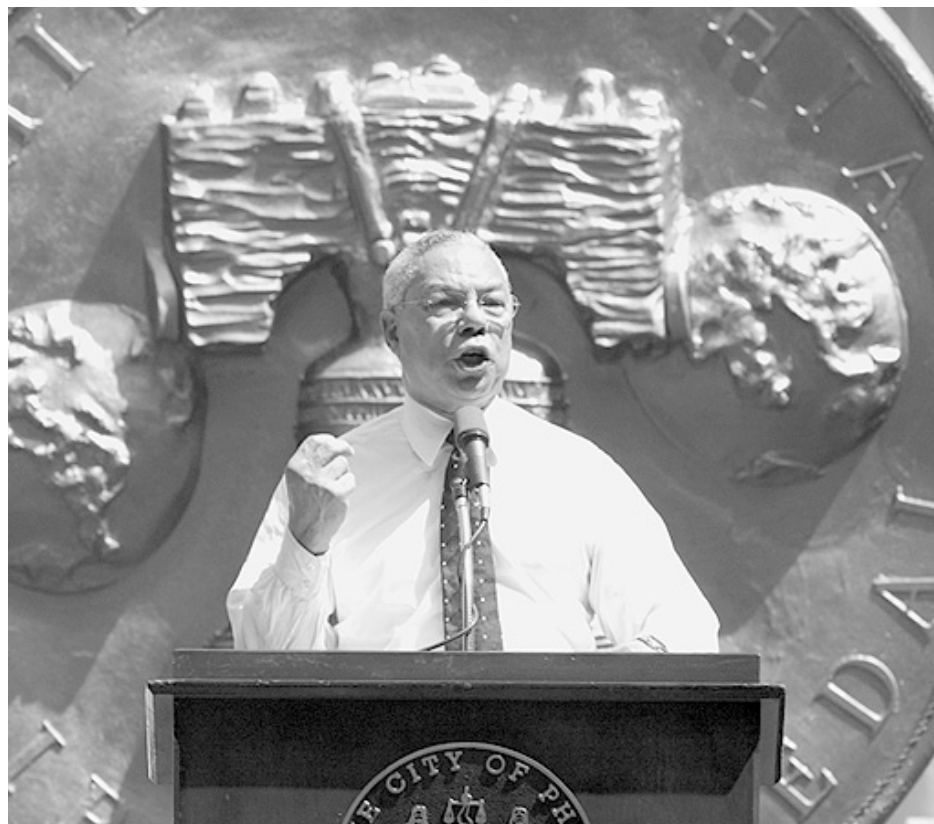
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Virginia Beach police to test facial recognition software

BY SONJA BARISIC
Associated Press Writer

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — If you're a criminal, a runaway or a terrorist, a day at the beach here may soon be anything but that.

The city will become the second in the nation — Tampa, Fla., is the other — to employ facial-recognition software to assist police in identifying and catching criminals and missing persons.

The system is to be tested along the city's oceanfront resort strip this holiday weekend, and police hope to have it fully operational in two to three weeks.

"We're adding to our ability to prevent crime and keep Virginia Beach safe," Deputy Police Chief Gregory Mullen said Wednesday.

Critics say the software is inaccurate and an invasion of privacy.

"This is a Big Brother contraption," said Kent Willis, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia. "It is a device that allows the police to take pictures of citizens who are doing nothing wrong while they're in a public place."

A board made up of members of minority organizations, civic leagues and the Virginia Beach Hotel/Motel Association helped create guidelines for using the system and will conduct unannounced audits.

The city has used 10 closed-circuit TV cameras to watch the oceanfront since 1993, largely to check traffic and observe crowds. Under the new system, three additional cameras will be used to scan a four-block area and feed images to police station monitors.

The software will create a "map" of 80 distinctive points on the face, such as the distance between features. The system

will issue an alert if at least 14 points on a face picked up by a camera match those on a face in a database of mugshots.

If an officer monitoring the computer screen decides the faces look similar, the officer will radio an officer on the street to verify the match in person and take further action.

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In Virginia Beach's test, the database will contain about 600 photos of people with outstanding felony warrants as well as volunteers.

