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Plan approved to restrict some jet traffic



File photo

Jets like Merv Griffin's, which call Santa Monica Airport home, could be restricted at the municipal field under a new plan approved by the airport commission this week.

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

City officials have approved a plan to restrict some jets from taking off and landing at the Santa Monica Airport for safety reasons but critics say the plan is nothing short of an all-out ban on jet aircraft.

The plan, which was voted on by the Airport Commission Monday, calls for the City Council to enact a law similar to the city's airplane noise ordinance. Officials believe the council may consider the measure by September.

Jet operators and the Federal Aviation Administration strongly oppose any restriction. They have asked the City Council to not consider an ordinance until "all sides of the issue have been heard."

"The FAA strongly recommends the airport refrain from taking any further action regarding airport design and performance standards until further comment and review by the FAA can be made," wrote Herman C. Bliss, manager of the FAA's Western Pacific region.

Local airport officials said the FAA does not have the power to enforce locally initiated regulations and discretion is up to the airport operator, which in this case is City Hall.

"The FAA is empowered to enforce federal air regulations and laws — not local laws and regulations," said the city's staff report. "The FAA works closely with local airport operators in the operation of an airport, however, the FAA will not enforce compliance

with locally imposed ordinances such as the Airport Noise Code."

The Airport Commission voted last May to create 300-foot safety buffer zones at each end of Santa Monica's runway to comply with federal regulations.

"They can't outright ban the jets so they are trying to shorten the runway and claim it's no longer safe. But what they are really trying to do is ban jets all over again."

— SCOTT WARDLE

Submarine General Manager

While the FAA requires new airports to make the additional space available at the end of runways, older fields — like Santa Monica Airport — are often exempted.

However, by creating buffer zones the runway is shortened by 600 feet and cannot handle larger jet traffic flying into and out of the airport five to six times a day.

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Hazy days for Santa Monica

Air quality levels are unhealthy along coast

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

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Haze — and a lot of it — has been hovering over Santa Monica and other beachside cities, causing some of the worst air quality the area has experienced in a decade.

Santa Ana winds blowing east to west have pushed inland pollution closer to the coast, causing air quality levels to be lowered to a moderate rating for the past month. Air quality officials say Santa Monica experienced more days with "moderate" air quality last month than any month in nearly 10 years.

"You would expect coastal areas to have some of the best air quality, which it typically does," said Sam Atwood, a South Coast Air Quality Management District spokesman. "But the Santa Anna effect returns much of the polluted air back to the coast."

Santa Monica's air quality has been rated "good" for two days in a row and it is expected to remain that way today.

However, the summer months typically have some of the worst air quality levels because high pressure systems combined with high temperatures prevent pollution from moving out to the deserts and valleys, and traps it closer to the ground, officials said.

The highest pollution levels are typically

found in the early morning so anyone looking to exercise are encouraged to do so around noon, Atwood said. However, pollution summaries taken from the SCAQMD Web site indicate pollution levels in Santa Monica have been the highest during early evening and lowest in the morning.

Air quality is graded on the amount of Ozone, Carbon Monoxide, Nitrogen Dioxide and particulate matter it contains. The Air Quality Management Board has developed an index that judges air quality based on the amounts those chemicals present.

Good air quality is said to range from 0-50 on the index, while air that is considered to be "unhealthful for everyone" is greater than 150.

Though the "moderate" rating, which ranges between 51-100 on the index, does not affect most persons who are sensitive to polluted air, it does harm the elderly, those with lung and heart conditions or persons with asthma.

"People who live along the coast are fortunate in that they're not likely to see their air quality go below the moderate range," Atwood said. "Even the most sensitive individuals are not likely to notice many symptoms."

Ozone, which is considered the most unhealthful form of air pollution, is formed when three atoms of Oxygen combine to form an "energetic combination" that rapidly releases chemical energy. When ozone is

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A ballgame where 'take no prisoners' isn't just bluster

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

SAN QUENTIN — If you're taken hostage, the home team's coach told the visitors, we'll do all we can to get you out, but we won't trade someone for your life. Somehow, it just didn't have the ring of, "Play ball!"

But then nothing's quite as it seems when you're up against the all-inmate San Quentin Giants, where take-no-prisoners isn't just an expression and the player stealing second base may have more than a little hands-on experience.

"On the field we all come together. It gives us a chance to be kids," says San Quentin State Prison inmate Albert Decoto, 23, a short-timer in for a parole violation.

Visiting players also take something away from the experience.

"It's very exhilarating," said Eliot Smith, an attorney and member of the amateur Oakland Oaks. "The inmates' team, they're always up for these games. They're always hustling."

Some of Smith's teammates opt out of the San Quentin games. They're wor-

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Don't forget your objectives in the middle of upset and changes. You also might lose your temper with others who really are trying their best, no matter what you think. Learn more effective ways of handling those around you. Tonight: Let off steam with your friends.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You might feel like you're walking on eggshells with others, because, astrologically, you are. A boss could blow his or her fuse, while you might have had it with a difficult family member. Do remember that this too will pass if you relax with others. Tonight: Work as late as needed.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ When others get a bit crazed, you need to distance yourself and understand where the problem might be coming from. Your strong actions can make all the difference between success and failure in your relationships. Start thinking about a minivacation. Tonight: Put on a favorite CD. Escape.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out for a partner or an associate you trust. Don't sell yourself short in a pressured situation. Be willing to regroup and reorganize, if need be. Money could play into this situation as well. An associate can figure a way out of this maze. Tonight: Where the gang is.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Others come to you. You might react to a friend in an odd manner. Be careful with your words and movements because, in both realms, you might be unusually careless. You don't want to deal with the ramifications, do you? Tonight: Go along with another's imaginative flights of fantasy.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Build on your present knowledge, understanding what your expectation is here. You might be overly sensitive right now, easily misunderstanding what others say and mean. Stay cool and explore what someone means. Tonight: Try a swim or a walk.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You tend to go to extremes, and the present moment is no exception. Laughter goes far, but you still need to deal with an irate or pushy friend. You could be forced to make a choice unless you're unusually diplomatic. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ You might feel pressured under the present circumstances. Don't have a knee-jerk reaction and go off and overspend or go overboard in another realm of your life. A boss or someone whose opinion you care about lets his or her temper flare. Tonight: Chill out to good music.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You go to extremes right now, trying to compensate for another's reaction or mistake. Communication runs askew, and tempers could flare. Flex, but know when you're uncomfortable and have done too much. Tonight: Have a long-overdue discussion.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Treat others as you would like to be treated. When a problem erupts involving finances or feelings, you find out just how volatile another is. Look at the depth of feelings involved here. When making an offer or suggestion, be ready to follow through. Tonight: Treat another to a relaxing dinner.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others respond to your inquiries. A partner goes out of his or her way to make you happy, while others create an uproar. Detach and gain understanding about what might be ailing your various associates. Don't take on others' bad moods yourself. Tonight: Smile and enjoy a special person in your life.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Use your instincts with bosses and partners. Review an important matter that involves work, especially if you see problems coming up out of the blue. You might need to revamp a project. Do what you think is necessary. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

QUOTE of the DAY

"It's better to be wanted for murder than not to be wanted at all."
— Marty Winch

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LOCAL

Art of glass



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A Santa Monica Pier artist creates painted landscapes on small mirror surfaces. His speed and skill attracts his customers.



CrimeWatch

Elderly woman makes bomb threat

■ A 70-year old woman made a bomb threat on the 800 Block of 28th Street on Friday, July 12.

At about 1:15 p.m. the woman pulled into a parking lot and asked the attendant for a location within the complex. The attendant gave directions, and as the woman drove off she said she had a bomb in her purse.

The attendant watched the woman walk into the complex then exit about five minutes later.

The attendant reported the incident to the complex manager and his supervisor, who then called Santa Monica Police.

Police searched the premises, but found no suspicious packages.

The parking attendant gave police the woman's license plate number, and Santa Monica detectives are investigating.

■ A man smacked his business associate in the head with a plastic lawn chair on Monday, July 8.

