

# Santa Monica Daily Press

*A newspaper with issues*

## Car sales drive Santa Monica's economy

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

If it wasn't for people buying cars, the city would be in even worse financial shape than it is now.

Sales at the city's automobile dealerships drove Santa Monica's economy in the first quarter of this year. The dealerships, which are mostly located along Santa Monica Boulevard, sold about \$122.6 million in automobiles generating more than 20 percent of the total sales tax revenue collected by the city.

"It's definitely an important sector of our sales tax revenue," said city treasurer

Ralph Bursey.

While it's typical for the dealerships to lead local businesses in generating sales tax revenue, aggressive low-interest financing deals drove automobile sales up nearly 13 percent locally, compared to the same fiscal quarter last year.

The number is surprising since almost every other sector of Santa Monica's economy has shrunk when the same comparison is made, officials said.

"The zero percent financing helped bolster the sales taxes for automobiles," Bursey said. "Obviously that's not going to continue much longer."

Local businesses send their sales taxes

quarterly to the state, which divvies the amount up between itself, the county and the municipality. Of the state's 8.25 percent sales tax, Santa Monica receives 1 percent.

From January to March 2002, local businesses generated \$5.6 million in sales tax revenue for the city — an 8 percent decline compared to the same quarter last year. Officials are estimating by the middle of 2003, businesses will have paid the city \$25.7 million in sales tax revenue, a 4 percent increase from last year.

Bursey said he can't predict whether

the city is on target of reaching its sales tax revenue goal for another few months.

"We have to wait until we get the final numbers in for the quarter before we can actually predict how close we are going to be at reaching our projected figure," Bursey said.

Even though restaurant sales dropped 2.6 percent citywide in the first quarter of this year, the industry paid \$813,000 in sales taxes to the city. Sales at department stores, which are the third highest sales

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## Judge finds there's more to cases than what meets the eye

BY DAVE DANFORTH

Daily Press Staff Writer

Gregory Glynn is not a relationship counselor. Nor is he a child psychologist. And he doesn't reconstruct accidents for a living.

But Glynn, a lawyer who showed up last week for his occasional stint as a Santa Monica small claims judge, was asked to play those roles in three different lawsuits. Each time, he admonished the combatants that they should be in some higher court rather than small claims because the cases required more detailed evidence and expert testimony.

The limit a person can sue for in small claims court is \$5,000, and it can be big business. It's not unusual to see far more complex cases, for as much as \$10,000, filed there. Many find it's more economical than paying a lawyer, so they take their chances in an arena where lawyers aren't allowed.

One case that troubled Glynn deeply was that of John Hughes, who sued the Westside Waldorf School in Santa Monica

for \$1,673.27 in tuition. He claimed the school hadn't properly protected his daughter, 4, from "attacks" from another girl, who was 3.

Hughes claimed other parents had written to the school complaining about the same girl.

"He wants to rescind the contract," Glynn suggested to the trustees' chairwoman, Nancy Pierandozzi, who appeared on the school's behalf. When Pierandozzi pointed out the tuition fee was non-refundable, Glynn put the claim in legal terms.

"He's saying it's an implied condition of the contract that his child wouldn't be beaten up," he said.

Neither Glynn nor Pierandozzi knew how to interpret fights between kids so young.

"What is normal behavior and what is malicious?" asked Glynn after Pierandozzi suggested there could be "different perspectives" in looking at how the girls got along.

If the case had been in a higher court,

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## 'A night out'



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

Timothy Engler, 12, holds a Pico Immigrant Organization banner during Tuesday's 'National Night Out' to celebrate the community's commitment to fight crime and drugs. Hundreds attended the event, held at the Third Street Promenade. About 9,500 communities across the country held similar events.

## Little league coach suspended for encouraging team to lose

By The Associated Press

**KEARNY, N.J.** — A Little League coach accused of telling his team to intentionally lose a game to a crosstown rival was suspended.

Larry Davidson, who coached the Kearny National All-Stars in the district tournament last month, was barred from being a head coach for one season and an all-star coach for two seasons. He may remain with his team next season as an assistant coach.

League officials began an internal probe last month after some players said Davidson and another coach,

Justin Raia, asked them to throw a July 12 tournament game against the Kearney American All-Stars.

"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. "I didn't say anything. But then at the game, all of the kids were like 'We want to win!'"

Both coaches denied telling the team to lose.

Davidson said Tuesday his players may have misunderstood him.

"I contend that my comments were taken out of context, but I do not offer that as an excuse," he said in a

prepared statement. "The game was played fairly and honestly, on this we all agree."

The National team, which had a 1-5 record, had no chance of advancing in the district tournament, and the players claimed their coaches wanted to ease the way for the American team, which was 6-0.

The National team lost, 16-4. The Americans were eliminated from the tournament in their next game.

Kearny Little League president Tony Carratura said the probe found no credible evidence to take action against Raia, who declined to comment.

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★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average  
★★-So-so ★-Difficult

#### ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others suddenly become more amenable and less touchy. Move plans that have been on the back burner because of past obstacles. You might need to revitalize an idea or two. Others finally pay tribute to your creativity and endurance. Tonight: Celebrate.

#### ♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Family members score high on your dance card right now. You might want to reorganize your plans for a key partner or associate. You breeze through any task right now, enlisting others as well. Don't decide that any task is impossible. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

#### ♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ What starts out as a flirtation could be building into more. Are you sure you want this budding relationship? You feel like a computer, multitasking as calls, e-mails and people seek your guidance. You can do it. Stay focused. Schedule networking for the p.m. Tonight: Favorite places, favorite people.

#### ♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ If possible, get a head start this morning. You'll get more done than you can believe. Money dealings preoccupy your thinking in the afternoon. Laughter helps you through a tense moment or two. Give up being so attached to the end results. Tonight: Treat yourself.

#### ♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Organize yourself this morning, because once you get going, you might not have an opportunity to slow down. Your intensity takes you in a new direction if you flow. A new opportunity comes down your path — jump on it. Don't let this chance slip out of your hands. Tonight: Whatever makes the Lion purr.

#### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Stay even and direct with those in your immediate circle this morning. Close your door or put on headphones if you intend to get anything done. It appears that someone's jovial mood seeps through anyway. Do what you must. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

#### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Dig right in, knowing that the week-end will appear on the horizon. Schedule meetings for the p.m. You might need to postpone socializing, at least for a while. Groups draw unusual success. Ask for what you want right now. Tonight: Round up your pals.

#### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your perspective infuses a project with new energy. Office friends also demonstrate unusual enthusiasm with a project, especially as it has your energy behind it. Trust yourself and the decisions you make. Tonight: A late dinner.

#### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Actions must follow words if you are going to succeed. Don't push so hard. Just live your words. A friend or associate paves the way. Creativity flourishes with your actions. Greet news from a distance positively. Tonight: Follow the music.

#### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Refuse to push so hard, knowing your limits. Ask an associate or partner to pitch in. You might be delighted by what goes on. A boss is downright jovial. Your instincts help you right now with your professional situation. Tonight: Allow others to do more for you in all realms of your life.

#### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others hold the cards. Interestingly, you might not care, but let associates think you do. News from a distance might make you very happy. Share with those close to you, and be more open. A dear friend makes a special gesture. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

#### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Clear your desk, but, spend some time working on joint accounts or funds owed. You might be delighted by someone's response. Carefully consider options involving a partnership. Let others have their way. Don't fight the inevitable. Tonight: Go for a bike ride or walk.

**CORRECTION** — It was incorrectly reported that Glenda Jacobs individually raised \$5,800 for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, held last weekend. The money was raised by her entire team, which consisted of 30 people.

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## LOCAL



# Getty Center discontinues local bus service funding

By Daily Press staff

The Getty Center has decided not to pay for the Big Blue Bus service to the museum any longer.

As a result, the Big Blue Bus is recommending changes on Line 14. At the Santa Monica City Council meeting on Aug. 13, the Big Blue Bus will recommend that the new northern terminus be changed to Sepulveda Boulevard and Church Lane. The transit agency also will recommend that more early morning buses be added to the southern end of the line, where standing room only has become increasingly common. The changes would take effect Sept. 8 if approved by the city council.

"We've had an ongoing agreement with the Getty Center to provide them with bus service as long as they provided the funding, and now they've opted to cancel the agreement," said Joe Stichter, Big Blue Bus customer relations manager. "It's regrettable that after five years they have decided to stop funding the service hours to the Getty Center."

Before opening in 1997, the Getty Center approached the Big Blue Bus to pay for service to the museum to offset parking and traffic issues, as well as encourage its patrons to use public transportation. After the Getty informed the Big Blue Bus of its decision, the Big Blue Bus offered a variety of options to amend the original terms service agreement. However, the Getty Center opted to termi-

nate bus service from Santa Monica, officials say.

The proposed changes to Line 14 would still enable commuters to make the regional transfer to the MTA, but at a cost that the Big Blue Bus will have to absorb. Stichter said the proposed service reduction should also improve on-time performance for buses traveling south of Sunset Boulevard, since they will have a shorter route and encounter less traffic from Interstate 405.

"A growing number of people have become reliant on Line 14, not to reach the Getty Center, but to transfer to MTA Line 561, which takes them into the San Fernando Valley," Stichter added. "We're trying to be responsive to the needs of the majority of our daily riders by shifting our finite resources to improve on-time performance and reduce overcrowding on the other end of Line 14."

Service at Line 14's southern terminus at Centinela Avenue and Culver Boulevard begins at 6 a.m. Passenger demand has been growing so much that people are forced to stand on the bus. Officials believe that's a strong indication that more early morning service is necessary.