The database eventually will contain thousands of mugshots of people wanted for felonies and violent misdemeanors, missing persons and runaways, and people on the FBI's terrorist watch list.

Advisory board member Cornell Fuller said he is confident the system contains enough safeguards to prevent abuse.

"If you go to the ocean I don't think you should have an expectation of privacy," said Fuller. "You give up part of your privacy when you venture out into the public domain."

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SPORTS



Williams sisters advance to final, Hewitt scrapes into semis

BY STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer



WIMBLEDON, England — It's Williams vs. Williams in another Grand Slam final.

Sisters Venus and Serena Williams won in straight sets to set up their third meeting in a title match at a major — and the first all-sister Wimbledon final since 1884.

Top-seeded Venus, the two-time defending champion, overpowered Justine Henin 6-3, 6-2 on Centre Court. Second-seeded Serena routed Amelie Mauresmo 6-2, 6-1 in 55 minutes.

Serena's victory ensured that she will overtake Venus as No. 1 in the next rankings — no matter who wins Saturday's final.

It will be the third Sister Slam in 10 months — Venus won at the U.S. Open in September, while Serena triumphed at the French Open last month.

The 22-year-old Venus has a 5-3 edge in career meetings against her 20-year-old sister.

Venus has won 20 straight matches at Wimbledon and is one win away from becoming the first woman to take three consecutive titles since Steffi Graf in 1991-93.

Serena, meanwhile, hasn't dropped a set in making it to her first Wimbledon final. She put on a masterful performance against Mauresmo, who had eliminated Jennifer Capriati in the quarters.

"Today I was immaculate," Serena said. "I played unbelievable. I was out of my mind."

Asked about facing her sister again, she said, "I'm really going to try, try and do my best. She's been unbeatable here on the grass. I'm just going to go out and have fun. I hope I'll be able to compete."

The last time sisters faced each other in the Wimbledon final was 118 years ago, when Maud Watson beat Lillian Watson.

In men's play, top-seeded Lleyton Hewitt squandered four match points in the third set but pulled out a five-set win against Scheng Schalken to reach the semifinals.

Hewitt, whose game slipped after a controversial overrule in the third set tiebreaker, raised his level when he needed it most in the fifth set to prevail 6-2, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 1-6, 7-5 in 3 hours, 51 minutes.

Hewitt will next face Britain's Tim Henman, who beat Brazil's Andre Sa 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 to reach the semis for the fourth time in five years. He's bidding to become the first British player to win the men's title since Fred Perry in 1936.



Dave Caulkin/Associated Press

Serena Williams returns to Amelie Mauresmo, of France, during their Women's Singles semifinal on the Centre Court at Wimbledon on Thursday. Williams won the match 6-2, 6-1, to reach the final of the tournament where she will face her sister Venus.

Filling the other men's semifinalist berths were relative unknowns: 20-year-old Argentine David Nalbandian and 21-year-old Belgian Xavier Malisse.

Malisse, the first Belgian man in the Open era to get this far at Wimbledon, outlasted 1996 champion Richard Krajicek 6-1, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 9-7.

Nalbandian, playing his first grass-court tournament, overcame Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 4-6, 6-4 to become the first Argentine player to reach the men's semis at Wimbledon.

He's also the second South American semifinalist in Wimbledon history. The first was Peru's Alex Olmedo, who won the title in 1959, beating Rod Laver in the final.

Following three days of rain delays and interruptions, organizers were forced to schedule all four men's quarterfinals and the two women's semis on the same day.

Venus Williams fell behind early against Henin, the sixth-seeded Belgian whom she beat in last year's final. She was broken in the first game and lost a marathon second game which lasted 11 minutes and went to deuce six times.

But Williams turned up her power game, winning 12 straight points and 10 out of the next 11 games to take the first set and go up 4-0.

The Hewitt-Schalken match looked as if it was going to be another one-sided victory for the Australian, who hadn't dropped a set in the tournament.

After cruising through the first two sets, Hewitt had four match points on Schalken's serve at 6-5 in the third. But he misfired on three of the points and Schalken hit a winning overhead on the fourth, setting up the tiebreaker.