The victim met his friend and business partner at 2600 Main Street to talk over a business deal. At about 1:15 p.m. the suspect became angry, picked up a white patio chair and hit the victim on the left side of the head.

Santa Monica Police arrived and the victim said he did not want to press charges.

The suspect is a 49-year-old white man resident of Santa Monica.

■ A man was beaten and robbed of his backpack and a poster on Tuesday, July 9.

The victim was standing on the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Navy Avenue at about 5:45 p.m. when the suspect approached and asked to see the poster the victim was holding.

While the suspect looked at the poster, two more suspects approached the area. The victim set his backpack on the ground as the three admired his poster.

The first suspect punched the victim and he fell to the ground, and the three suspects made off with his poster and backpack.

The loss is estimated at \$160, including the contents of the backpack.

The first suspect is described as a male Hispanic in his mid 20s, 5' 11" tall, medium build, a shaved head and wearing a white tank top and blue jeans.

The second suspect is a male Hispanic, 37 years old, 5' feet 7" tall, heavy build and wearing a black shirt and gray pants.

The third suspect is a male Hispanic in his 20s, 5' 10" tall, medium build and wearing a white tank top.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Hurricane Douglas will shift west from the tip of the Baja peninsula today. As Douglas leaves shore for the open ocean, he will send a strong, steep southeast swell toward California. The storm will pass through LA's southern swell window during the late evening.

The northern tip of LA County will be in tropical surf Thursday. Expect best sets at three to four feet, and occasional five footers.

An hour drive away, North Orange County spots enjoy better southeast exposure, and will easily hit overhead today and Thursday.



Today's Tides:

Low-	4:43 a.m.	-0.87'
High-	11:08 a.m.	3.93'
Low-	3:53 p.m.	2.24'
High-	9:56 p.m.	6.13'

Location	Wednesday	Thursday	Water Quality
County Line	2-4'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Topanga	1-2'/Poor	2-3'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
El Porto	2-3'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A

The Q Line

A coalition of downtown landlords, business owners and residents recommended last week that Santa Monica City Council eliminate feedings in public spaces.

The Bayside District Corp., which manages the Third Street Promenade in cooperation with the city, voted to recommend the city council take steps to limit the number of people who can be fed in a public place, as well as the frequency of feedings groups can sponsor.

Some officials believe the root of Santa Monica's homeless problem stems from outside church groups that host public feedings in Palisades Park and on the front

lawn of City Hall, which draws hundreds of transients to the downtown area. There are as many as 21 public feedings taking place on a weekly basis.

So this week Q Line wants to know, "Do you agree the city should do more to limit the size and frequency of public feedings? Or do you believe there are better ways the city can address its homeless problem downtown?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less; it might help to think first about the wording of your response.



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OPINION

LETTERS

Parks & Rec gets it right

Editor:

In his July 19 Daily Press opinion piece, Mike Tittinger accuses me, the City Council, and the Recreation & Parks Commission of blowing “smoke up our asses” in pushing for healthier and cleaner parks by banning smoking. While I could suggest ways for Mr. Tittinger to make his arguments less crudely, I do want to respond to a number of his misstatements.

First of all, no one is “mulling over” a measure that would ban smoking in and around children’s playgrounds. A new state law went into effect last January that establishes this ban in all California parks, including those in Santa Monica. What is being mulled over is a Santa Monica policy that goes beyond this new state minimum requirement to ban smoking throughout the parks. This is exactly what the city of Beverly Hills did in a move that was widely praised and has met with virtually no compliance/enforcement issues. The Recreation & Parks Commission voted unanimously, at its June 20th meeting, to support such a curb-to-curb policy.

The public hearing that preceded the vote demonstrated overwhelming community support for such a policy. The American Lung Association, the American Cancer Society, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, and many other local organizations have come out in support of this measure. They have done so not because this is a “feel-good, tree-hugging measure” as Mr. Tittinger characterizes it, but because it is good public health policy. A front page story in the June 20th L.A. Times reported alarming new research that smoking is a “deadlier carcinogen and causes more types of cancer than previously believed.” The comprehensive study by the United Nations International Agency for Research on Cancer also provides the first definitive evidence that secondhand smoke causes lung cancer, increasing the risk to those exposed by about 20 percent.

Mr. Tittinger would have you believe that because you are outdoors, you are not subject to the negative effects of outdoor smoke. I guess he would also argue that we don’t have to worry about automobile or bus emissions because “it’s a big atmosphere.” The truth is that secondhand smoke is a health hazard outdoors, particularly in areas where people gather to play, eat and enjoy other park activities. A study presented at the 2002 Pediatric Academic Society annual meeting showed that the nicotine content measured by analyzing the hair of children was relatively high among children of parents who only smoke outside of the house. It also makes simple common sense that when you are smelling someone else’s smoke, it means that you are taking that person’s unfiltered smoke into your system.

Mr. Tittinger also conveniently ignored the litter problem caused by discarded cigarette butts. Perhaps he closed his ears when Dr. Lori Kaplan testified at the public hearing about her young son almost choking on a cigarette butt he picked up in a Santa Monica park. Mr. Tittinger is correct that I stated that smoking doesn’t fit in with the healthy activities that our families enjoy in our parks. We know that children model adult behavior. We don’t allow the drinking of alcohol in our parks. Why should cigarettes be any different?

Even though Mr. Tittinger claims to like his bars “a little dank and seedy,” he says that he is “working through” the ban on cigarettes in bars and restaurants. My hope is that Mike will also be able to work through the ban of cigarettes in our beautiful parks, an idea that is good for his health and for the health of all Santa Monica residents.

Robert Berger
Committee For Smoke-Free Parks

Big banks are bad

Editor:

Read with some interest your article on US BANK, and one more big money take over. Several years ago I was looking for a new bank after being shafted more than once by Bank of America. (That dirty little dago bank once known as the bank of Italy.) (Your fun dog columnist once from Ventura will know of the Lagomarsinos and their involvement with that institution.)

So, at that time CENFED came out with a promotion, in written brochures to encourage direct deposit accounts. So I switched. The CENFED was two blocks closer and no waiting at the outside ATM. No problems with CENFED except they were taken over by GLENFED and problems started. Their ATM was often out of cash or blank with no reason displayed. I got a charge for using a Wells Fargo up the street. Then CAL FED took over GLENFED and issued me a new card with provision that using the card just once means you accept all the terms and conditions of the new bosses. So I shredded the card at once and did indoor banking for about a year. And started my own ineffective search for social justice.

And, these social unjusts are at it yet. Yes, once that phrase really did appear in a newspaper of general circulation way back when. It is a rule of common law almost everywhere and statute law in California that when a going business takes over a going business they take over the responsibilities as well as the assets of the business they gorge on.

John O. Legreid
Santa Monica

Take the public feedings elsewhere

Editor:

In direct response to Julie Reeves (SMDP, July 13, 2002, Letters): Many of Santa Monica’s homeless residents (oxymoronic, but correct! Perhaps we should call ourselves ‘domicilely challenged citizens’?) would gladly go to work if we could find some!

Obviously, you have never had to face homelessness or you would NOT consider it easier than being gainfully employed.

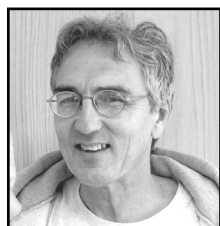
Sorry you got a ticket for overparking; come join the homeless and you won’t have to worry about that again — everywhere we go, we walk, dragging our meager belongings with us!

You keep harping on the fact that Santa Monica’s homeless citizens have access to 21 meals a week! (A little satire here, in case you can’t guess!) Why, that’s three meals a day! What a concept! I don’t know anyone who eats three meals a day, do you? (But that’s only for those who can travel, dragging their belongings behind them, to the many locations, sometimes with conflicting schedules, and tolerate the often prerequisite religious brainwashing!) (You should see what some of these ‘meals’ consist of!)