"It's too bad the Getty chose this course of action, since many visitors to Santa Monica are avid users of public transportation and loved the fact they didn't have to drive or worry about parking," said Debbie Lee of the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau, who noted that Santa



## CrimeWatch

### Parking attendant robbed at gunpoint

■ A parking attendant at the city's parking garage was held up at gunpoint on Tuesday, July 23.

At about 6:30 p.m. a man with a gun rushed the pay booth of the garage at the 1200 block of Fourth Street. The suspect demanded money and pointed a gun at the employee.

The suspect ran off with about \$200, fleeing on foot and then possibly jumping into a black Nissan Maxima with no license plate.

The suspect is a black male in his 30's, five feet, six inches tall, with a medium build and wearing a blue workout jacket and gray pants.

Monica is one of the most most-visited destinations in southern California.

"Unfortunately, this means that the Big Blue Bus is forced to figure out how to do more with less in a time when budgets were already shrinking," Lee said.

Riders and residents can view the city's staff report online at [www.Santa-Monica.org](http://www.Santa-Monica.org).

Interested parties can also call the Big Blue Bus customer service line, (310) 451-5444, or send e-mail to [BusInfo@BigBlueBus.com](mailto:BusInfo@BigBlueBus.com).

Information about service or schedule changes on any of the Big Blue Bus lines can be found at <http://www.bigbluebus.com/home/index.asp>.



The surf will remain pretty flat. The mix of weak southwest ground swell and northwest wind swell stays on the decline.

Some South Bay spots see inconsistent wind swell sets in the two- to three-foot range.

Very best combination exposures still hang waist-level and below.

Southwest swell continues to fade Thursday, as new swell moves slower than predicted. New reports now indicate it will show Friday.



### Today's Tides:

|       |           |        |
|-------|-----------|--------|
| Low-  | 3:29 a.m. | -0.83' |
| High- | 9:59 a.m. | 4.16'  |
| Low-  | 2:40 p.m. | 2.22'  |
| High- | 8:54 p.m. | 6.78'  |

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

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## The Q-Line

In the past two weeks, the Big Blue Bus has been involved in three fatalities. Two weeks ago, a Big Blue Bus slammed into a car on Sepulveda Way in West LA carrying three people. Two of them died. Last week, an elderly man was struck and killed while he was crossing Ocean Avenue at Broadway in the crosswalk.

The fatalities have been ruled as accidents. And while the Big Blue Bus hadn't been involved in a fatality since 1998, some people question if its drivers are being as safe as possible on the roadways.

Residents have reported that buses,

including the Metro, are seen speeding, running yellow lights and using their horns way too frequently on the streets of Santa Monica.

So this week, Q-Line question wants to know:

"Do think the buses are being driven safely? Why or why not?"

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## OPINION

# In search of the good old days with new ideals



### EDGE of the WEST

By Ron Scott Smith

We walked away from Yasger's farm, me and Ted, to the howling guitar licks of Jimi Hendrix' wicked take on The Star Spangled Banner. It was a hot, mercifully dry Sunday morning in August of '69, but our feet were still wet and cold, so we stumbled out of there, stuck our thumbs out, and said good-bye to Woodstock.

But it was far from over. This socio-political-spiritual revolution had legs. We might get our ass kicked because the hair was too long, but the legs would keep walking.

In October there would be another peace rally in Washington, as the effort to bring an end to a senseless, bloody war in Vietnam was in high gear. A huge collective voice was speaking out, clearly and loudly, to those in power. And power listened.

Soon, President Nixon, in one of his now legendary speeches, implored, "you, the Great Silent Majority of my fellow

Americans," to stand strong against the protesters on the streets, and support him in his Vietnamization, (escalation), of the war.

In a press release the day after the speech, Nixon defined the "great silent majority," as a "large and normally undemonstrative cross section of the country that refrains from articulating its opinions."

Less than two weeks later, in mid-November, came the response from the great vocal minority on the streets. A few of us hopped into Ted's old gray open-air Jeep and joined 500,000 other citizens gathered at the Washington Monument to again offer up resistance to the far away war that had now claimed tens of thousands of American lives. The Jeep broke down, as usual, on our way back home to Pennsylvania, but the thumbs worked. The war would soon be over, the peace victorious.

Fast forward to tonight, 2002, and notice there's still a "great silent majority" out there. And you know who it is, this time? It's me and Ted, and the millions of others who eventually walked away from Woodstock and the Washington Monument.

Who would've thought? We put on some years and shut up. We cut off some hair and zipped it.

And now, a loud new minority, given

voice through a nasty and pervasive right-wing talk radio, claims to be in the driver's seat of this work in progress called America. They have the President to steer it because he had the Supreme Court to hand him the keys, and does anybody know where it's headed?

Most of us, the majority of Americans, matter of fact, thought we had some semblance of where it was headed when we elected Clinton to the presidency in 1992, then again in 1996. He was the first national leader who may have come from similar pastures as Yasger's farm, whether anybody admitted it or not. Which is why they hounded him for all his eight years in office and continue to hound him even now in his retirement. But that bite's got no dog, as they say.

Clinton began working in his first month in office to get everybody in this nation a health card. Get sick and you go to the doctor, no matter your financial standing. One small step for the ill, one giant step for our humanity. Only trouble is, the loyal opposition would have none of it. They were relentless, they had their doctors, and they were, as usual, loud. Newt, Trent, Rush and the boys scared the universal health right out of us.

The way that one went down, with barely a whimper, was a telltale sign. The Clintons were out there with the plan, health cards in hand, and we didn't take up the battle with them on behalf of fellow human beings who can't afford to get sick. Right there was revealed the new "great silent majority," and that's apparently who we are now.

Who we were then was young idealists breaking down walls, sometimes with our heads it seemed, and taking aim at institutionalized racism, sexism, war mongering, greed, pollution, you name it. Not. We survived that writhing of the human spirit, even as we lurched through it. You may say we were dreamers, as Lennon would put it, and there were many missteps. Hey, we figured peace and love were pretty good ideas, so sue us. That is, if you can find us.

Where'd we go?

Well, I heard from Ted, he says he's got the Jeep up and running again back there in Pennsylvania. I'll go for a visit soon and maybe we'll drive it up to Yasger's farm in memory of the good old days, in search of the good new days. That old gray Jeep, it might break down, but it'll never die.

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## ENTERTAINMENT



# Meet Kate Bosworth, 'Blue Crush' surfer girl

BY SEAN DALY  
Special to the Daily Press

**KO'OLINA, HAWAII** — Kate Bosworth is a sprightly five-foot-six-inch natural blonde who likes to say "hello" with a brilliant smile and "good-bye" with a hug and kiss. But don't let her pretty face and girl-next-door charm fool you. Underneath the low-rise Frankie B. jeans and breezy off-the-shoulder white peasant top is a tough-as-nails natural athlete: a champion equestrian and competitive soccer player, who put her acceptance to Princeton University on hold and her life at risk to surf Hawaii's most dangerous waves in the new summer thriller, "Blue Crush."

"This is a world in which you can't wear any padding or helmet or three point seat belts," stresses director John Stockwell. "We had great water safety people, but if Kate got caught inside a (large wave) she could very possibly be dead."

Pretty scary thought. Now consider that Bosworth, 19, had never ridden a single wave before setting her sights on the part of Anne Marie, a gutsy up-and-coming surfer with dreams of winning the most hazardous long-board competition in the world.

"I truly couldn't have even imagined how difficult it was," she laughs, relaxing safely back on shore in a beachfront hotel suite. "The first day I (learned) to surf in Malibu I was so humbled I can't even tell you."

Then came the bumps and bruises, including one surfboard-to-the-head that left the 110 pound actress KO'd in front of a stunned cast and crew.

"I had to get a CAT scan and all that," she explains, in between sips of Hawaiian bottled water. "It turned out to be only mild bruising, but it was still really scary."

From all accounts, you might think this relative newcomer — an only child, who spent time growing up in San Francisco, Connecticut and Cohasset, Mass. — had some sort of death wish. "Not exactly," she smiles, proudly displaying another half-inch scar on her ankle. "I just love taking chances."

Case in point: Her very first Hollywood audition, for a small role in Robert Redford's movie, "The Horse Whisperer."

"You know how they tell you to bring a head shot? Well, I was 13, and I didn't have a one," she remembers. "So I brought in a Christmas card. I'm an only child, so it was just me sitting there, like Duh! I heard that (Redford) saw it and was like 'what is this?'"

Luckily, she got the job.

Bosworth eventually moved into television, starring in last year's short-lived teen drama, "Young Americans." The show is never mentioned as she gazes out over the calm, blue Pacific Ocean. Today, Bosworth has more exciting things to talk about. Like her favorite football team (The Miami Dolphins), her fear of rollercoasters, and the schoolgirl crush she once had on Macaulay Culkin. "It was when I was about 10," she blushes, "and yes, I got over it!"

After days of discussing the finer points of surfing — including how to cure pruned feet and what to do when a wave knocks your swimsuit off — Bosworth jumps at the chance to point out a few things most people might not know about her:

1. "I have two different colored eyes (brown and blue). I was born with it. My parents have the same color eyes. It's a defect in chromosome 7. One in eight million people have it. My pickup line should be: 'I'm one in eight million.'"

2. "I decided I was going to apply for a job at a tanning salon when I was 15. The application asked for previous work experience, so I put 'acting.' Then it said 'list your references' so I put Robert Redford because he was the only person who had hired me!"