The match turned on a disputed overrule against Hewitt at 4-3 in the tiebreaker. Schalken hit a forehand which landed near or on the baseline. Hewitt let the ball go, and the line judge called it out. But Spanish umpire Javier Moreno-Perez called it in and gave the point to Schalken.

Hewitt threw his head back and screamed "No!" He argued with Moreno-Perez, but the call stood. Schalken went on to win the tiebreaker, the first set Hewitt has lost in the tournament.

An inspired Schalken lost just one game in the fourth set, then went up a break 2-1 in the fifth for his first lead of the match.

But Hewitt broke right back, and the players exchanged breaks again in the fifth and sixth games. Hewitt saved break points at 4-4 and 5-5 — clenching his fist, thumping his chest and shouting, "Come on!" after crucial winners.

With Schalken serving at 5-6, Hewitt ripped a running forehand winner down the line to set up his fifth match point. When the Dutchman hit a forehand wide, Hewitt dropped to his knees and rolled onto his back.

The match ended 1 hour, 52 minutes after Hewitt had his first match point in the third set.

"I don't know what to say," Hewitt said. "I felt I should have been in the locker room a long time ago. In the end, he was playing the better tennis, but the fighting spirit came out of me."

Hewitt had an amazing 27 break points in the match, converting only eight. In three games, Hewitt failed to break when Schalken was down 0-40.

The Dutch player took more risks, finishing with 36 winners and 66 unforced errors. Hewitt had 22 winners and 43 errors.

The 90th-ranked Sa, who hadn't been past the second round in 10 previous Grand Slams, tested Henman to the limit. Their match had been suspended by rain Wednesday after Henman won the first set.

It was the latest shaky performance from the fourth-seeded Henman, who has benefited from an easy draw.

"Today, I dug my heels in and the crowd got me going and I began to turn it around," he said. "The third set was always going to be crucial and I played pretty solid in the fourth. I had to keep fighting but that's been the way pretty much through the whole of this tournament."

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Soldiers do their best to have fun on July Fourth

BY REGAN MORRIS

Associated Press Writer

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The order came from the top: "Uncle Sam Says Have Fun," read the posters plastered up around U.S. military headquarters in Afghanistan on the Fourth of July.

The soldiers did their best, using a helicopter pad as a basketball court and trading ration packs for T-bone steaks flown in specially for celebrations.

But as many of the 7,000 U.S. special forces and other troops at Bagram air base made what they could of July 4 celebrations in sparse surroundings far from home, security on the perimeter was on high alert for possible terrorist attacks.

No trouble was reported.

Red, white and blue flags brightened up the rows of green, dusty tents which house the troops, who are still in Afghanistan to hunt down the remnants of al-Qaida and the Taliban and help restore the country to peace after 23 years of war.

Soldiers said they were proud to be serving their country on July 4. But they pined for home.

Spc. Justin Rose from Lander, Wyo., said he wished he were hunting through fields near his home for old Indian arrowheads with his grandfather.

"That's the kind of thing we do in Wyoming," he said.

"Normally we'd have fireworks, picnics, beer, sparklers — that kind of stuff," said Maj. Odie Sheffield from Punta Gorda, Fla. "I have a family reunion today in Florida; everyone's at my brother's house sitting by the pool. I wish I was there."

In an air conditioned tent in one part of the base, the party was a different kind of affair, with soft drinks, pingpong and Scrabble.

Earlier, soldiers put down their M-16 assault rifles and handguns to hit the basketball court. An unarmed U.S. soldier at Bagram is a rare sight — they carry their weapons when they jog and even into the shower rooms — and non-players quickly stepped forward to watch over the weapons.

Soldiers laughed when strong desert winds blew one of the hoops down mid-game, but quickly reinforced it with more sandbags. The court — on the helicopter pad — is flanked by shiny American A-10 aircraft and decaying Soviet MiG fighters. Elsewhere, troops played soccer and volleyball.

Spc. Norman Patillo, a chef at the base, spent the day getting pats on the back and rounds of applause as he grilled some of 7,000 steaks flown in from Nebraska.