Close down the food lines? The homeless who depend on them will be forced to find food in other ways: panhandling (you ain’t seen nothin’ yet!), petty theft, dumpster-diving, trashcan buffet, etc., but most will not consider leaving Santa Monica. Why not, instead, provide a place away from downtown where feedings can take place?

Kenneth McCrae
Santa Monica

Saturday night fever: Drivers sweat out DUI checkpoint



EDGE of the WEST

By Ron Scott Smith

A funny thing happened on the way to the good time. Except nobody was laughing.

Driven as safely and lawfully as it ever could be, my car was waved to a halt Saturday night by the Santa Monica Police Department, out in full force at a Wilshire Boulevard sobriety roadblock. The main thoroughfare of this free American town was under occupation by hordes of officers, a full sized mobile trailer, a smaller processing van, a paddy wagon, cop cars and motorcycle units up and down the street. Big Brother reared his ugly face and had a stern look on it to boot.

I was released and given a clean bill of rights with permission to continue my drive down the street in search of that Saturday night.

I didn’t get very far. After that ordeal,

ironically, I needed a drink. I pulled over a half-block away, and walked back to the tavern I was headed to in the first place, which had the bad luck of sitting right across the street from this law enforcement spectacle. Not the greatest thing for bar business — to have the Fun Police stationed right outside your front door. It tends to keep customers away in droves. And for those already inside? Their tabs would be well below the norm, as that short drive home suddenly loomed a lot longer.

So now, with a conspicuously evil bottle of swill in my hand, I watched from the safety of this popular establishment, as other unsuspecting souls drove into that spider web that I just escaped.

It was eerie over there, the way the theatrical-style lights shone, creating warped dark shadows of cops in helmets and high boots, walking and riding about on motorcycles and in patrol cars. A girl in the bar remarked how it was really a movie set, the trailer for make-up or wardrobe, the hulking officers just actors, and the director, off-camera, yelling “Cut! Cut! Arrest that guy again, this time with energy, babe, energy!” If it was a movie, it was a cheap futuristic science fiction thing where the all-powerful

ruthless government is in full control of a submissive, brainwashed populace. You’ve seen that one, right?

They snared some bad guys, in this case citizens driving home from maybe dinner and wine, or festive get-togethers with friends, or a baseball game with Dodger dogs and Buds. These bad guys were guilty of no moving violation, showed no probable cause, were no apparent danger to anyone. They left home as good guys, and returned home as criminals, facing new levels of state-inflicted misery in the days, months and years to come.

The citizens of Santa Monica slept better, we hope. They paid to get this operation mobilized, and for the time put in by their many officers.

Your basic wife beaters, gang bangers, kidnapper/murderers, and the like, got a temporary reprieve from maximum local law enforcement for a night.

We all know, and we all decry, the many innocent lives that have been taken by drunk driving killers. One is too many. You get behind your wheel when you shouldn’t, and hurt or kill somebody you go away for a long time. See ya, wouldn’t want to be ya.

But where does that translate to a whole society resorting to radical measures like

these random checkpoints on the streets we live on, to monitor what we have chosen to take into our systems? I never read Orwell but I heard about him and you tell me.

Have you heard about other roadblocks now springing up all over, to check registration, driver’s license, and insurance? Just making sure you’re all in the fold here, folks. And how about that thing up on Sunset where they stop you, file your identifying information into a computer right there on the street, then forbid you to pass by that point again on the same night? What’s that? What’s next?

Look around. You can’t miss it. It’s a part of the fabric. At every corner there they are — the bars, the pubs, the dives, the clubs. Around every one of those corners are the 7-11’s, the mom-and-pop liquor stores and the supermarkets. Go to the bowling alley or the baseball park, out to dinner at the three-star restaurant. You know what they all have in common? They happily sell alcoholic beverages to you, and the more the better. Everybody’s happy, right?

Wrong.

Everybody’s MADD.

(Ron Scott Smith is a Santa Monica resident. E-mail him at Edgeofthewest@aol.com.)

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LOCAL



Airport users say city is trying to ban large jets

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and claim it's no longer safe," said Scott Wardle, general manager of Submarine, an aircraft leasing company at Santa Monica Airport. "But what they are really trying to do is ban jets all over again."

Wardle said banning jets would have a "tremendously negative effect" on businesses located at the airport because it would reduce the number of aircraft allowed to fly through the airport. He said that translates into less fuel being sold, less hangers being leased and fewer lunches being sold at airport restaurants.

"The bulk of the jets flying right now

would not meet these standards," he said.

An aviation consultant hired by the city to assess airport constraints testified before the Airport Commission in May that the runway would have to be expanded by 1,000 feet to comply with Federal Aviation Administration requirements for large jets.

Bringing the airport into compliance with federal regulations would require purchasing \$100-\$200 million worth of single-family homes that surround the runway, rerouting Bundy Drive and relocating a gas station across the street from where airplanes currently take off. Airport officials

called the expansion project unrealistic.

Larger planes need long runways to get up enough speed to take off and more time to slow down once they land. As a result, they need a much larger runway and designated safety area.

Airport officials said preventing large planes from landing at the airport would not necessarily decrease the volume of daily traffic, just constrict the field to smaller jets which currently make up 5 percent of the total air traffic.

About 1,300 aircraft take off and land at Santa Monica airport in a month. About 90 percent of them are propeller-driven planes, which conform to the airport's regulations.

Jets constitute the other 10 percent of total airport traffic, and half of them are non-conforming, large planes.

Though no current or pending federal legislation requires the city to make the restriction, airport officials are recommending it for safety reasons and to bring the airport into compliance with FAA regulations. The restriction also would protect the city from litigation stemming from a large plane having an accident at the airport, officials said.

Cause for concern increased when officials said they found that the large jets are becoming more common at the airport.

Santa Monica ends long stretch of moderate air quality

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inhaled it damages the sensitive tissue that lines the respiratory system.

"Being exposed to ozone is like getting a sunburn on your lungs," Atwood said. "It causes damage that can be repaired over time, but there are concerns that persons who are chronically exposed to high ozone levels may become more susceptible to lung cancer."

And it doesn't help that Santa Monica is a thriving tourist magnet that attracts many motorists going to the beach and the Third Street Promenade.

"We certainly get a lot of vehicular traffic because we are a beach town," said Dean Kubani, a city environmental analyst. "Other cities that aren't as much of a destination don't get the kind of traffic we see here."

While there is not much Santa Monica can do to curb or control regional air pollution that affects the city, officials have launched an extensive environmental campaign to cut emissions locally.

More than 75 percent of Santa Monica's fleet of municipal vehicles run on some form of alternative fuels or are powered by half gasoline-half electric engines. The alternative vehicles emit far less pollutants believed to be responsible for smog and the creation of ozone.

The Big Blue Bus also has begun a program to convert its fleet of diesel-powered buses into vehicles that run on liquid nitrogen gas, which is much cheaper and pollutes far less.

Santa Monica also has one of the strongest ride-share programs in the region, and city officials said they are now trying to expand the municipal program to

local businesses as well. The average number of people coming to work for the city in one vehicle averages 1.7 persons per vehicle, whereas the region's average is about 1.27 persons per vehicle.

"Santa Monica has one of the most advanced sustainable city plans in the world," said Kubani. "People come from throughout the world to study what's being done here."

Quentin inmates 'play ball'

BALLGAME, from page 1

ried or don't think prisoners should be playing — "they think it should be really hard time."

"Those of us who come in mostly think otherwise — that it's a humanizing process," Smith says.

The Giants have real uniforms, courtesy of the real San Francisco Giants — prison chaplain Earl Smith also works as

a chaplain with the big-league team. This year, 50 to 60 inmates tried out for the prison team; 20 were chosen.

The prison also has basketball, volleyball and soccer teams. Warden Jeanne Woodford is a big fan of teamwork.

"These guys really don't know how to have fun," she says. "If you try to imagine yourself trying to fill a day when you don't have a clue — that's how a lot of people end up in here."

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STATE

San Francisco may get into pot-growing business

BY KIM CURTIS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Frustrated by the federal government's determination to shut down medical marijuana clubs, San Francisco is thinking about growing its own.