3. "I love reading Maxim. It's one of those things that's a guilty pleasure but something I would never be in."

4. "My other guilty pleasure is watching shows like 'Blind Date' and 'Eliminate.' My favorite real TV show is 'Six Feet Under.'"

5. "My boyfriend's nickname is 'Broccoli.'"

Bosworth won't volunteer too many details about her romance with professional surfer Brock Little, 32, but she admits: "I have to have a guy who is very secure. A lot of surfers are secure individuals and they have a lot of style about them."

For Bosworth, this is only serious relationship number three. But she's in no hurry. "I usually know people for a while before I go out with them," she shares. "I'm a serious relationship kind of girl. And I'm 19. I have many more relationships to get through."

Bosworth, who lives alone in a Los Angeles apartment, insists she doesn't spend weekends cruising the Sunset Strip with Hollywood's young, hipsters.

"You are more likely to find me at a bowling alley or at Disneyland — my favorite place on Earth," she says. Credit her down-to-earth demeanor to a close-knit relationship with her mom, Patti, a homemaker, and Dad Hal, an employee of Talbots department store. "He used to work for Ermenegildo Zegna," she beams. "He has great style and that's where I get mine from."

Bosworth defines that style as "classic and timeless." "Everything out of my closet I could probably wear 20 years from now," she says. "The people that I look to fashion-wise are people like Jennifer Aniston and Gwyneth Paltrow and Gwen Stefani, who have their own style and are comfortable in their own skin."

Maintaining a perfectly toned body is another story altogether.

Bosworth packed on nearly 15 pounds of muscle mass for the movie by keeping active for up to 12 hours a day. "I would run on the beach in the morning, lift weights, surf for a couple of hours, and then take a walk again at night," she reveals.

Still, the sight of herself in a bikini on giant billboards all over Los Angeles took a bit of getting used to. "It's a woman's worst nightmare," she says, "but any discomfort I had I threw out the window the day I signed on to do the movie."

Next up for Bosworth: The drama "The Rules of Attraction," also starring James Van Der Beek ("Dawson's Creek") and Shannyn Sossamon. "It's totally twisted," she says. "It's all about sex, drugs and rock and roll."

Now there's something to look forward to.

(Sean Daly is a Santa Monica-based writer and president of Showtime Entertainment.)

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## LOCAL

# Officials say city's hotels are slowly bouncing back

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tax contributor to the city, dropped nearly 7 percent, generating \$623,000.

"If you look at the make-up of those, tourism plays a large factor in how well they do," Bursey said. "Those numbers would definitely be correlated by ... the city's drop-off in tourism."

**"The zero percent financing helped bolster the sales taxes for automobiles. Obviously that's not going to continue much longer."**

— **RALPH BURSEY**  
City Treasurer

Officials announced this week that Santa Monica has lost 5,000 jobs, mostly in tech-related sectors. However, the average salary of a worker in Santa Monica has increased 5 percent from last year to \$50,857, though final figures will not be received from the state's Labor Market

Information Division until September.

Last year, the city had to tighten its belt to absorb an \$8 million shortfall in sales tax revenue. To balance its budget for this year, officials had to put \$23 million worth of capital improvements on hold. And city officials warn that future budgets will have to be drastically reduced to take into account the drop-off in sales taxes.

A projected 11 percent decline in tourism has been blamed for decreased sales at downtown shops and restaurants, as well as in the city's hotel industry. The city has undertaken a \$200,000 international media campaign in the hopes of bolstering tourism.

Bursey said the city would not have figures on the amount of taxes collected on hotel rooms for another month. Last year the city had predicted it would make \$21 million on hotel taxes but after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 the city had to lower that figure to \$16.1 million.

This year officials are predicting the city's hotels will rebound by \$2 million and rake in more than \$18 million in hotel taxes.

"We are seeing that (rebound) occur," Bursey said. "We have seen it start to come back, though I don't have hard numbers to share yet."

# Small claims judge at a loss over fender-bender lawsuit

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either girl might have been evaluated before the trial. In any event, neither could testify, as children under age 7 aren't considered "competent" witnesses.

Glynn said that though the case was out of his league, he ruled Hughes should get his tuition back.

Then there was the case involving former lovers. No one was prepared for Karen Curreri's claim against Anthony Verderame. On the surface, the lawsuit was framed as a college placement and guidance counselor seeking payment for a bill of \$1,800. But there was one large complication — Curreri had been intimate with Verderame for some time. When the couple split, Verderame was billed by Curreri for helping guide his daughter toward college.

"She was Dad's girlfriend," exclaimed Verderame's 16-year-old daughter to the perplexed judge.

"During the time you were lovers, he paid a lot of bills," summed up Glynn after Verderame complained that he'd never expected a bill for counseling when he was paying for Curreri's rent, meals and other items. And, Verderame noted, Curreri helped another of Verderame's daughters and didn't send a bill.

Curreri said she reviewed grade transcripts, extracurricular activities and a psychologist report, and recommended how to deal with any learning disabilities of the 16-year-old daughter.

"I had no idea she'd charge me," said Verderame. When Curreri pointed out that she'd received an initial payment, Verderame said it wasn't for college counseling, but only cash advances. When Curreri complained that notes made by Verderame's therapist would show he said he owed the money, Verderame objected

on grounds of confidentiality.

"He wants to offset your bill against his cash advances to you," suggested Glynn, trying to frame the dispute in legal terms.

Glynn said he was having difficulty separating the shards of a broken relationship from the shreds of evidence in the case. He ruled that since there was no written contract, Curreri couldn't collect. Curreri had claimed an oral contract, but it's hard to prove if someone disputes its existence.

Verderame waltzed out of the courtroom singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic, while Curreri asked the bailiff to escort her to her car and keep him away.

Glynn also was perplexed by the case of a fender-bender on Lincoln Boulevard near LAX. Two women disputed the other's account of the accident, a rear-ender. Olivia Johnson sued Jennifer Gelber, arguing Gelber changed lanes behind her and plowed into her as she was waiting at a red light. Gelber claimed Johnson cut in front of her, clipping her front end in the process.

Glynn believed a neutral witness who backed Johnson's version, and ruled against Gelber. But he warned two audience members who had an interest in the case that rules of small claims court forbade them from taking an active part. One onlooker was an assistant for a lawyer Johnson had hired from the Yellow Pages. Another was a representative of an auto club looking after Gelber. He claimed a medical bill by Johnson's chiropractor was inflated.

Glynn said the case was too complicated for small claims court, and he surmised that the insurance company had forced the lawsuit by refusing to pay up. Though his ruling favored Johnson, he was troubled by the size of a chiropractor's bill and cut the award. He also disallowed Johnson's claim for costs of a rental car.

## STATE

### Brit in trouble



Nick Ut/Associated Press  
Son of the British Lord Chancellor Derry Irvine, Alastair Irvine, 25, right, meets with his attorney Edward Moses in a partitioned room at the Santa Ana, Calif. courthouse Tuesday. Irvine was charged with offenses including stalking a woman, carrying a gun and burglary.

## AT&T grabs for foothold in state's local phone market

BY KAREN GAUDETTE  
Associated Press Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — AT&T began offering residential local phone service throughout much of California on Tuesday, competing head-to-head for customers with longtime local service incumbent SBC Pacific Bell.

AT&T officials said a decision by California regulators in May to substantially lower the cost of using Pac Bell's computer networks and infrastructure made it cost-effective to venture again into the local market.

Consumer advocates applauded the package of services — which includes long distance and local service, caller ID and other features — from AT&T as a good start. They emphasized, however, that it will take more companies entering the market to drive down consumer costs substantially.

"Is that still bringing real choice to most residential customers?" said Natalie Billingsley, a consumer advocate at the state Public Utilities Commission. "Probably not, certainly not in the short term."

The announcement comes as Pac Bell draws closer to entering California's lucrative long-distance market, which would let it offer millions of customers both local and long distance plans — as well as wireless phone and high-speed Internet.

Pacific Bell is California's largest local phone service provider and controls at least 90 percent of its service territory, which extends throughout much of the state. The company is a unit of San Antonio-based SBC Communications and serves more than 10 million customers within California.

Consumer groups and long-distance carriers have warned state regulators that allowing Pac Bell to sell long distance will cement its dominance and erase any benefits that competition may appear to offer.

Pac Bell spokesman John Britton said AT&T's announcement Tuesday proves

the local market is indeed competitive, and said Pac Bell is at a disadvantage since its competitors can access its infrastructure without contributing much to its upkeep.

Last month, a PUC administrative law judge found that Pac Bell has completed most of the Federal Communications Commission's requirements to sell long distance.

**"Is that still bringing real choice to most residential customers? Probably not, certainly not in the short term."**

— NATALIE BILLINGSLEY  
Consumer advocate

However, Judge Jacqueline Reed also found Pacific Bell has behaved in an anti-competitive manner. The draft decision found the company has not ensured customers will keep phone service during a transition between service providers and also found the company has hindered competition in the retail high-speed Internet market.

AT&T officials said Tuesday that residential customers who switch providers should experience no problems, and said in most cases would be able to keep their original phone number.

The five-member PUC is expected to decide in about two weeks whether to approve Pac Bell's long-distance application. If approved, the matter would go before the FCC, which has approved several applications from long-distance incumbents this year.

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## STATE

# Committee passes bill for tough Bay Area smog tests

BY JIM WASSERMAN  
Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — A proposed crackdown on millions of Bay Area motorists, blamed for the wind-blown smog that spills into an already-polluted Central Valley, cleared a key committee Tuesday on its way to a Senate vote expected this month.

