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A newspaper with issues



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Attorney Paul Mills explains to reporters and onlookers Thursday why his client Stewart Lamle has a right to sell his game "Farook" on the Third Street Promenade without a business license from the city.

Local game inventor says Santa Monica plays unfair

Police take away man's checkers, judge gives them back

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Stewart Lamle is facing eight years in jail and up to \$16,000 in fines for playing a game with the City of Santa Monica.

Lamle will appear in Santa Monica Superior Court today to answer to 16 misdemeanor citations that each carry a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

For the past three years, Lamle has set up an impromptu table on the Third Street Promenade to demonstrate a game he has invented called "Farook."

However, the demonstrations are not considered "performance" by the city, which refuses to grant Lamle permits or a business license for his game.

Deputy City Attorney Linda A. Mills, who is prosecuting Lamle, was able to be contacted for comment on Thursday.

Santa Monica police ticketed Lamle 34 times during the last three years for not having a performance permit, but he was able to have each ticket thrown out in court, Lamle said.

Lamle says his right to freedom of

speech protects his ability to set up shop on the Promenade and sell his invented game.

"I believe my First Amendment rights protect me from paying a dime," Lamle said.

Paul Mills, Lamle's attorney, says those same constitutional rights go beyond just protecting Lamle's freedom of speech.

"They are wrong and they know they're wrong. That's why they continue to harass him."

— PAUL MILLS
Attorney

"In this country you have a right to make a living," he said. "Many freedom of speech cases are won because people have shown their careers are on the line. Well, these folks feel like the city is threatening the way they make a living."

Playing and selling the game garners a lot of money for Lamle, who charges \$1 to play a game with him and \$15 for a copy of Farook, which looks like a tic-tac-toe

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Main Street project not a 'world class' design

But it'll have to do

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

A proposed Main Street development is not "world class," but it may be close with a bit more tweaking, city officials determined early Thursday morning.

Despite their hesitancy to approve the project, the threat of a multi-million lawsuit looming over their heads may have been enough for the city's planning commissioners to vote 5 to 2 to conceptually approve the 133-unit housing and retail development on the north end of Main Street.

"It's not a world class building and it could have been," said commissioner Arlene Hopkins. "But we do the best we can."

The 170,000-square-foot development that consists of two buildings, one of which takes up an entire city block on the west side of Main Street — where the former Pioneer Boulangerie Bakery used to be — has been in the review process for more than three years. The buildings, on both sides of the street, will consist of retail stores on the ground floor and rental apartments above.

The developer, Howard Jacobs, filed a lawsuit against the city in 2001 claiming it has cost him millions of dollars because the city dragged its feet in completing the environmental impact review of the project. The report was completed late last year, several months after the supposed deadline.

Jacobs claims that the delay has cost him between \$2.5 and \$3 million because he is sitting on land that he has to pay for and the city is delaying his right to get a return on his investment. Jacobs said he pays \$115,000 a month for the mortgage, insurance and maintenance of the property.

The basis of that claim went unnoticed by at least one commissioner, who feels the drawn-out approval process is a symptom of a larger problem.

"I think if Mr. Jacobs had not approached this as a legal problem but started working with the economics and design, then I think things would have gone ahead faster and smoother and less acrimoniously," Hopkins said. "I think the fact that litigation is involved is so sad and it's a waste of time and energy and money ... and the design is almost the last issue."

"I would urge you in the future to build your bridges and try to avoid becoming so litigious."

— ARLENE HOPKINS
Planning commissioner

"I would urge you in the future to build your bridges and try to avoid becoming so litigious," she added.

Jacobs on Wednesday was before the planning commission for the second time after a series of public reviews bounced the project back and forth in the bureaucracy of City Hall. The project was unanimously rejected by the planning commission in December. Jacobs appealed to the city council, which unanimously approved it in February after Jacobs made substantial

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LAX may reign in solicitors

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — People seeking money from passengers at Los Angeles International Airport would be restricted to special booths under a plan adopted by the city Airport Commission.

The commission voted Tuesday on an ordinance that will require city council approval to take effect.

The restriction, patterned after a policy in use for decades at San Francisco Bay Area airports, is aimed at reining in solicitors who beg for charity at the nine terminals.

The policy would require charitable organizations to obtain a monthly permit from the airport designating booth locations and the days and times that solicitors can work.

The city has tried to limit solicitations since 1974 with a series of laws that repeatedly were struck down, including a case that made it to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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★★★ Dig into work. The less you integrate with associates and network, the more you accomplish. Right now you need the sense of being able to plow through your work. You're getting into work mode, even if it isn't fall yet. List your priorities. Tonight: Relax at home.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your efforts make a difference, especially during meetings. Though you might have work as a priority, your mind drifts to the weekend. A child or a relationship will start taking greater priority. Know what you want here. Tonight: Romp into the weekend!

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take charge at work, if you have any thought of clearing out the day. Your sense of humor marks your interactions. If you can, delegate as much as possible or bring work home. In the next few weeks, you might be more comfortable working from your pad. Tonight: A must show.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ If you can take today off, do so. You need some time to let your mind drift. Creativity surges when you establish this type of special time for yourself. Communication in the next month could get rather intense. Kick back and relax. Tonight: Out and about.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others seek you out. Deal with each person individually. Groups don't work as well right now. Use your enormous resourcefulness in the next few weeks to enhance your position both financially and emotionally. Tonight: Let another lure you!