The city Board of Supervisors voted late Monday to put a measure on the November ballot that would have city officials explore growing marijuana on publicly owned lots and distributing it to ill patients.

Supporters said such a program could double as job training for the unemployed.

"I don't think it would be all that dramatic a venture," said Supervisor Mark Leno, who proposed the idea with three colleagues.

The city already issues medical marijuana use cards to patients who have a doctor's permission. California was the first state to approve medical marijuana with the passage of Proposition 215 in 1996.

"The health department or some other entity would distribute it over their own counter," Leno said Tuesday. "We already have 4,000 San Franciscans coming in to get medical marijuana ID cards, now they could also get their marijuana."

Leno said he drafted the proposal because the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration remains determined to close down medical marijuana clubs in the city and across California. When DEA

Administrator Asa Hutchinson spoke here in February, Leno was protesting out front with a bullhorn.

"If the federal government is going to continue to harass and shut down these clubs, then I think it's the city's responsibility to take action," he said.

Providing job training to unemployed or homeless residents would be "an added benefit to this project if, in fact, it happens," said Board President Tom Ammiano.

"If you don't attempt these things there will never be any change," he said. "We've got to give it a shot."

Still, hesitant to take on the federal government without being sure of their own political support, city supervisors voted to put the measure on the ballot.

"Challenging federal law is a significant step for a city to take," Leno said. "Before the elected body should do that, I think it's important for voters to share their opinions. If 60 or 70 percent of voters say 'yes,' the supervisors would be on very solid ground knowing that voters would be with us."

"We have a lot of land," Leno added. "That's not going to be a problem."

The problem is that cultivating, possessing and distributing marijuana are illegal under federal law.

"Unless Congress changes the law and makes marijuana a legal substance, then we have to do our job and enforce the law, whether or not it's popular," Richard Meyer, a DEA spokesman in San Francisco.

Artists slam \$41 billion California music industry

BY JIM WASSERMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — California's \$41 billion recording industry came under withering attack Tuesday for accounting practices that artists say routinely under report royalties and cheat them of millions of dollars.

Singers and entertainment attorneys alike attacked the industry's accounting methods and raised the specter of 1960s pop stars who resorted to public assistance because record companies failed to report royalties for their pension and health funds.

The attacks, made in a state Senate hearing lasting more than six hours, echoed recent criticisms of accounting practices in other industries that have led to bankruptcy and scandal.

Several speakers testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee alleged "systematic" financial irregularities by all five global corporations that dominate the music business.

Los Angeles music attorney Don Engel estimated that record companies routinely "underpay 10 to 40 percent on every royalty" and dare artists to challenge it without committing "artistic suicide."

Record industry spokesmen and attorneys vigorously denied the characterizations and cast the allegations in a context of power negotiations between artists and their lawyers and the record labels.

The industry also released an economic analysis of its record contracts, noting that fewer than 5 percent of signed artists produce a hit record. Likewise, for every

hit the industry has, it loses \$6.3 million on albums that bomb, the study showed.

Among those testifying, singer Sam Moore, formerly of Sam and Dave, recalled learning in his 50s that his retirement fund would be \$67 a month because his record label never reported income to his pension fund. He said Motown legend Mary Wells learned she had no health insurance when she was diagnosed with cancer before dying 10 years ago this Friday. Likewise, her record companies didn't pay into the fund, Moore said.

Singer Montel Jordan, who had the 1995 hit, "This is How We Do It," said despite 2 million singles from that release and several albums since, he still owes money to his record label.

"I have sold many gold and platinum records. I've never had a moneymaking loss and yet I'm certain, if you were to do an audit, as I have done on several occasions, I still haven't recouped," Jordan told members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He described the business as handing deals to naive, music-loving youngsters, who become unable to pay upfront costs of promotions, videos and marketing with their royalty earnings.

Singers, increasingly, are pressing for audits and suing their labels for millions of dollars in royalties they believe their labels are under reporting. Critics Tuesday told senators they noticed huge differences in the accounting styles of the record business after working in their previous fields of television, publishing and even construction. Several speakers, calling for reforms, suggested the industry develop a standard set of accounting rules.

STATE



Red light cameras cut accidents but have flaws

BY STEFANIE FRITH
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Red light cameras at street intersections help reduce automobile accidents, but a review of programs in seven California cities and counties found weaknesses that make them more vulnerable to legal challenges, a state audit released Tuesday shows.

The audit found the number of motorists running red lights has dropped 10 percent since cities installed the cameras after a 1996 law.

Although 15 states and nations in Africa, Asia and Europe use red light cameras, there are signs of a backlash. Alaska, Nebraska, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Utah have banned the cameras, while Maryland's legislature is considering bills that would curtail or eliminate them.

In San Diego, the cameras have become an issue because of allegations of conflicts of interest involving the for-profit vendor administering the system. Other critics say the presumption of innocence is lost even if a driver ran a red light unintentionally by misjudging a yellow light.

California law says only a governmental agency, in cooperation with a law enforcement agency, can operate the red light cameras, but the law has no specific requirements to guide cities in how to do so, said Steve Hendrickson, chief deputy state auditor.

While the law also needs to be clarified, cities must also tightly monitor the companies that provide the cameras, Hendrickson said.

San Diego and Los Angeles County didn't follow any of the criteria auditors used to monitor oversight of the program, Hendrickson said. Local governments aren't required to follow those guidelines, but the report states they're "needed to avoid legal challenge."

Guita Sheik, senior civil engineer for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, said the county agreed with the audit, but that "the criteria they used are not established policy."

The audit surveyed the cities of Fremont, Long Beach, Oxnard, Sacramento, San Diego and San Francisco and Los Angeles County. The audit found that only Fremont, Long Beach and Sacramento conduct at least one oversight visit to the vendor's facility and only Long Beach and Sacramento periodically conduct technical inspections of the cameras.

Auditors recommended tighter oversight of camera vendors and periodic inspections of the camera intersections.

Complaints in San Diego led Sen. Steve Peace, D-El Cajon, to request the audit.

Officials in San Diego, which suspended its program in 2001 after numerous complaints, did not return repeated telephone calls.

But Josh Krimston, a firefighter paramedic and director of operations for Eliminate Preventable Injuries of Children, a nonprofit organization in San Diego, said San Diego needs the cameras back.

"The technology has proven that it works at changing people's behavior," Krimston said.

Although the most common reason for choosing red light camera sites was traffic safety, four of the seven cities surveyed avoided placing cameras at some of their most dangerous intersections along state-owned highways, the audit found.

It would have taken too long to get state permission, officials from Fremont, San Diego and Long Beach said, while Los Angeles said it didn't consider state-owned highways for its program.

Caltrans officials, Hendrickson said, told auditors it would take only two to five months for a city to get the permits for state-owned highways.

California leads nation in ice cream production

BY COLLEEN VALLES
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The state famous for its sunshine and beaches leads the nation in another summertime staple: ice cream.

California produced about 145 million gallons of ice cream last year, 64 million gallons more than Indiana, the No. 2 state, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

"The dairies have gotten bigger, and there's more milk per cow, and the number of cows has gotten bigger," said Karen Dapper, a research analyst for the Dairy Marketing Branch of the state's Department of Food and Agriculture. "The number of dairy farms is going down, but the number of cows and milk production has gone up."

Tulare County, the No. 1 agriculture county in the state, has 312 dairies that brought in about \$1.2 billion in milk production alone in 2001.

"We had the first \$1 billion commodity this year and that was milk," said Tulare County Assistant Agricultural Commissioner Bill Appleby. "A lot of

dairies have moved up here from Southern California, where they're paving over agricultural land."

California has more than 2,100 dairies, about 1.55 million cows and about 35 ice cream plants.

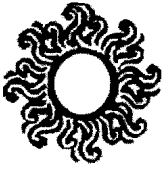
Americans spent nearly \$20 billion dollars on ice cream and other frozen desserts in 2000, according to the International Dairy Foods Association.