The Senate Transportation Committee voted 12-1 for a bill to force tougher, more costly Smog Check II tests on Bay Area car owners in hopes of curbing Central Valley air pollution by up to 10 percent.

The bill, AB2637, could cost Bay Area residents \$10 million to \$14 million a year, said Sen. Tom Torlakson, D-Antioch. It could also cost smog test businesses up to \$75 million for new equipment, according to Larry Armstrong, owner of Bay Area tuneup shops.

But valley legislators, representing one of America's fastest-growing, poorest and smoggiest regions, insist they can't clean up their own air if Bay Area smog keeps blowing in through the Carquinez Straits and Altamont Pass. A California Air Resources Board report has estimated that 27 percent of smog in the northern San Joaquin Valley comes from the Bay Area, compared to 11 percent in the middle and 8 percent in the southern valley.

Meanwhile, the American Lung Association lists Sacramento, Merced, Fresno, Visalia and Bakersfield among its 10 smoggiest American metro areas.

"The American Lung Association finds asthma rates skyrocketing all over the valley," said Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, an Atwater Democrat and author of the bill, which passed the Assembly 61-6 in May.

The Bay Area received an exemption from the tougher smog test during a brief time when it complied with federal air quality standards. Cardoza, meanwhile, has gotten a green light for the bill so far after providing a critical vote last month for an Assembly bill that begins regulating carbon dioxide emissions from auto tailpipes in 2009.

Bay Area opponents to the bill say the valley's ever-worsening air pollution is largely self-inflicted, and accuse the region of not adequately regulating its own dust and open-air burning by farmers. The valley also accounts for some of California's largest increases in population growth and driving.

Numerous valley political and air pollution officials testified for the bill Tuesday, including Sen. Jim Costa, D-Fresno, who said, despite occasional doubts about the effectiveness of Smog Check II, "If it's good, it ought to apply to everybody."

## 'Freddy' takes on 'Jason' in new slasher horror movie

By The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — A new horror film will feature a monster mash between hockey-masked maniac Jason from the "Friday the 13th" movies and razor-clawed Freddy Krueger from "A Nightmare on Elm Street."

New Line Cinema announced plans Monday to fuse the long-running slasher franchises in the new slasher film "Freddy vs. Jason."

Jason, from the "Friday the 13th" movies, is a silent, lumbering character who favors a machete when dispatching frisky teenagers, while Freddy, the burn-scarred killer from "Elm Street," is prone to wisecracks while eviscerating people in

their dreams.

"Freddy is the intellectual manipulator, Jason the killing machine. ... It is hard to stay fresh, but putting these characters together makes it fresh," said New Line production president Toby Emmerich.

Production on "Freddy vs. Jason" is set to begin in September. There have been six Freddy Krueger films and 10 "Friday the 13th" movies. Longtime star Robert Englund has agreed to return as Freddy, but no actor has been chosen yet for Jason.

Pitting two larger-than-life franchise characters against each other has become a trend in Hollywood, where Warner Bros. is planning the superhero clash "Batman vs. Superman" and 20th Century Fox is making "Alien vs. Predator."

## Guinea pigs board Winnebago for cross-country adoption trek

By The Associated Press

**SAN MATEO** — One hundred guinea pigs boarded the Peninsula Humane Society's Winnebago and set off for a cross-country adoption trip.

It was the society's plan to reduce the San Francisco Bay area's guinea pig glut.

About 300 of the little critters were dropped off at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Monterey County after a couple who bred them for medical research was evicted from their home. Many of the females were pregnant, and the society soon had 450 animals.

Another 187 guinea pigs also were confiscated by animal control in Hollister after reports of inhumane treatment.

"Rescue railroads are common for

dogs, but not for guinea pigs," said Teresa Murphy, founder of a guinea pig rescue group called Cavy Spirit, named after the scientific term for guinea pigs, Cavia Porcellus.

Volunteers took the guinea pigs to the Peninsula Humane Society in San Mateo and sent the pregnant and sick ones to foster homes.

Then they came up with the idea to use Rover, the Humane Society's 33-foot mobile adoption van, to deliver the homeless rodents to people across the country who could promise them a good home.

More than 20 children and volunteers waved goodbye Monday and held signs that said "Toledo or bust" as the Winnebago broke through a crepe-paper ribbon across the parking lot, headed for its first stop, Salt Lake City.

## NATIONAL

# Anti-spam tools more aggressive but not perfect

BY ANICK JESDANUN

AP Internet Writer

**NEW YORK** — Fed up with a litany of tiresome e-mail pitches, Chris Caputo decided to fight back.

He got himself spam-fighting software that thwarts the mass-mailers by demanding that all his correspondents verify they are not machines.

Now, instead of more than 100 spam messages a day, Caputo gets no more than three.

Such tools are far from perfect, but a growing arsenal is becoming available both for individual users and for the more heavy-duty requirements of corporations and Internet service providers.

With spam becoming an epidemic — registering a more than fivefold increase in the past year, according to anti-spam filtering company Brightmail — people are fighting back aggressively, even at the risk of losing legitimate mail.

There's no shortage of countermeasures.

Brightmail, used by EarthLink, AT&T WorldNet and other service providers, and Mailshell for the desktop are two filtering services long available. McAfee.com's SpamKiller desktop filter came out in May, and several others are in the works.

America Online and Microsoft's MSN, meanwhile, are beefing up their spam filters as part of upcoming software upgrades.

But the defenses are leaky.

"The spy versus spy battle has reduced the amount of spam considerably, but the level of spam is still unacceptably high," said Jason Catlett of the anti-spam advocacy group Junkbusters.

Vincent Schiavone, chief executive of the ePrivacy Group consultancy, said individuals spammers adapt quickly to exploit e-mail's "dumb protocol."

Current e-mail standards were developed in the early 1980s — long before spam was a problem. For starters, they have no built-in mechanisms for authenticating senders, which allows spammers to easily forge headers.

Software filters thus must be programmed to work on

assumptions of spammer behavior.

Some cull spam by identifying typical keywords and other hallmarks such as multiple exclamation points. Others are based on "blacklists" of known or suspected spammers — or in a few cases entire countries like China and South Korea because they have poorly configured mail servers through which much of the world's spam passes.

But such techniques toss out the good mail with the bad, mostly newsletters and other bulk mailings that had been requested.

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Junkbusters

Mailshell estimates that its filters can block 84 percent of spam, while losing three out of every 1,000 legitimate messages. To block 99 percent, prepare to lose 10 times that amount.

To block 100 percent spam means letting through only messages from senders you know.

"If you want to be private and never want to be contacted by people you don't already know, you can solve it in an instant," said David Jameson, chief technology officer of DigiPortal Software, whose Choicemail service came out last month.

Most people want to be reached, so technologists are trying to come up with smarter techniques.

Caputo uses the Tagged Message Delivery Agent, a free software project still in early testing. Mail from people he knows automatically gets through, while first-time senders must reply to an automated message to confirm

they are not spam-generating computers. Otherwise, the message goes to a junk mail folder.

Of course, someone possibly "might not understand how to reply," Caputo said. "It could be someone looking for customer support, and their opinion of the company might go down."

So Caputo, president of a Seattle-based Internet company, still checks his junk mail folder regularly — thus, strictly speaking, the software is not shielding him from spam.

Choicemail takes a similar approach except the service costs \$39.95 and first-time senders must answer questions on a Web page instead of simply replying to an e-mail.

SpamNet, a product from Cloudmark Inc. still in beta testing, combines traditional filtering with community input. Users vote on what they consider spam, and those items are subsequently blocked.

Brightmail sets up e-mail accounts solely to lure spam and uses those messages to fine-tune its filters.

Other product are designed to permit bulk mailings from trusted sources.

In the future, authentication techniques under development at IBM Corp. and other companies could help verify the legitimacy of e-mail addresses.

Steve Atkins, an anti-spam consultant with SamSpade.org, says existing countermeasures aren't perfect but can reduce spam to a level of "serious annoyance."

Legal bans and restrictions have their flaws, too, so blocking spam entirely may ultimately require a new way of thinking.

Stuart I. Feldman, IBM's vice president for Internet technology, says some questions but first be collectively addressed: Are we prepared to lose legitimate mail? Do we want some central bureaucracy like the post office registering our addresses?

Would it make sense to charge people to send e-mail? Although it runs counter to Internet culture, that would certainly reduce spam.

"The problem is mostly a social one," Feldman said. "We truly haven't decided how big a problem this is and what we are prepared to give up in exchange for solving it."

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**NATIONAL**

## Female travelers claiming airport searches too 'frisky'

By The Associated Press

**MORRISVILLE, N.C.** — Some female travelers have complained that security screening at Raleigh-Durham International Airport has amounted to deliberate groping and sexual harassment.

"We have a few complaints about what passengers say is inappropriate touching," said Mindy Hamlin, spokeswoman for the RDU Airport Authority.

No charges have been filed against anyone.

Raleigh-Durham isn't alone. At Phoenix, at least 32 female travelers complained earlier this year that screeners at Sky Harbor International Airport fondled and groped them.

Hamlin said complaints are forwarded to the Transportation Security Administration, which was created after the terrorist attacks to manage airport security operations.

"I wouldn't say we've had a lot of complaints," said Dave Steigman, a spokesman for the federal agency. "But we do see stories that crop up about someone who spoke to a reporter and wondered why the little old lady was searched and, yes, we do occasionally have complaints that screeners inappropriately touched someone."

## Pregnant-pig amendment to go before Florida voters

By The Associated Press

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — A proposal to make caging pregnant pigs unconstitutional in Florida qualified for the November ballot after what was thought to be the nation's first such petition drive.