"He's a hero," said Chief Warrant Officer John Scruggs, who lined up waiting for a steak.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, crab legs, corn and baked beans were also on the menu — a welcome relief from the military ration packs that make up the daily diet.

Some soldiers said they thought the holiday was also symbolic for Afghanistan because the United States helped free the country from the repressive rule of the Taliban regime.

"If you're going to celebrate Independence Day, it's good to do it when you're helping another country get its independence," said Staff Sgt. Rhonda Lawson of New Orleans, La. "But I'd rather be at a music festival in New Orleans."

For 1st Lt. Frank Tedeschi of New York, who said he was serving in Kosovo on Sept. 11 and had two friends who died in the World Trade Center attacks, being part of the fight against terror overrode any homesickness.

"This is where I've wanted to be since Sept. 11," Tedeschi said. "I really wanted to be part of the fight to get back at the terrorists."



Sergei Grits/Associated Press

U.S. forces line up for the 4th of July, Independence Day, lunch at their base in Bagram, Afghanistan on Thursday. Security around the perimeter of the base, the headquarters of the some 7,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, was tightened Thursday over concern that terrorists might target Americans on their Independence Day, military spokesman Col. Roger King said.

U.N. officials urge Iraq to address issues of weapons inspectors

BY DANICA KIRKA

Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria — U.N. officials and Iraqi diplomats reported progress in talks Thursday on whether to allow the return of weapons inspectors to Iraq, emerging from a closed-door meeting relaxed, smiling.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan sidestepped questions, however, on whether the world body and Baghdad were close to a deal that would permit the return of the inspectors for the first time in 3 1/2 years.

Pressed by reporters to make a prediction, Annan merely grinned and said "Inshallah," the Arabic word meaning, "God willing."

The Iraqis, too, used the word to describe the prospects of success in the two-day session at the U.N. offices in Vienna.

"I'm satisfied with what has been done this morning," Annan said.

The optimism came even though Iraq has a much broader agenda going into talks than the United Nations, whose key goal is the return of the inspectors.

The Iraqis want the United Nations to lift sanctions and address U.S. threats to topple Saddam Hussein before agreeing to U.N. demands.

Under Security Council resolutions, sanctions can be lifted only when inspectors certify that Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons have been destroyed, along with the long-range missiles that deliver them.

The return of inspectors is a key demand of the council and especially of the United States, which has accused Iraq of trying to rebuild its banned weapons programs and of supporting terrorism.

President Bush has warned

Saddam he faces unspecified consequences if he ignores demands that inspectors be permitted to check whether it has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction.

Underlining the cheerful mood of the gathering, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said that Iraq and the United Nations were close to an agreement on returning Kuwait's national archives, which were looted during the 1991 Gulf War.

Describing the deal as "significant," Eckhard said, "it takes us in the direction of eventual normalization."

The two-day meeting will be the third since early March between Annan and Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri. At the last session in May, Annan reported progress. He said he hoped Iraq would have "some positive news" at the next round.

The hopeful assessments came just a day after cautious diplomats deflected nearly every effort to characterize the talks.

Part of the problem is that Annan alone doesn't have the ability to resolve the key issues Iraq wants addressed before allowing the return of inspectors, who left ahead of 1998 allied airstrikes punishing Baghdad for blocking inspections.

Iraq wants answers to 19 political questions that Sabri delivered to Annan at their first meeting.

Sabri on Thursday suggested that the Iraqis hadn't budged.

Annan sent Sabri's 19 questions to the U.N. Security Council, which imposed sanctions on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait, and asked for comment.

Chief weapons inspector Hans Blix answered the technical questions about inspections at the second round of talks. But the Security Council decided not to respond to the political questions.

Israel says it has arrested, killed nearly all on most-wanted list

BY SUSAN SEVAREID

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Nearly all of Israel's most-wanted terror suspects in the West Bank have been arrested or killed and the country's security forces are now searching for lower-level activists, senior Israeli officials said Thursday.

In Gaza City, Gaza Strip late Thursday, an explosion inside a white Mercedes left body parts scattered around the burned, mangled car, and a Palestinian police official said at least two people had been killed.

The cause of the explosion and the victims' identities weren't immediately known, the police official said on condition of anonymity.