Ice cream has become such a part of the American life, that it has surpassed apple pie as the No. 1 dessert — at least in the assessment of John Harrison, ice cream connoisseur.

Harrison is the official taste tester for Oakland-based Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream.

Using a golden spoon to prevent aftertaste, Harrison tastes about 60 samples a day, examining them for appearance, flavor and texture. He compares his work to that done in another California specialty — wines.

"I start with the white wines of ice cream — vanilla, vanilla bean — and work my way up to the heavy Bordeaux of ice cream — black walnut, mint chocolate chip," he said.



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NATIONAL

Study says women have a better emotional memory

BY PAUL RECER

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — The reason wives are better at remembering emotional issues than husbands may be because women's brains are wired to both feel and recall emotions more keenly than those of men, a new study found.

When groups of women and men were tested for their ability to recall or recognize highly evocative photographs three weeks after first seeing them, a team of psychologists found that the women's memories were 10 to 15 percentage points more accurate.

The study, appearing Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, also used MRIs to image the subjects' brains as they were exposed to the pictures. It found that the women's neural responses to emotional scenes was much more active than the men's.

Turhan Canli, an assistant professor of psychology at State University of New York Stony Brook, said the study shows that a woman's brain is better organized to perceive and remember emotions.

"The wiring of emotional experience and the coding of that experience into memory is much more tightly integrated in women than in men," said Canli, lead author of the study. "A larger percentage of the emotional stimuli used in the experiment were remembered by women than by men."

Other authors of the study are John E. Desmond, Zuo Zhao and John D. E. Gabrieli, all of Stanford University.

The findings are consistent with earlier research that found differences in the workings of the minds of women and men, said Diane F. Halpern, director of the Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children and a professor of psychology at Claremont McKenna College in California.

Halpern said the study "makes a strong link between cognitive behavior and a brain structure that gets activated" when exposed to emotional stimuli.

"It advances our understanding of the

link between cognition and the underlying brain structures," she said. "But it doesn't mean that those are immutable ... that they can't change with experience."

Halpern said the study also supports earlier findings that women, in general, have a better autobiographical memory for anything, not just emotional events.

She said the study supports the folkloric idea that a wife has a truer memory for marital spats than does her husband.

In the study, Canli and his colleagues individually tested the emotional memory of 12 women and 12 men using a set of pictures. Some of the pictures were ordinary, and others were designed to evoke strong emotions.

Each of the subjects viewed the pictures and graded them on a three-point scale ranging from "not emotionally intense" to "extremely emotionally intense."

As the subjects viewed the pictures, images were being taken of their brains using magnetic resonance imaging. This measures neural blood flow and can identify portions of the brain that are active.

Canli said women and men had distinctively different emotional responses to the same photos. For instance, the men would see a gun and call it neutral, but for women it would be "highly, highly negative" and evoke strong emotions.

Neutral pictures showed such things as a fireplug, a book case or an ordinary landscape.

The pictures most often rated emotionally intense showed corpses, grave stones and crying people. A picture of a dirty toilet prompted a strong emotional response, especially from the women subjects, Canli said.

All the test subjects returned to the lab three weeks later and were surprised to learn that they would now be asked to remember the pictures they had seen. Canli said they were not told earlier that they would be asked to recall pictures from the earlier session.

In a memory test tailored for each person, they were asked to pick out pictures

Pilots accused of flying drunk go to rehab, says prosecutor

BY ADRIAN SAINZ

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Two America West pilots accused of being drunk when they tried to fly a jetliner have been in alcohol rehabilitation, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Lawyers for Thomas Porter Cloyd and Christopher Hughes requested a Wednesday hearing to ask a judge to delay their Aug. 1 court appearance because the pilots will be in rehabilitation until Aug. 2, Assistant State Attorney Ronald Ramsingh said.

Cloyd and Hughes entered the 28-day program in Arizona days after they were arrested July 1 in Miami, Ramsingh said.

Court documents obtained Tuesday showed that Hughes settled a \$122 bar tab about six hours before their scheduled flight.

Hughes, the co-pilot, paid the tab with a credit card, according to the receipt. There was no indication who and how many people were on the tab.

Other people were with Hughes and

Cloyd that night, James K. Rubin, Hughes' attorney, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. He would not comment further.

Cloyd's lawyer, William M. Pearson, didn't immediately return calls seeking comment Tuesday.

According to a receipt from Mr. Moe's in Miami, Hughes paid for seven 34-ounce beers, seven 16-ounce beers, a draft beer, one martini and a hamburger between about 10:49 p.m. and 4:22 a.m.

Manager Dave Bello would not comment Tuesday because the restaurant is under subpoena.

Both pilots had blood-alcohol levels above Florida's legal limit of 0.08 after they were ordered to return to the gate at Miami International airport July 1. Their Phoenix-bound plane carrying 124 passengers had been scheduled to leave at 10:30 a.m.

Hughes, 41, and Cloyd, 44, pleaded innocent to a felony count of operating an aircraft under the influence and operating a motor vehicle under the influence. The Federal Aviation Administration revoked their licenses.

NATIONAL



Park Service set to ban watercrafts at nine sites

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Personal watercraft will be banned on Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Glen Canyon and six other national parks after Sept. 15 because the National Park Service won't meet a deadline to finish rules to control the popular pastime.

Karla Norris, a spokeswoman for Lake Mead National Recreation Area, said Tuesday that the ban is expected to be temporary but could last until May.

Along with the three lakes on the Colorado River between Nevada, Utah and Arizona, sites affected are Amistad and Lake Meredith, Texas; Big Horn Canyon, Mont.; Chickasaw, Okla.; Curecanti, Colo.; and Lake Roosevelt, Wash.

The Park Service is under court order to show that personal watercraft don't harm the parks.

Norris said the agency will miss the deadline for completing the required environmental impact report.

"It's not going to get done by Sept. 15," she told The Associated Press. "We started the process almost immediately, but it's a lengthy process and some of the funding didn't come through after Sept. 11."

The Park Service agreed to the deadline in an April 2001 federal court settlement between the Interior Department and a San Francisco-based environmental group, Bluewater Network.

On April 19, a federal judge in Texas denied a delay sought by industry leaders

and two Texas users, and upheld the ban on personal watercraft at 21 national parks.

The decision had an immediate effect at 11 parks, Norris said, and set the Sept. 15 ban at the others.

Bluewater Network Executive Director Russell Long told the Las Vegas Review-Journal that National Park Service officials indicated in April 2001 that the Sept. 15 deadline would allow plenty of time to write rules for personal watercraft.

"I think the Bush administration dropped the ball and simply failed in their duty to study the environmental impacts of the watercraft and develop regulations," Long said. "It's very unfortunate that the process didn't occur, but we would maintain that personal watercraft are causing some very severe harm to water quality and wildlife and there's noise pollution in the area."

Norris and Lake Mead National Recreation Area planner Jim Holland blamed the delay and resulting ban on a shift in government priorities following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"This is a major undertaking," Holland told the Review-Journal. He said consultants are sorting through 9,000 public comments to complete the impact assessment for the lake's management plan.

A draft of the report has found personal watercraft cause no impairment to park resources and should be allowed.

Little League players claim coach asked to throw game

By The Associated Press

KEARNY, N.J. — Several Little League players claim their coaches asked them to intentionally lose a game to a crosstown rival, but the coaches say they only told the youngsters to play their best.

Members of the Kearny National All-Stars team said their coaches wanted to make it easier for the Kearny American All-Stars to win the district tournament. The National team had a 1-5 record and no chance of advancing but the American All-Stars had a 6-0 record.

One National player filed a complaint with U.S. Little League officials, and the mayor of Kearney has ordered an official inquiry.

"They asked us 'What do you want to do with the Kearny game? Do you want to

blow it or do you want to play?'" infielder Mike Capelao told The Star-Ledger of Newark for Tuesday's editions. "I didn't say anything. But then at the game, all of the kids were like 'We want to win!'"

The coaches, Larry Davidson and Justin Raia, denied telling the players to throw the July 12 game.