Floridians for Humane Farms reached the required 488,722 certified signatures on Monday, according to the Division of Elections.

The amendment would phase out the use of 2-foot by 7-foot metal cages to confine sows during pregnancy, as well as tight tethers.

"It's no surprise that packing animals in small metal cages for months at a time leads to enormous suffering and emotional frustration," said Wayne Pacelle, a senior vice president of The Humane Society of the United States, which cosponsored the petition drive.

No state currently bans the technique, Pacelle said.

Florida is 30th in the nation in hog production, far behind leaders like Iowa, North Carolina and Minnesota, and only a few swine producers in the state are known to confine pregnant pigs in crates.

The petition drive was the first of its kind in the country, Pacelle said.

## Three girls die after locking themselves in cedar chest

BY JENNY PRICE

Associated Press Writer

**UNITY, Wis.** — Horse-drawn buggies, black vans and trucks with their chrome bumpers and hubcaps painted black were parked in the gravel driveway of the Oberholtzer farm. Men and boys in dark suits and white shirts gathered on the front lawn, comforting the family.

The deaths of three young sisters who suffocated after they apparently locked themselves in a homemade cedar chest while playing have drawn their tight-knit Mennonite community together.

"It was like a shock wave," said Luke Weaver, a family friend. "When you have deaths like this, a community's plans, a family's plans, everyone's plans change immediately."

Two-year-old Anne, 4-year-old Darlene and 6-year-old Carla, who died Monday, were "full of life, giggly, happy, normal little girls," Weaver said.

Their mother, Shirley Oberholtzer, and two older daughters had been canning on their farm near Unity, about 130 miles northwest of Madison, Sheriff Louis J. Rosandich said. The mother noticed the girls were missing and found them inside the chest — about 3 feet long and 2 1/2 feet deep — in an upstairs bedroom. They were not breathing.

The first sheriff's deputy to arrive instructed the girls' mother how to perform CPR, but the two were unable to

revive the children, Rosandich said.

Rosandich said he was unsure how long the girls were trapped inside the chest, which could only be opened from the outside once it latched.

News of the deaths spread quickly through the Mennonite community of about 350 families. Church members gathered at the Oberholtzers' neat, white farmhouse Monday and Tuesday to mourn with the family.

A painted sign in front of the farmhouse read, "Things that grow." The family runs a fruit and vegetable stand and sells dried flower arrangements from the home, which until last year was a dairy farm. A child-size picnic table and a swing set sat empty in the yard.

Mennonites are known for their simple lifestyle and their strong commitment to community and people in need, including victims of natural disasters. There are nearly 20 Mennonite organizations in North America.

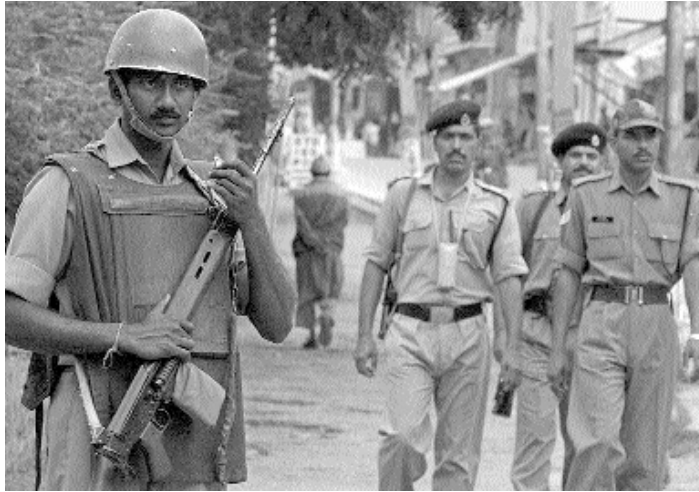
The plain-dressing Mennonites are sometimes confused with the Amish. But unlike the Amish, Mennonites mostly live and work among members of other faiths and embrace modern technology, such as telephones and automobiles.

Weaver said the Oberholtzer family is turning to faith to cope. The Oberholtzers did not wish to speak to the media, said Bishop Clair Horst, minister at Pine Grove Mennonite Church in Granton, which the family attends.

## INTERNATIONAL



## Violence breaks out in India



Rafiq Maqbool/Associated Press  
Indian Army soldiers patrol a street in Pahalgam, India, a resort town 60 miles south of Srinagar, the summer capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state, Tuesday. Suspected Islamic militants lobbed a grenade and opened fire Tuesday on Hindu pilgrims in Kashmir, killing nine of them and wounding 27, police said.

## Kenyan survivors of U.S. Embassy bombing still seeking compensation

BY SUSAN LINNEE

Associated Press Writer

**NAIROBI, Kenya** — Pius Maina was headed for work on that chilly, overcast August morning four years ago when his bus stopped for the traffic light next to the U.S. Embassy.

Seconds later, a car bomb driven by terrorists linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network blew up the embassy building and destroyed the building next to it. Millions of shards of glass from shattered windows rained on the bus, blinding Maina and killing many other passengers and pedestrians.

The Aug. 7, 1998, blast in Nairobi killed 219 people — including 12 Americans — and wounded 5,000. A nearly simultaneous attack on the U.S. Embassy in neighboring Tanzania killed 12 people and injured more than 80.

Since then, the U.S. government has allocated more than \$40 million to rescue and heal injured Kenyans, bury the dead, educate their children and revive damaged businesses and property. But the United States will not make monetary compensation to Kenyans because Washington says it is not responsible for the deaths and injuries.

A federal judge in Washington has thrown out two lawsuits by attorneys for more than 3,000 Kenyans and Tanzanians, ruling they failed to demonstrate sufficiently why the U.S. government should be held liable for deaths and injuries in the terrorist attacks.

Maina, 65, had been a stationery salesman. He now farms a small plot outside Nairobi but doesn't make enough to support himself and his wife. Most of his 10 grown children are out of work and can't help.

Maina and fellow victim Esther Githagui belong to the Nairobi Bomb

Blast Survivors Group, which is seeking restitution from al-Qaida funds frozen by the U.S. government following the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Last Oct. 18, when U.S. District Judge Leonard B. Sand sentenced the four men convicted for the African embassy bombings to life in prison without parole, he also ordered them to pay \$7 million to the victims' families and \$26 million to the U.S. government.

From his Manhattan courtroom blocks away from the smoldering ruins of the World Trade Center, he acknowledged that all four claimed to be indigent but suggested money might be obtained from the frozen al-Qaida funds.

Survivors' group chairman Philip Gatahi expressed his frustration to reporters Monday, saying claims related to Sand's restitution order had been filed with the U.S. Justice Department.

However, Gatahi said, "we have never been told what happened. So despite being the No. 1 democratic nation in the world, we suspect it (the United States) has no respect for the judiciary."

Kenyan bombing victims and relatives of the dead are dismayed that legislation before U.S. Congress would compensate families of non-American victims of the Sept. 11 attacks as well as the families of the 12 Americans killed in Nairobi.

The force of the Aug. 7 explosion expelled Esther Githagui, a 38-year-old woman with two children, from the second floor of the Cooperative Bank of Kenya, some 100 yards from the embassy. She was forced to retire because of her injuries, and the \$4,000 she received from the bank has run out.

"America has the money to compensate us," she said. "If they will not give us compensation, we have to ask why? Is it because we are Kenyan?"

## Armed protesters seize control of Haiti's fourth-largest city

BY MICHAEL NORTON

Associated Press Writer

**GONAIVES, Haiti** — Calling for an uprising against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, thousands of protesters, some armed, hurled stones at outnumbered Haitian police and blocked streets with flaming tires.

"We're going to feed Aristide to the fire!" people once loyal to the former slum priest yelled Monday night, standing near a smoldering barricade in the western port of Gonaives, Haiti's fourth-largest city.

Demonstrators spoke bitterly against the president, accusing him of orchestrating an attack in December that ultimately left 10 people dead, saying he staged the apparent coup himself as an excuse to silence the opposition.

"He betrayed us," said Jean Simeon, a former supporter who was among the protesters Monday.

"Aristide sent messengers at midnight December 16th to order us to defend him against the coup d'etat," said Simeon, a 54-year-old carpenter. "We were told to crush the opposition."

Aristide has claimed the Dec. 17 attack was aimed at overthrowing his government and assassinating him. But a report by the Organization of American States concluded that there was no coup.

The report, released in July after a three-month investigation, did not go so far as to back opposition claims that the attack was staged by the government to clamp down on dissent. But it charged that government officials and Aristide's party armed militants who plundered and burned the offices and homes of opposition leaders in a spate of attacks that followed.

Haiti's government and opposition are embroiled in a two-year dispute over flawed legislative elections in 2000. The stalemate is holding up hundreds of mil-

lions of dollars in foreign aid for the impoverished Caribbean nation of 8 million people.

In a sign of growing lawlessness, police in Gonaives have been unable to quell violence that began Friday when armed supporters of a formerly pro-Aristide street gang crashed a stolen tractor into a prison, freeing 159 inmates.

About two dozen riot police fired tear gas in a futile battle against thousands of stone-throwing demonstrators Monday, but were forced to retreat, said reporter Jean-Claude Noel of independent Radio Vision 2000. No injuries were reported.

"Today the people have taken possession of Gonaives," said protest leader Jean Tatoune, who was among the prisoners who escaped Friday. "Aristide has to go."