The Islamic extremist group Hamas denied Israel has made a dent in its higher echelons, but the Israeli officials indicated otherwise.

"There's no doubt the top brass of the Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Tanzim (militias) by and large are either in custody or have been eliminated," an official said on condition of anonymity.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's apparent security shake-up, meanwhile, stirred confusion as two security chiefs awaited official notifications of their dismissals. Israel and the United States have insisted that Palestinians streamline the multiple, overlapping security agencies and use them to prevent terror attacks against Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also said Thursday that Palestinians must decide whether to follow a corrupt leadership tied to terror or to seek economic development that would turn refugee camps into neighborhoods.

Numerous militiamen were arrested or killed during a six-week offensive that began

in March to wipe out those behind deadly attacks on Israelis and in the latest 2-week-old campaign that began when back-to-back suicide bombings in Jerusalem killed 26 Israelis.

Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a Hamas leader in Gaza Strip, said Israel arrested some Hamas activists but had not penetrated the group's highest ranks.

"They will never succeed in halting the martyrs' operations," he said, referring to suicide bombings.

Israeli officials would not say how many top wanted militants had been arrested or killed or how many remain at large.

Israeli special forces on Sunday killed Mohamed Tahir, a 26-year-old prominent Hamas bombmaker in Nablus said by the army to be responsible for killing about 120 people in several suicide bombings. The Israeli newspaper Haaretz said he was the last wanted senior Hamas activist in the West Bank.

On April 5, Israeli forces killed senior Hamas member Qeis Odwan, accused of being behind several major attacks, including the March 27 suicide bombing in Netanya that killed 26 people. The captured included Thabet Mardawi and Mahmoud Tawalbeh, Jenin-area Islamic Jihad leaders, and Abdel Karim Awais, a Jenin-area leader of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade militia.

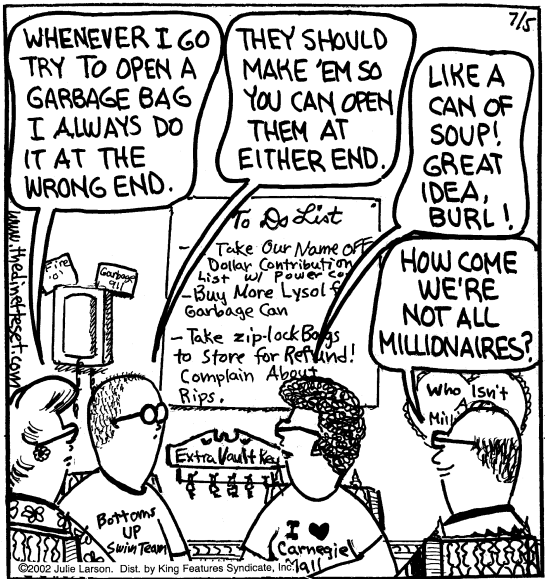
Bassam al-Sadi, the head of Islamic Jihad in Jenin, acknowledged that many group leaders had been killed but said a suicide attack in early June that killed 17 Israelis proved the group still was strong.

"During any liberation struggle, many leaders have to fall, but the battle will always continue," said Sadi, who is wanted by Israel and is in hiding.