The National team took an early 4-3 lead before the American team came back to win, 16-4. However, the American All-Stars were eliminated from the tournament three days later.

Doug Gogal, coach of the Americans, said his players and their parents believe the National team tried its best.

"I don't know what to say, other than the fact our kids worked hard and played hard," he said. "I don't think we needed any help winning games."

Man stomps kitten to death

By The Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — A pet store worker who stomped a kitten to death in front of young children waiting to buy it has been sentenced to probation and ordered to undergo anger management counseling.

Timothy M. Paules Jr., 23, of Colebrookdale Township, was sentenced to two years of probation for killing the kitten on Oct. 6 while he was working at Zimmer's Pets in Gilbertsville.

Paules was convicted of cruelty to animals last month. He has also been ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and serve 100 hours of community service. Judge Joseph A. Smyth also ruled that Paules could no longer work with animals.

"I don't think incarceration is necessary," Smyth told Paules. "You have a history of emotional problems. I think this is a wake-up call."

During the trial, Paules said that he killed the cat because it bit his finger and scratched his face.

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NATIONAL

Omar still in Afghanistan, many 'most wanted' al-Qaida got out

BY PAULINE JELINEK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar is still believed hiding from U.S.-led forces inside Afghanistan, but most of the al-Qaida leaders he once harbored have left, Bush administration officials said Tuesday.

Most of the important captures of al-Qaida figures announced in recent weeks have been on the Pakistan side of the border or elsewhere in the world.

Omar and al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, the top two on America's most wanted terrorist list, remain elusive.

American troops hoped early this month that they were on the trail of one-eyed Taliban spiritual leader Omar, who like most others from the routed fundamentalists regime have remained in their home country, defense officials said Tuesday.

But the search in Omar's home province of Uruzgan went horribly wrong.

U.S. troops believed they were drawing anti-aircraft fire, responded with air strikes by an AC-130 gunship and accidentally killed an estimated 40 Afghan civilians. Omar is believed to remain in the mountainous region in or near the province.

As for al-Qaida, leader bin Laden's whereabouts remain a mystery.

His lieutenants — mostly Arabs — have all but abandoned the home they had under Taliban, an administration official said on condition of anonymity. One group of al-Qaida leaders is thought to have fled to Pakistan, while

other members scattered to other countries.

In recent months, U.S. officials acknowledged the capture of two high-ranking al-Qaida figures: operations chief Abu Zubaydah in March in Pakistan, and operational planner Abu Zubair al-Haili in June in Morocco.

Though the Pentagon has been secretive about identifying those captured, here is a scorecard on some others

captured, killed or still sought in the first campaign of the counterterror war:

—Among al-Qaida, America and its allies say they've captured or killed 12 top leaders since Sept. 11.

—They have identified about 20 more al-Qaida they are seeking, including bin Laden top deputy Ayman al-Zawahri, financial chief Shaikh Saïd al-Sharif and operational planner Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, believed involved in the Sept. 11 attacks and the April 11 bombing of a Tunisian synagogue.

—Suspected al-Qaida fugitives captured in Pakistan in the past two weeks may include a senior official, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday.

—In the Taliban, the United States and its allies have several leaders in custody, including Mullah Fazel Mazloom, army chief of staff; Mullah Abdul Wakil Muttawakil, minister of foreign affairs, and Mullah Abdul Salam Zaef, ambassador to Pakistan.

—Taliban intelligence chief, Qari Ahmadullah, was killed by U.S. bombing Dec. 27.

—Though most Taliban still wanted by the United States are thought to remain in Afghanistan, a few may have gone to Pakistan. Those wanted include top Omar aide Tayeb Agha, former Minister of Frontier Affairs Jalaluddin Haqqani, and former guerrilla commanders Mullah Baradar Akhund, Akhter Mohammed Osmani and Mullah Dadullah.

A U.S. Air Force AC-130 gunship was supporting a search for Omar — or others who know his whereabouts — when it struck civilians celebrating a wedding July 1, defense officials said Tuesday.

"They thought he was in the area," said U.S. Army spokesman Gary Tallman at Bagram air base in Afghanistan. "Multiple intelligence sources led us to that conclusion."

The Pentagon previously refused to say why troops were in the area that night.

But on Tuesday, they said on condition of anonymity that U.S. special forces, teamed with Afghan allies, were pursuing intelligence tips suggesting Omar, at least one of his top commanders or some other Taliban or al-Qaida figure might be there.

Coalition forces have been in Uruzgan for months trying to root out Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts. Much attention also has been given to the southeastern provinces of Paktia and Paktika along the Pakistan border.

Mayor to bike patrol through drug-ravaged neighborhoods

BY JOANN LOVIGLIO
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Mayor John F. Street is combining his enthusiasm for exercise with a new crime-fighting program. He's hopping on a bicycle to patrol some of the city's most notorious drug corners, and he wants citizens to join him.

Starting this week, Street plans to spend four hours a week pedaling on his donated police-issue Mercedes-Benz mountain bicycle through neighborhoods where drug dealing has been most common.

He has recruited some of the city's top officials to ride with him as part of an expansion of Operation Safe Streets, an aggressive crackdown on open-air drug markets.

"In the end, if you're going to have a world-class city ... our streets have to be safe and free of drugs and all the violence that goes along with that illegal activity," Street said.

Since May 1, hundreds of officers have

patrolled more than 200 corners and blocks to help stop drug dealing. Serious crime dropped 12 percent in May and 16 percent in June, police said.

U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter announced last week that \$500,000 in federal funding had been approved for the program.

Street said reduced crime has made it safe for citizens to accompany police officers on bike patrols to discourage dealers from re-establishing their old corners.

"We want neighborhood kids, everyone, to get on their bikes and come out and ride with us," said Street.

As they help fight crime, citizens can also get exercise. Since taking office in 1999, Street has established healthy-living programs to help flabby Philadelphians lose weight and put a "fitness czar" in City Hall. The 58-year-old mayor, a fitness fanatic who once weighed around 250 pounds but now is down to about 190, is known for getting up at 4:30 a.m. to work out before heading to work.

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SPORTS



Agassi poised and ready to take Mercedes Benz Cup

BY TOM A. MCFERSON

Special to the Daily Press

There is plenty of tennis to be played at this year's Mercedes Benz Cup at UCLA this week, even if No. 1 ranked Lleyton Hewitt is out of the tournament.

After Hewitt dropped out due to a form of viral gastroenteritis, Mercedes Benz Cup officials desperately needed second seeded Andre Agassi to make it to the weekend tournament. He will try to take his first step towards the title by beating Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark. They were scheduled to play Tuesday night.

Agassi has looked motivated and sharp in practice, and he appears more than ready to make another run at a Mercedes Benz Cup title. His draw appears favorable also, with Agassi not scheduled to meet a big name player until Gustavo Kuerten in the quarter-finals.

Agassi, winner of seven grand slam titles and currently ranked fourth in the world, has always enjoyed Southern California, once owning a home in the Pacific Palisades. He has won two titles here, in 1998 and 2001.

Another former champion, Michael Chang, winner of this event in 1996 and 2000, bowed out with a heart-

breaking loss to Jan Michael Gambill. After the match, Chang discussed the state of his own game, the frustration he is feeling with his results (Chang has accumulated a 2-13 record this year on the tour), and his commitment to improving his game.

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Chang, who spent a large portion of his childhood in Southern California practicing and competing, admitted that changing coaches may be required. Michael Chang's brother, Carl, has been his long-time coach.

Taylor Dent and Andy Roddick, two young Americans

who have been labeled with "The Future of American Tennis," also won their first round matches. Dent, who currently lives in Huntington Beach, is coming off his first tournament win two weeks ago in Rhode Island. With some luck, Dent and Roddick will meet in the quarter-finals.

Other big names in the tournament include Tommy Haas of Germany, currently ranked No. 3 in the world; Xavier Malisse of Belgium, a semi-finalist in last month's Wimbledon; 11th ranked Sebastien Grojean of France; and three-time French Open winner Gustavo Kuerten.