Tatoune, 44, was an important figure in the popular uprising that forced dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier into exile in 1986. A longtime Aristide opponent, Tatoune had been serving a life sentence for involvement in the 1994 killings of at least 15 Aristide supporters in Gonaives.

After the prison break, the gunmen set fire to the city hall and courthouse, demolishing both buildings. Only three escaped convicts were captured.

"We are fighting to save the country," said Amiôt Metayer, an escaped inmate who was arrested for allegedly burning down opposition homes Dec. 17. The jail break was orchestrated by Metayer's supporters, a gang that calls itself the Cannibal Army. He made his remarks on Radio Metropole.

Metayer's gang wants Aristide's administration to be replaced by an interim government, new elections and higher wages for police and other state workers. Government officials reject the demands.

Aristide's party played down the threat in Gonaives.

## Peru government agrees to slow anti-cocaine operations

BY DREW BENSON

Associated Press Writer

**LIMA, Peru** — Peru has agreed to ease up on anti-drug operations in response to protests by coca farmers, the second move in just over a month that jeopardizes U.S.-backed efforts to fight the cocaine trade.

Officials were vague as to what the agreement meant, but it came amid fears of a crackdown on growers under pressure from the U.S. government, analysts said.

The pact affects coca cultivation in the Ene-Apurimac river basin, Peru's second-largest coca producing valley.

It follows one in late June in which the government suspended a coca eradication program in the Huallaga River valley in the eastern Amazon jungle region.

That agreement ended a three-day sit-in by about 7,700 coca farms in the Andean city of Ayacucho. They had marched more than 90 miles from their farms in the eastern Amazon jungle, and threatened to march to the capital, Lima, some 200 miles away.

U.S. anti-drug czar John Walters told The Associated Press Tuesday during a visit to Bolivia that eradication and alternative development suspensions were of "serious concern" to the U.S. government.

Walters warned they could eventually jeopardize recently approved trade preferences for Peru, which were conditioned on eradication and alternative development efforts.

At the time of the June agreement, the government also agreed to suspend the work of Atlanta-based aid agency CARE, which helps farmers cultivate alternative crops. Farmers say private organizations absorb too much of the aid money poured in by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The Huallaga region and the Ene-Apurimac river basin accounted for almost 65 percent of Peru's coca cultivation in 2001, according to U.N. figures.

Eradication programs and slumping coca prices in the mid-1990s had shrunk Peru's coca crop from 285,000 acres in 1995 to 84,000 acres in 2000, according to U.S. surveys.



## SPORTS

# Los Angeles Lakers fans mourn Chick Hearn's death

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — A paper plate holding a hot dog and mustard was left on Chick Hearn's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, along with a handwritten message: "To Chick, From Mark. Thanks for all the laughs. Miss you."

He's not the only one.

Fans gathered at the star and at Staples Center on Tuesday to mourn the death of the only play-by-play announcer the Lakers had since moving from Minneapolis in 1960.

Hearn died Monday of head injuries sustained in a fall nearly three days earlier at his home. The Hall of Fame broadcaster was 85.

Mayor James K. Hahn ordered flags on city property be flown at half-staff.

"The mustard's off the hot dog," Hearn used to say when a player tried to get a little too fancy and it backfired — one of several expressions he coined during the last 42 years.

Chick-isms, they were called. Phrases like "slam-dunk," "no harm, no foul," "airball," "nervous time" and "words-eye-view."

Another was "20-foot layup," a description of Jamaal Wilkes' smooth jumper.

"Not only was he the best, but he did it so long, and that's what tied so many age groups together," said Wilkes, who played for the Lakers from 1977-85. "He was a dear man with a great sense of humor, a very caring man."

Hearn called a record 3,338 consecutive Lakers games starting in 1965. The streak ended in December 2001 when he underwent heart surgery. His absence stretched when he broke a hip in February.

He returned April 9 and broadcast the Lakers' run to their third consecutive NBA championship, and he was planning to work at least one more season. Paul Sunderland, who filled in during Hearn's absence, is considered the leading contender to succeed him.

"We will always remember Chick Hearn as a member of our family," said the electronic billboard at Staples

Center, where the Lakers have played since 1999.

A tearful Claudia Becerra of Van Nuys brought 6-year-old son Ruben to Hearn's Walk of Fame star along with a bouquet of purple flowers and a single yellow rose.

"I've been crying since Friday, it's really bad," the 30-year-old Becerra said. "He used to make me laugh. I feel like he's part of my family. I've been crying like I was his wife. I miss him."

Stu Lantz said he missed his broadcast partner of 15 years more than anyone during Hearn's absence last season.

"I can't even imagine what it's going to be like now," Lantz said.

Miami Heat coach Pat Riley, Hearn's broadcast partner for 2 1/2 years before becoming coach of the Lakers early in the 1981-82 season, said Hearn was like a father figure to him.

"He was a man who made us chase our dreams. He was a man who changed how we think about the game and the life we live," Riley said. "He was a man who counted, mattered. He was a man who made us love him. We'll miss him."

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the NBA's career leading scorer who played with the Lakers for 14 seasons before retiring in 1989, said Hearn "was the sixth man on the team."

"Chick was a unique broadcaster and a good friend. He will be truly missed," Abdul-Jabbar said.

"The voice of basketball will surely miss Chick's legendary style of sports journalism and his incredible wit," Lakers star center Shaquille O'Neal said.

Fans of the Lakers loved Hearn, and he loved them back.

"On one occasion, I got to say hello and shake his hand. He made you feel like you were the only person in the whole crowd when he was talking to you," Christopher Roberts of Los Angeles said.

"It's too hard. I lost my dad two years ago and this makes it even worse," Mike Smalridge of Hollywood said.

City Councilmember Nick Pacheco introduced a motion Tuesday to begin proceedings to designate 11th Street downtown between Cherry Street and Figueroa Street — not far from Staples Center — as Chick Hearn Lane.



Lee Celano/Associated Press

Jonathan Jones, left, of Los Angeles places a candle on basketball announcer Chick Hearn's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame as honorary mayor of Hollywood Johnny Grant looks on in the Hollywood area of Los Angeles Monday. Hearn, who made phrases like "slam dunk" and "air ball" common basketball expressions during his 42-year broadcasting career with the Los Angeles Lakers, died Monday at the age of 85.

## Capriati wins, Clijsters upset at JP Morgan Chase Open

By The Associated Press

**MANHATTAN BEACH** — Katarina Srebotnik had the biggest win of her career Tuesday, upsetting fifth-seeded Kim Clijsters 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 in a second-round match at the JPMorgan Chase Open.

In another second-round match at the Manhattan Country Club, No. 2 Jennifer Capriati, playing in this event for the first time, overpowered Emmanuelle Gagliardi 6-1, 6-2.

In the last of the first-round matches, Ai Sugiyama beat Henrieta Nagyova 6-4, 6-3 and Janette Husarova rallied for a 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 victory over Magui Serna.

Third-seeded Lindsay Davenport was scheduled to play her first match Tuesday night, facing Elena Bovina.

Serena Williams, the top seed and defending champion, is scheduled for her first match Wednesday night, against Lina Krasnoroutskaya, who is playing for the first time since aggravating an ankle injury at the Australian Open in January.

Srebotnik, who twice finished the year as the No. 2 junior in the world, beat Clijsters in the Wimbledon Junior final in 1998. But Clijsters won their only match on the WTA Tour, at Luxembourg in 1999, and has progressed quickly in the world rankings to a career-high No. 3 earlier this year. She was No. 6 this week.

Srebotnik was 98th at the close of last season and is now a career-best 43rd.

"I've had some close matches with some top players, but I was never able to

win one," the 21-year-old said. "I want to prove I can beat the top players if I play well. That's what I was trying to do today."

"I was playing really good in the first set. In the second set, I didn't play that aggressively. The third set was ups and downs, but at the end I think I played better on the crucial points."

Clijsters saw it the same way after losing her opening match at an event for the third time in 13 tournaments this year.

"She played some good tennis," Clijsters said. "She was good at the important moments. I played OK. I played some good rallies, but not at the important moments. I had some break points in the first set, and normally if I'm at my best I'll break her at least once, but I didn't today."

Srebotnik next plays Rita Grande, who upset ninth-seeded Magdalena Maleeva on Monday.

### WTA Tour JP Morgan Chase Open Results

By The Associated Press

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#### SINGLES

##### First Round

Ai Sugiyama, Japan, def. Henrieta Nagyova, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-3.

Janette Husarova, Slovakia, def. Magui Serna, Spain, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

##### Second Round

Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, def. Kim Clijsters (5), Belgium, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Jennifer Capriati (2), United States, def. Emmanuelle Gagliardi, Switzerland, 6-1, 6-2.

#### DOUBLES

##### First Round

Chanda Rubin, United States, and Natasha Zvereva, Belarus, def. Barbara Schett, Austria, and Elena Tatarukova, Ukraine, 6-4, 7-5.

Ay Sugiyama, Japan, and Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia (2), def. Daja Bedanova, Germany, and Magdalena Maleeva, Bulgaria, 6-1, 6-4.

Elena Dementieva, Russia, and Janette Husarova, Slovakia (3), def. Nathalie Dechy, France, and Meilen Tu, United States, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-4.

Kim Clijsters, Belgium, and Jelena Dokic, Yugoslavia, def. Rita Grande, Italy, and Patricia Tarabini, Argentina, 6-1, 6-2.

## 49ers lose naming rights to Candlestick Park

BY ANGELA WATERCUTTER

Associated Press Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The San Francisco 49ers will not be allowed to seek corporate sponsorship for the naming of Candlestick Park, a decision that could deprive the city and team of millions of dollars.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors on Monday night rejected a proposal to award the naming rights of the park to the 49ers, who, in turn, could seek a corporate sponsor that wants to attach its name to the city-owned stadium.