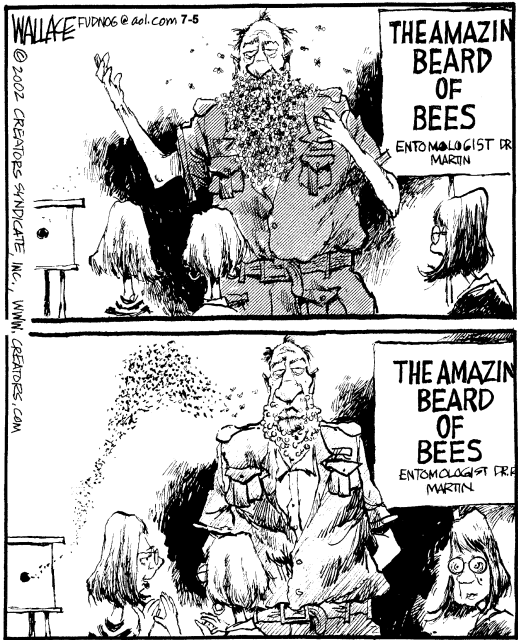
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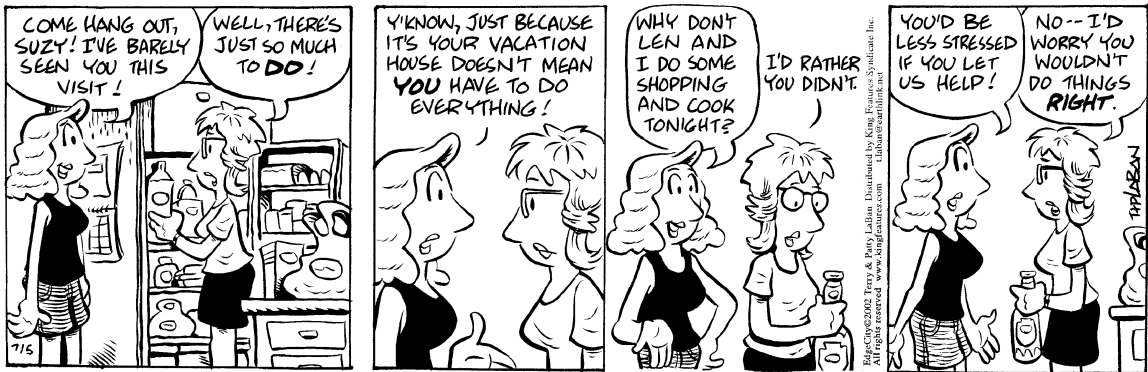
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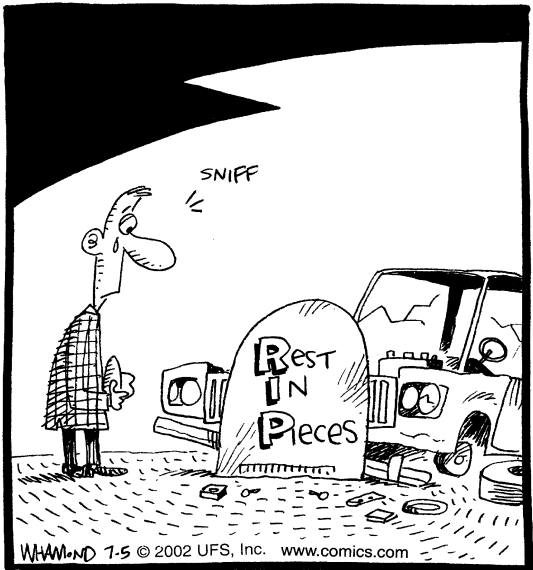
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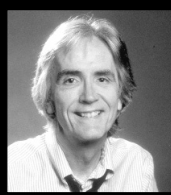
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by Chuck Shepard

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Friday, July 5, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
About a Boy (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00. *The Sum of all Fears* (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45. *The Bourne Identity* (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15, 11:45. *Juwanna Man* (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30 7:00.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Windtalkers (NR) 4:00, 10:10. *Minority Report* (PG-13) 11:30, 12:30, 3:15, 4:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30, 11:15. *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* (PG-13) 11:10, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15. *Bad Company* (PG-13) 12:40, 7:20. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40. *Insomnia* (R) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Lilo & Stich (PG) 10:40, 12:55, 3:05, 5:25, 7:35, 9:30. *Hey Arnold! The Movie* (PG) 10:30, 12:40, 2:55, 5:00, 7:10. *Mr. Deeds* (PG-13) 10:55, 11:55, 1:45, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30. *Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones* (PG) 10:30, 1:35, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50. *Scooby-Doo* (PG) 11:05, 1:20, 3:35, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15. *Spider-Man* (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:40.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat (NR) 11:30, 3:15, 7:30. *Lovely and Amazing* (R) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15. *The Emperor's New Clothes* (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. *Sunshine State* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10. *Pumpkin* (R) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05.

Today

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ODDS & ENDS

This little piggy hit the showers

By The Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — The Murray family's three little pigs have a new way to beat the heat.