The Mercedes Benz Cup is played at the Los Angeles Tennis Center on the campus of UCLA, near Pauley Pavilion. The singles draw is comprised of 32 players, the doubles draw is comprised of 16 doubles teams. Total prize money is \$1 million. Dates are July 22-28. Matches begin at 11 a.m.

Tickets are still available. For more information, call (310) 825-2101, or visit the tournament's web site at www.mercedes-benzcup.com. Discounts are available for certain sessions for students, senior citizens, and USTA members.

Armstrong holds on to every second in Tour de France

BY MICHAEL MCDONOUGH

Associated Press Writer

LES DEUX-ALPES, France — For Lance Armstrong, every second counts in the three-week Tour de France.

Spanish rival Joseba Beloki surprised him briefly in Tuesday's 15th stage — the longest of the race at 140.43 miles — by surging ahead in the final stretch.

Such a late challenge could only have taken a few seconds off Armstrong's big overall lead, but even that was too much for the American.

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— **LANCE ARMSTRONG**
U.S. Tour de France athlete

He gave chase and crossed the line just behind Beloki, clocking the same time. His overall advantage of 4 minutes, 21 seconds over Beloki was unchanged, and he remained on course for a fourth straight title.

"Les Deux-Alpes, it's not too hard, it's not good for attacking," Armstrong said after the stage, which Colombian rider Santiago Botero won in 5:55:16.

Armstrong was ninth, 6:41 off the pace.

The mountain stage from Vaison-la-Romaine in the southern Provence region to this ski station was the first in the Alps this year. But it wasn't as hard as the two earlier legs in the Pyrenees — both of which Armstrong won — or the trek to the top of the Mont Ventoux, in which he extended his lead.

Also, it was much easier than Wednesday's stretch from Les Deux-Alpes to La Plagne, which features three exceptionally difficult climbs.

Armstrong prefers to be aggressive and attack in the harder stages, in which rivals are less likely to match his pace. At the Plateau de Beille in the Pyrenees and on the Ventoux, the Texan left Beloki stranded as he sprinted to the summit.

The ride to La Plagne takes Armstrong over the Col de la Madeleine mountain pass, which he tackled last year in one of his biggest stage wins. Memorably, he grimaced in apparent pain during that climb, then sprinted up the last stretch to L'Alpe d'Huez. He later acknowledged he had bluffed his rivals into thinking he was in difficulty.

Botero's win was his second in this Tour. He stunned Armstrong to win the ninth stage, an individual time trial.

However, Botero is notoriously inconsistent. He finished a whopping 15 minutes off the pace in Sunday's climb up the Ventoux, and is seventh in the overall standings, 11:31 behind Armstrong.

"Today (Tuesday) everything went perfectly, but I'm very disappointed I lost so much time on my 'off' day," Botero said.

Belgian rider Mario Aerts was second on Tuesday, 1:51 behind Botero, and countryman Axel Merckx was third, 2:30 off the pace.

French rider Christophe Moreau dropped out after crashing early in the stage and cutting his lip. The Credit Agricole leader, who placed fourth in the Tour two years ago, had a string of crashes in the first week and was 41st overall when he quit.



Christophe Ena/Associated Press

The pack rides with overall leader Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, right, in the lead, outside Mens, French Alps, on the way to climb the Ponsonas pass, during the 15th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Vaison-La-Romaine, southern France, and Les Deux Alpes, French Alps, Tuesday. Santiago Botero of Colombia won the stage.

America's Cup yacht sinks off Long Beach

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — One of Dennis Conner's \$5 million America's Cup racing yachts sank Tuesday while training in the Pacific Ocean about a mile from shore, the Coast Guard said.

All sailors aboard the 80-foot yacht were rescued. A salvage crew with a crane and air bags was headed to the scene, said Cathy Harvey, who works for Conner at his Long Beach compound.

The boats typically have crews of 16, but it was unclear how many were on the boat during Tuesday's training sail. It was also unknown if Conner was on the yacht.

Harvey said Conner was at the site helping with the recovery operation. Conner rarely sails on his America's Cup boats anymore and instead spends his time raising money for his \$40 million America's Cup budget.

The yacht sank around 1:10 p.m. in 55 feet of water after the rudder broke and left a hole that was too big for pumps and air bags aboard the boat to stop, said Bill Trenkle, a member of Conner's crew since 1980.

"All the guys are fine," Harvey added.

Conner, 59, America's best known sailor, has won the America's Cup four times, but not since 1988. He's also lost it twice.

It was Conner's newest boat that sank, Stars & Stripes USA-77. Christened May 26 in Long Beach, it would likely have been his primary racing yacht in the upcoming America's Cup competition.

Conner's crew has been training off Long Beach since February for America's Cup trials that begin Oct. 1 in Auckland, New Zealand. It will be Conner's unprecedented ninth appearance in the international competition.

The only other America's Cup yacht to sink was one Australia, which cracked in two and sank off San Diego during a challenger series race in March 1995. All 15 sailors were rescued after that mishap.

America's Cup contenders can race only one yacht at a time.

Conner still has a second boat, Stars & Stripes USA-66, launched in February, that could compete.

Harvey declined to comment on what impact the accident would have on Conner's participation in the America's Cup. The team will not know the extent of the damage until the boat is recovered and examined, she said.

When the hull cracks or is punctured, the entire boat can be dragged down by the 20-ton lead keel bulb that hangs about 14 feet beneath the water line. America's Cup boats can weigh as much as 50 tons, with much of that weight in the keel bulb needed for stability while sailing upwind.



INTERNATIONAL

United Nations warn democracy losing ground, growing authoritarianism

BY CARMELA CRUZ

Associated Press Writer

MANILA, Philippines — The wave of democracy-building that swept the world in the previous two decades has stalled, with some countries slipping into authoritarian rule and political conflict, according to a U.N. report released Wednesday.

The United Nations Development Program report, "Deepening democracy in a fragmented world," said the world is more democratic — in terms of the 140 countries that hold multiparty elections — than any time in history, but only 82 of countries out of a total of nearly 200 examined are considered full democracies.

It called the level of global inequality "grotesque," with the income of the world's richest 5 percent 114 times higher than of the poorest 5 percent.

"The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States cast new light on these divisions, returning strategic military alliances to the center of national policy-making and inspiring heated debates on the danger of compromising human rights for national security," the report said.

"Around the world, there is a growing sense that democracy has not delivered development such as more jobs, schools, health care for ordinary people," added Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, the report's chief author.

Fukuda-Parr said politicians have used the pain of transition to justify authoritarianism at the expense of human rights.

Of the 81 countries that embraced democracy in the last two decades of the 20th century, only 47 are considered full democracies today, the report said.

"Many others do not seem to be in transition or have lapsed back into authoritarianism or conflict, as in Democratic Republic of Congo and Sierra Leone," it said. "Myanmar and Pakistan have returned to military form of government. Failed states, like Afghanistan and Somalia, have become breeding grounds for extremism and violent conflict."

The trend appeared strongest in the sub-Saharan region, with national armies intervening in political affairs in

varying degrees in one in four countries since 1989.

Deepening democracy around the world would be vital in the battle against social injustice, providing a bulwark against terrorism, the report said. It added that recent research showed established democracies are less prone to civil war than non-democratic regimes, and even countries that have embraced democracy only recently are more likely to cope with political upheaval.

"The desire for stability often leads to the notion that non-democratic regimes

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— SAKIKO FUKUDA-PARR
U.N. report's chief author

hold out the prospect of greater public order and faster economic development," Fukuda-Parr said. "History and academic research provide no evidence that authoritarian regimes are better at promoting economic and social progress."

Referring to claims by countries such as Malaysia, Pakistan, Colombia and Kazakhstan that peace and economic prosperity must come first, the report said a democracy's nonviolent ways of resolving political conflict give an opposition some feeling that its turn may come. The report also pointed out that democratic countries almost never go to war with each other.

The 38 new peacekeeping operations established since 1990, compared with 16 in 1946-1989, reflect that the fabric of global peace is fraying, the report suggested.