"I don't think we need to rename a stadium that's been a municipal stadium for 42 years," Supervisor Tony Hall said. "I don't feel like we have to commercialize facilities."

Profits from naming rights would have been evenly split between the 49ers and the city. Although it's not known how much that would have meant for the city, it took in \$900,000 a year under a previous naming agreement that the 49ers brokered with 3Com.

The 3Com deal expired Jan. 1, prompting the name change from 3Com Park to The Stadium at Candlestick Point.

The board did agree to grant the 49ers advertising rights for inside the park. The city hopes to get at least \$1.3 million annually from the arrangement, depending on how much the team gets from advertisers.

Peter Harris, chief executive officer for the 49ers, said he was pleased with the advertisement deal, but disappointed the naming rights agreement was not approved.

The city is currently under contractual

obligation to maintain the stadium, and is committed to using the money it gains from advertising to fix up the park. There's currently a list of needed repairs that would cost more than \$30 million.

The city was able to cover maintenance costs before the name game and it should be able to do so without it, Hall said.

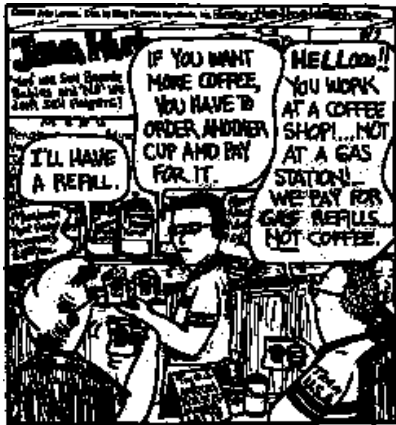
But Sheri Costa, spokeswoman for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, which is responsible for Candlestick, said the park is older and needs the naming rights revenue. The department hopes it will not have to use funds it would rather see go to neighborhood parks.

"The park has survived, yes, but it needs serious updating," Costa said. "Without that stream of revenue, we foresee difficulties."

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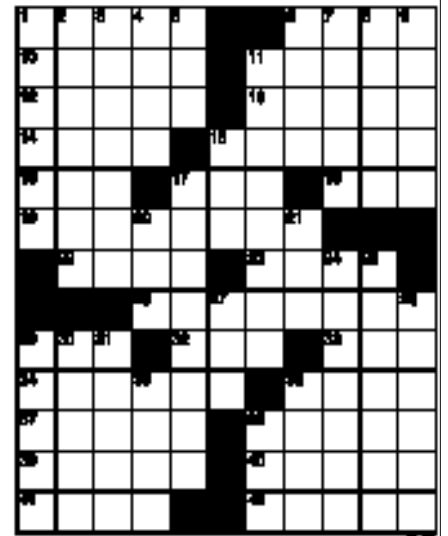
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- Health inspectors arrested a 57-year-old man and charged him with manufacturing 30 pounds of "bath-tub cheese" (Napa, Calif.).
- Pakistani officials arrested leaders of a tribal council that had ordered an 18-year-old woman gang-raped as revenge against her brother, who had been seen walking beside a woman of higher status (Punjab province, Pakistan).
- Vandals struck the First United Methodist Church with hate graffiti, but had trouble with Satan ("Satin") and Rebel ("Reble") (Prestonburg, Ky.).



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## For Sale

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**100% ITALIAN** Leather set w/couch and loveseat. Brand new, still in crate. List \$2495.00. Sacrifice, \$895.00. Can deliver! (310)350-3814.

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## Wanted

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**BRENTWOOD ADJACENT** \$1550.00 2bdm/2ba condo. Central air, fireplace, 2 car garage, R/S, W/D, gated building, carpet. (818)404-7516.

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## ELLY NESIS

**MARINA PENINSULA** \$4995.00 3bdm/3.5 bath beach front condo in newer luxury building with amazing ocean and mountain views, gourmet kitchen, W/D, steam/shower, jacuzzi bathtub and much more. Must see to appreciate. 1 year lease, no pets. (310)396-4443

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**MDR ADJACENT** \$1400.00 2+2, gated building, subterranean parking, AC, newer building, courtyard area, quiet neighborhood, laundry room, 1 year lease, no pets. (310)578-9729

## ELLY NESIS

**MDR ADJACENT** \$825.00 Studio, gated building, subterranean parking. Newer building with courtyard area, quiet neighborhood. Laundry room, 1 year lease, no pets. (310)578-9729

## ELLY NESIS

**NEW STUDIO** Apartments from \$1100.00 to \$1400.00. Six blocks from the beach. Three blocks from Third St. Promenade area! Waiting list forming now. (310)656-0311. www.breezesuites.com

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**VENICE BEACH** front 1930's bath house. \$995.00 Completely renovated 4-story brick building with lots of charm and unbeatable views of the ocean, mountains and sunsets. Single w/full kitchen and bathroom, w/exposed brick. Laundry room, water and gas paid. 1 year lease, no pets. (310)450-1934

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**SANTA MONICA** \$1300.00 Cozy 2 bdrm, PET OK, stove, crpts, Indry, near SMC, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

## For Rent

**ROQUE & MARK Co.**  
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**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

**RENTALS AVAILABLE**  
**NO PETS ALLOWED**  
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**139 Hollister #2 & #6**  
\$1150 & \$1195

Lower & Upper 1 Bedrooms,  
Hardwood Floors, Steps to Beach

**300 California #32 \$1250**  
Upper 1 Bed, Utilities Paid, Pool,  
Gated Entry, Near Promenade

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Single & 1 Bedrooms, Many  
Upgrades, Steps to Beach,  
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**617 HM \$1400**

Lower 2 Bed, 1.75 Bath, Balcony,  
Gated Entry, New Kitchen Floors

**1501 Washington \$1450**  
Lower 2 Bed, 1 Bath, Garage, Patio,  
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Upper 2 Bed, 1.75 Bath,  
New Carpet, Large Kitchen,  
New Blinds, Fireplace

## WLA/BRENTWOOD

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Upper 1 Bed, Pool, Remodeled,  
New Carpet & Bath Floor, 2 Parking

**12258 Montana #103, BW \$1850**  
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Parking, New Stove & Microwave

**1004-S Oshdon, Rancho Park, \$2400**  
3 Bed, 2 Bath House, Garage,  
Laundry Hookups, Hardwood  
Floors, Near School

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**SANTA MONICA** \$1400  
2 bdms, r/s, crpts, lrg kitchen,  
pkgng, util incl. Westside  
Rentals 395-RENT

**SANTA MONICA** \$1595.00  
2bdm/1ba Upper, patio, stove,  
refrigerator, carpets, blinds, tandem  
parking, no pets. 1 year  
lease. (310)395-9344

**SANTA MONICA** \$795.00  
Cozy Studio, r/s, crpts, blinds,  
walk to SMC, pkgng. Westside  
Rentals 395-RENT

**SANTA MONICA** \$900.00  
Lovely 1 bdrm, r/s, crpts, controlled  
access, Indry, pkgng. Westside  
Rentals 395-RENT

**SANTA MONICA** \$975.00  
Clean 1 bdrm, r/s, hrdwd flrs, lrg  
clsts, bright, yard, pkgng. Westside  
Rentals 395-RENT

**SANTA MONICA** \$995.00  
1bdrm w/ stove and refrigerator.  
Upper. (310)450-0646

**SM** \$2100.00 2bdm/2ba, 3  
blocks from ocean. Hardwood  
floors, balcony, oceanview.  
Available Aug. 20th. (310)399-  
1273

## For Rent

**VENICE** \$1095.00 Very spacious 1 bedroom, completely remodeled. New everything. Utilities paid. Must see. 1 parking space off street. No pets. 1 year lease. (310)396-4443.

## ELLY NESIS

**VENICE** \$650.00 Unfurnished studio, no pets. R/S, hardwood floors. Bright, painted. Month to month. (310)392-1871

**VENICE** \$795.00 Very nice, sunny studio 1/2 block from beach, new paint, new carpet, very clean, large closet, 1 year lease, no pets. (310)396-4443

## ELLY NESIS

**VENICE BEACH** \$1995.00 incredible, large work/live space. Free standing brick building, exposed brick walls, w/new kitchen and bath. One block from the ocean. 14 ft ceilings, skylights, concrete floors, parking, 1 year lease, no pets. (310)466-9778.

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**VENICE BEACH** \$2500.00 Residential loft, completely renovated. 1bdm/2ba, oakwood floors, high ceilings, rooftop patio, balcony, 2 car parking, lots of windows, lots of storage. Great looking unit. Open house Sat 10am to 2pm. (310)396-4443

## ELLY NESIS

**VENICE BEACH** \$795.00 Sunny studio 1 block from beach. Hardwood floors and full kitchen. Very clean, security building. 1 year lease, no pets. (310)396-4443.