Isaac Murray, an electrical field technician, has installed a shower in his pigpen so his swine will have no reason to whine during a heat wave that has sent temperatures into the 90s.

"When he told me he wanted to build a shower for the pigs, I thought, 'You're kidding me,'" Judith Murray, Isaac's wife, said Wednesday. "I thought the kids should just go out and spray them a couple times a day; that's what 4-H says to do."

But when Isaac Murray designed and set up the plumbing apparatus, the family agreed it was a great invention.

It runs automatically for two minutes every two hours, all day long.

"The pigs love getting in it, and it's good for them," Judith Murray said. "Pigs can only cool off through their noses, and so they need to be cooled down with water."

The Murrays' pigs are now trained to shower every time the device starts running.

"They have a pecking order," Judith Murray said. "The little one has to wait until the other two are done before it can go in."

Supreme court judge goes small time

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Talk about a change of scenery.

The top judge of the Wisconsin Supreme Court meted out justice Wednesday in Milwaukee small claims court, deciding such things as who was to blame

for a parking lot fender-bender.

"It would appear that you were going too fast," Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson told the defendant in the fender-bender case.

Five days after the state's highest court shut down for the summer in its plush quarters in Madison, Abrahamson filled in for a vacationing judge by presiding over the small claims calendar in a small courtroom on a dead-end corridor of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

In the parking lot accident, Abrahamson assessed the blame at 30 percent for the plaintiff and 70 percent for the defendant and awarded \$1,066.92 in damages.

Abrahamson said she couldn't remember how she got roped into filling in for Circuit Judge Kitty K. Brennan. She was due back in court Friday to finish the favor.

"All I can say is that one thing led to another, and here I am," she said Wednesday. "I find it very interesting."

Thief swallows ring

By The Associated Press

BEATRICE, Neb. — A man with an appetite for the finer things has been charged with shoplifting after reportedly swallowing a gold ring he came across at a local jewelry store.

John Walker, 42, was arrested Tuesday after police were called to Leo's Jewelry. A clerk said Walker was handling two rings, pushed his chair away from a counter and fell to the floor. The clerk said when he got up one of the rings was missing.

Walker allowed police to pat-search him, but during a conversation a bright object was seen in his mouth, police said. When asked what it was, Walker swallowed.

Police then requested a search warrant to have an X-ray taken. The ring, valued at \$629, was spotted in

Walker's stomach, Capt. William Fitzgerald said.

Police also found that Walker was wanted on a Lancaster County theft warrant. He was being held in the county jail in Lincoln.

Stray dog put to work

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Drugs. Danger. Doggy treats.

That's what might be in store for a stray dog suddenly thrust from scrounging his next meal to protecting the nation's borders.

An animal control officer found the black Labrador, now named Kevin, roaming the streets. Kevin ended up at the Wisconsin Humane Society, where he caught U.S. Customs Agent Paul Paulson's eye.

Paulson thought Kevin might make a good candidate for the agency's canine enforcement corps, which sniffs out drugs and currency in cars and freight and on people.

The Customs Service has been adopting dogs from shelters across the eastern United States for more than 20 years. Paulson said agents mainly look for sporting breeds such as Labrador retrievers and German short-hair pointers because of their natural drive to repeatedly retrieve objects.

But Humane Society officials were skeptical about exposing Kevin to the dog-eat-dog border patrol world.

"We were a little worried about Kevin," said Barry Ashenfelter, the Humane Society's community relations director. "He has so much energy, it would have taken a professional dog trainer to get him under control."

That's exactly what Kevin is going to get.

The Customs Service adopted him Monday. Now he's on his way to Front Royal, Va., where he'll be enrolled in a canine enforcement training program.

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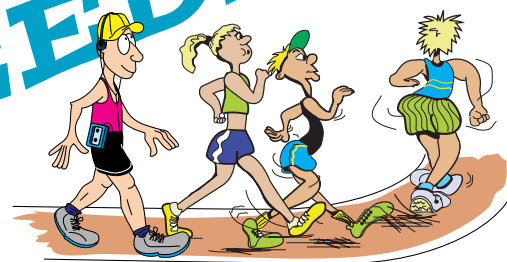
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