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Georgia Giddings, 10, of Baysville, Ontario, cries after meeting Pope John Paul II during a welcoming ceremony at the Lester B. Pearson International Airport in Toronto, Ontario, Tuesday.

Pope in Canada for week of World Youth Day festivities

BY VICTOR L. SIMPSON

Associated Press Writer

TORONTO — With the world watching, a frail but determined Pope John Paul II walked down the steps of his plane Tuesday instead of using a lift after arriving in Canada to join thousands of young Catholic pilgrims for World Youth Day.

Clutching a rail and helped by an aide, the 82-year-old pope inched his way down the 27 steps to the tarmac, drawing cheers from onlookers, after a stiff wind blew off his skull cap.

"The very fact that Your Holiness has made the trip here bears witness to your tenacity and your courage in pursuing the spiritual objectives that are at the heart of your pontificate," Prime Minister Jean Chretien said in welcoming the pope for the church's World Youth Day.

Some aides have expressed concern that the 11-day trip, which will continue to Guatemala and Mexico, may be too challenging for a man suffering from the ravaging symptoms of Parkinson's disease and hip and knee ailments.

John Paul boarded the Alitalia plane in Rome using a lift, one of several accommodations the Vatican has made because of his frail condition.

"I wish I was a fly on the wall in that plane. He must have told them he was going to walk down those stairs. That was astounding," said Archbishop Anthony Meagher of Kingston, Ontario.

In recent months, the Vatican has repeatedly rejected suggestions that the pope is considering stepping down because of his ailments. On the flight from Rome, the pope's spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said the pope wanted to accept an invitation to the

Philippines in January.

Chretien and other Canadian and church dignitaries greeted the pope outside the plane, and he climbed a moving platform to ride to a welcoming ceremony in a hangar a few hundred yards away.

Speaking in English and French in this officially bilingual country, John Paul thanked Toronto for welcoming the almost 200,000 pilgrims registered for World Youth Day, calling the event a crucial way to preserve hope in the young.

Toronto will probably be the most lightly attended World Youth Day since John Paul initiated the event in the mid-1980s. Millions attended similar events in the past in Rome, Paris and Manila, Philippines, compared to the almost 200,000 registered so far for the one in Toronto. It includes 55,000 Americans.

Vatican Radio said Monday that the low attendance could be blamed in part on the sex abuse scandals that have shaken the American church since January and uncertainties about travel since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

World Youth Day activities started Tuesday with pilgrims arriving by plane, car, train, and even on foot.

"It's amazing to be with youths who don't speak your language, even though they share the same faith," said Geoffrey Bilovus of Montreal, whose family hosted Romanian visitors over the weekend.

The pilgrims, ages 16 to 35, are coming from 170 countries for activities that include catechism classes with bishops, social service, a welcoming ceremony with the pope, a re-enactment of the stations of the cross along a downtown boulevard, and an all-night vigil followed by the final Mass on Sunday.

Sheep jump to their deaths

By The Associated Press

NICE, France — More than 400 sheep leaped to their deaths this weekend in mountainous southeastern France, likely a panicked attempt to escape from a pack of wolves, police said.

The sheep have lain in a ravine near the Mercantour national park since Saturday, and police were burning them on Tuesday. Officials discovered wolf bite marks on some of the carcasses.

Police said there was no risk of contamination to the water supply.

The local agriculture department started a procedure to reimburse the owner, who lost 406 animals.

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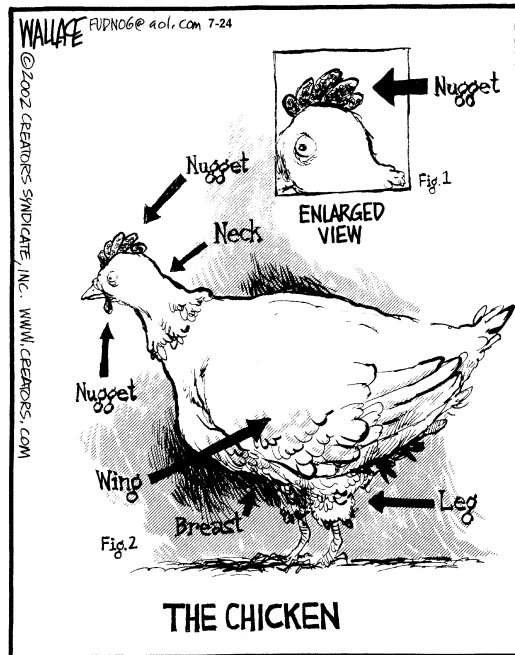
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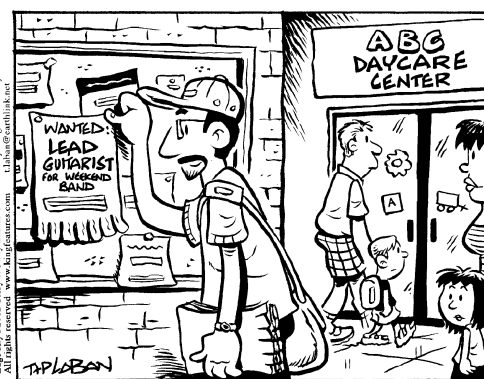
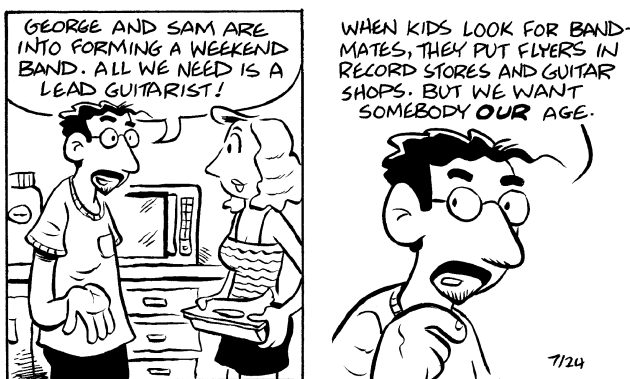
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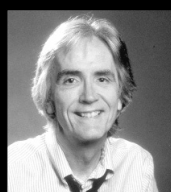


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The Sum of all Fears (PG-13)
9:30. *The Bourne Identity* (PG-
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11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30,
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1313 Third St.
Minority Report (PG-13) 11:40 ,
3:15 , 7:10 , 10:30 *K-11: The*
Widowmaker (PG-13) 12:00,
12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30,
10:15, 10:45. *My Big Fat Greek*
Wedding (PG) 11:20 , 2:00, 4:30
, 7:20 , 9:50. *Men in Black II*
(PG-13) 11:50 , 2:30, 5:15, 8:00,
10:40. *Halloween: Resurrection*
11:45 , 2:15 , 5:00 7:40 , 10:00.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Lilo & Stich (PG) 12:10, 2:35,
4:40, 7:05. *Mr. Deeds* (PG-13)
12:40, 3:00, 5:35, 7:30, 10:10.
Insomnia (R) 9:15. *Reign of Fire*
12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 10:00.
The Crocodile Hunter (PG)
12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30.
Road to Perdition 12:30, 1:30,
3:45, 4:45, 7:00, 7:35, 9:45.
Eight Legged Freaks (PG-13)
12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat
(NR) 11:30 I 3:15 I 6:45. *Lovely*
and Amazing (R) 12:15 I 2:30 I
4:45 I 7:15 I 9:45. *Notorious*
CHO (R) 10:05.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00
I 2:35 I 5:10 I 7:45 11:05. *Read*
My Lips (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00,
9:45. *Me Without You* (NR) 1:00
I 3:15 I 5:30 I 7:50 I 10:10.
Tadpole (PG-13) 1:30, 3:35,
5:40, 7:45, 9:55.

Aero Theatre
Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya
Sisterhood 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Calendar

Wednesday, July 24, 2002

Wednesday Community

The Westside Walkers, 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 Westside Walkers meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Westside Pavilion, Pico Blvd. Between Overland Ave. and Westwood Blvd. In West LA. For more information about the program, call (800)516-5323.

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Entertainment

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