## ELLY NESIS

## Houses For Rent

**SANTA MONICA** \$1195.00  
Huge Townhouse, r/s, crpts, patio,  
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Westside Rentals 395-RENT

## Houses For Rent

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**SANTA MONICA** \$1350.00 Bungalow, CAT OK, r/s, hrdwd flrs, Indry, yard, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

**SANTA MONICA** \$1500.00 Charming Cottage, PET OK, r/s, hrdwd flrs, Indry, yard, garage. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

**SANTA MONICA** \$1795.00 Hse, PET OK, r/s, hrdwd flrs, w/d hkuaps, lrg yard, garage, ocean breezes. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

**SANTA MONICA** \$950.00 Cute and Charming Hse, PET OK, r/s, pkgng, a must see! Westside Rentals 395-RENT

## Roommates

**APT. TO share.** \$575 Fully Furnished/ Pvt. room. Month to month. Share utilities. Close to UCLA+SM College. Sam (310) 453-6649

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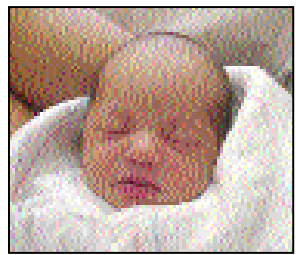
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## ELLY NESIS

**VENICE BEACH** \$1750.00 Office space with 4 parking spaces, one big room with high ceilings, skylights and rollup door. (310)396-4443

## ELLY NESIS

**Happy Birthday Maya Furukawa**  
August 5, 2002



**Congratulations Nina & Ross**

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PROFESSIONAL Deep Tissue bodywork by fit therapist. Introductory offer: \$35/hr or \$65/2 hrs. Women: first hour free. Non-sexual. Paul: (310)741.1901.

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MASSAGE CARING, soothing, relaxing full body therapeutic, Swedish / back walking. You will melt in my magic hands! Home/hotel/office/outdoors ok. 1-4 hours. Non sexual out call. Anytime or day. Page Doris (310)551-2121.

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## Announcements

PRO SE of Neighborhood Project needs volunteers for events that honor our heroes. (310) 899-3888 pro.se@adelphia.net.

VOTE FOR Pro Se Santa Monica City Council! Our Residents, Businesses, Schools must come first!

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## Services

SPECIAL EDUCATION Day program. Tutoring. Saturday program also available. For more information call Nelda. (310)459-5973.

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TALENTED, DECORATIVE Painter. Walls, cabinets, furniture, moldings, glazing, antiquing, refinishing and much more! Call for estimate. (310)612-6042.

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HELP BETTER than small claims; \$10 Pick your new job; \$25 (310)398-4130

## Business Opps

ESTABLISHED FILM Production company seeks financial partner for features and rentals. (310)822-7891

## Health/Beauty

OJAI'S BEST Kept Secret Monte Verde Garden & Spa Massage, Sauna, Spa & more! Located on a beautiful secluded 21/2-acre setting. Call: (805)649-6899

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## movies

**Loews Broadway Cinema**  
1441 Third St. at Broadway  
Halloween Resurrection 7:00,  
9:30. The Bourne Identity (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30,  
10:30. Stuart Little 2 (PG) 11:00,  
12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45,  
5:45, 8:00, 10:15. Like Mike  
(PG) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45,  
9:15.

**Mann Criterion**  
1313 Third St.  
Minority Report (PG-13) 11:40,  
3:15, 7:10, 10:30. Men in Black  
II (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 4:45,  
7:40, 10:10. Austin Powers in  
Goldmember (PG-13) 11:00,  
12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15,  
7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40. My Big  
Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:20,  
2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50. K-11: The  
Widowmaker (PG-13) 12:30,  
4:00, 7:30, 10:45.

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

**Landmark Nu-Wilshire**  
1314 Wilshire Blvd.  
Sex and Lucia (NR) 1:30, 4:15,  
7:00, 9:45. Lovely and Amazing  
(R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30.

**Laemmle Monica**  
1332 2nd St.  
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR)  
12:00, 5:10, 10:15. Read My  
Lips (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45.  
Me Without You (R) 2:35, 7:45.  
Tadpole (PG-13) 1:30, 3:35,  
5:40, 7:45, 9:55. Who is Cletis  
Tou? (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00,  
10:20.

# Calendar

Wednesday, August 7, 2002

## Today Community

Overeaters Anonymous, Newcomers Meeting. Is food a problem for you? Introductory meeting for those who have failed at diets and can't control their eating. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. No dues or fees. Every Wednesday, 6:30-7 p.m., followed by a regular OA meeting, 7-8 p.m. Reed Park auditorium, 7th Street, half-block north of Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica. (310) 392-1130.

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

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

and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

## Theater / Arts

Los Angeles Arts Academy, Summer Art Camp in Santa Monica & Westchester. Ages 5 to 13 years old. Lots of fun: art, acting, singing, karaoke, drawing, sculpture, drum circles, field trips & more! June 24 through August 16, M-F 9 a.m. To 3 p.m. (except field trip days). Now enrolling! laarts@earthlink.net.

## Music / Entertainment

LUSH 2020 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Three bars, plenty of booths, sofas, leopard-print carpet and a sunken dance floor. Mexican grill serves dinner after 5 p.m. Full bar. Over 21. Cover \$5 - Free. (310)829-1933.  
The Joint, 8771 W. Pico Blvd., W.L.A. One of the most exotic rooms in the local rock-facility pantheon. Pizza. Cover \$10 - \$5. Full bar. Over 21. (310)275-2619.

Cara Rosellini hosts The Gaslite's Comic Review, followed by open-mic comedy karaoke, at The Gaslite, 2030 Wilshire Blvd. 7:30 p.m.

FREE! (310)829-2382.

## Thursday community

Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition Open Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, August 8, 7-9PM, at the Ken Edwards Center will feature a discussion of the Sustainability Element of the Santa Monica City General Plan. City staff member, Dean Kubani will present the results of a 10-month effort to determine indicators of sustainability and how to measure them. The status of efforts to save the Ballona Wetlands will also be presented, along with results of the neighborhood group's Annual Meeting.

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For more information about the program, call (800)516-5323.

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Santa Monica Playhouse is proud to present Picon Pie! The World Premiere of a joyous and poignant musical play about the life and loves of legendary Molly Picon. Admission is \$23.50. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. 1211 4th Street, Santa Monica. For more information please call (310)394-9779 or visit www.santamonica-playhouse.com.

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## BACK PAGE



### Airline's flights will be free on Sept. 11

By The Associated Press

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** — Spirit Airlines announced Tuesday that its flights on Sept. 11 will be free, a response to travelers' reluctance to fly on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

"The sky should be full of Americans on that day. This will show that we're not a nation that can easily be brought down," Spirit CEO Jacob Schorr said, adding that he hopes other airlines will follow suit.

American and United, the nation's two biggest carriers, have said they are cutting back their Sept. 11 flight schedules based on weak bookings. No. 3 Delta is trimming flights for the entire work week of Sept. 9-13. Several European airlines also have canceled flights to the United States on Sept. 11.

Fort Lauderdale-based Spirit has 90 flights scheduled on Sept. 11, typical for a weekday, Schorr said. Customers who already paid for tickets for that day will get credit for a future flight.

Travelers can take as many flights as they want on Sept. 11, but tickets must be reserved by Sept. 8. If the second leg of a round-trip flight is on another day, the cost will be half of the round-trip fare.

Schorr estimated the giveaway will cost Spirit around \$500,000.

Spirit Airlines serves Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Atlantic City, N.J.,

Oakland, Calif., Myrtle Beach, S.C., New York, Chicago, Detroit, Denver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

### Going to the polls in style

By The Associated Press

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** — When a funeral home limo shows up at your house, it's usually not a happy time. A group of morticians want to change that.

In a nonpartisan, get-out-the-vote effort, the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association plans to drive up to 500,000 Americans to the polls this year using limousines normally for funeral processions.

"It's a way to use the limousine at a positive time, instead of a sad one," said Baltimore funeral director Hari P. Close II.

The program started six years ago in Maryland. It is a partnership between the association's 2,300 members, the Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Last year, about 376,000 people in 45 states got rides to their polling places from participating funeral homes. This year, organizers will offer the service for primary elections in August and September and for the Nov. 5 general election.

Voters can arrange rides to the polls by calling their nearest Urban League or NAACP office or a participating funeral home.

### Diverting taxes by selling the farm

By The Associated Press

**BURLINGTON, Iowa** — A farmer with an aversion to taxes wants the proceeds from the sale of his farm to help his neighbors handle their tax burdens.

Dewey Byar's 310 acres, grain bins and livestock equipment will be sold at auction on Aug. 17. The proceeds will be used to establish a trust, with the annual

income used to reduce property taxes in Des Moines County, said Kent Gaudian, co-executor of the trust.

Byar, who died in April 2000 at age 68, spent most of his life on the farm his parents bought in 1951. He left only to serve in Korea.

"Dewey didn't like paying taxes," said Gaudian. "In fact, it was probably his least favorite thing to do. To him, this was a charitable way to make a difference."

Byar sold bales of hay and straw on the honor system. People could come into a building, pick up what they wanted, and place money in an envelope.

"It's just a theory of mine," said friend Ronald Stigge, "but the residents of Des Moines County helped him make his money, so he's just returning it."

### Write-in nails election with one vote

By The Associated Press

**MARTIN, Tenn.** — Preacher Lindell Doty didn't know he was running for constable — until he had already won the election.

Doty won on a single write-in vote — the only vote cast.

Doty said Friday he didn't know who the voter was, "but it was either my worst enemy or my best friend."

No candidates were on Thursday's ballot for constable in two of Weakley County's nine precincts, including Doty's precinct in Martin. Constables are elected from each precinct.

The write-in voter took advantage of the ballot void to make Doty his or her choice.

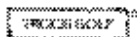
Constables are elected law enforcement officers, generally in small, rural counties, who are paid fees for things like serving legal papers. They also can help local police agencies if called upon.

"I guess I need to find out what it is, what it involves and that kind of thing," said Doty, 62. "If it's something that would be good for the community, I might do it."

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