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others might not mean to challenge you. They are only doing their thing! Your personality might awe someone close to you. Know when to lay back and when to take action. Use your birthday month to aim for greater success. Tonight: Where the action is.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Review a personal matter that might be close to your heart. Still, focus on your work, and you'll accomplish a lot. Right now, you are your own best friend. Take plenty of private time to think through decisions. Close your door to get your work done. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Spice up your life. Consider what you would like to change. Add more imagination and forge a new path. Your fun ways delight others. Spread some of this magic in the workplace. Others love the lightening up. Tonight: No one can romp like you.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Stay close to home, if possible. You might be able to work from home, extending your downtime. In the next few weeks, work becomes unusually demanding. Take a break while you can, before the pace overwhelms you. Tonight: Make it easy.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might need to clear your head more often. Learn new ways to distance yourself from the immediate. Clear your desk. Return calls. Start thinking weekend. Schedule a minivacation or perhaps a workshop. Expand your options. Tonight: You don't have to go far!

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with others individually. You find that a financial matter could be resolved quite easily if you just start talking. Sometimes you underestimate yourself. An associate will do everything possible to help in the next few weeks. Tonight: Go out and indulge.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others quickly seek you out. You'll see that you have very little to be concerned about. Relax more, using your skills to clear out work or to create more of what you desire. The next few weeks favor networking. Go to it! Tonight: Ask.

QUOTE of the DAY

**"I have such poor vision
 I can date anybody."**
 — Gary Shandling

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Gas leak



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Santa Monica Firefighter Jim Schire stands guard while employees from the Gas Company fix a leak in a severed natural gas main at the corner of Colorado Boulevard and Fourth Street on Thursday. The leak occurred while Gas Company workers were servicing the line. Firefighters stood ready with a hose if the gas should have ignited, but luckily there were no incidences and the pipe was fixed by 2:30 p.m.



A strong, new swell hit L.A. beaches today. It will arrive during the morning and build through the afternoon. Surf should pick up a foot or more as the southwestern fills in late in the day. Breaks with good southwest exposure will see waist-to chest-level surf by afternoon.

The building swell should peak Saturday and hold strength well into Sunday. Expect consistent, chargeable, chest- to shoulder-high surf at standouts spots.

Hurricane reports show possible activity coming our way late Sunday from the western Pacific. Also, Hurricane Fausto may pass through our swell window, though it looks like he'll move due west quickly.

Today's Tides:		
Low-	4:45 a.m.	-0.23'
High-	10:57 a.m.	4.37'
Low-	4:20 p.m.	1.79'
High-	10:16 p.m.	5.67'

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

The Q-Line

Mixed vibes for the 'eye on the pole'

Last week, Q-Line asked:

"City officials are considering installing cameras at various intersections throughout the city to bust motorists running red lights ... Are these surveillance cameras necessary. Do you think our privacy is compromised when 'Big Brother' is watching?"

Here are your responses:

■ "Surveillance cameras are necessary if we want to punish motorists rather than minimize traffic accidents at selected intersections on major streets. A parked police car or a patrolling police cruiser would be cheaper, less intrusive and good use of police presence and law enforcement.

Surveillance cameras on the Promenade would make our visitors from England feel right at home. Surveillance cameras on the beach would eliminate the problem of undercover officers getting sand in their shoes while investigating suspicious beachgoers. Maybe the camera could focus on the smokers epidemic that now threatens our children in city parks.

Are there any significant crime statistics to justify, economically and socially, the 'Eye on the Pole' 24/7?

Wouldn't a wide-ranging public referendum (with citizens actually getting the opportunity to propose alternative traffic control/people surveillance techniques) be more appropriate now than rushing to create a surveillance bureaucracy that would be a 'cash cow' for city budget planners later?"

■ "There is no reason for the city to allocate more funding during a budget crisis for these ridiculous cameras. First of all, when a person is pulled over for a traffic violation, the ticket they sign does not mean they are guilty but innocent until proven guilty. When you are sent a ticket through the mail, it pretty much says you are guilty. This is a total violation of our rights to due process. Second, if we allow cameras to be placed in Santa Monica, we will be opening the door to 'Big Brother.' In this time of war, we must be vigilant in our preservation of rights. They are being taken away every day. Did you know that federal officers can knock down your door without a warrant? Thank you John Ashcroft. We must not give up ground. We must protect our right to privacy. Third, if a driver knows that there is a camera at a coming intersection and they see the light

turn yellow they will brake hard not to go through, which will result in more rear end collisions. If you want people to slow down, have a strong police presence. This is an imperfect system, run by imperfect people. We should not waste our money on these cameras."

■ "These cameras are not an invasion of privacy. We expect the police to be everywhere we need them, when we need them. This is not realistic thinking. Think of how many times people have been injured or killed by someone running a red light. Now the police will have it on film. Think of the times when a child has been kidnapped. Now the police have a chance of seeing the person taking the child on film. Think about armed robberies when the bad guy is driving away at high rates of speed and runs a red light. Now the police will have his license number. This is nothing more than a tool that will be used to deter crime. You do not have an expectation of privacy when you are risking the lives of others. The police cannot look into your car with these cameras. I don't see any civil libertarians lining up to work for the police force and risk their lives, do you?"

■ "Video surveillance can be a useful tool for law enforcement, but it is not necessary in this town. We don't need to spend \$5 million on a fancy camera system just to give Chief Butts another excuse to hide his officers behind desks. We have hired a record number of police officers, yet they are assigned to task forces instead of being deployed for permanent patrol. Physical presence of officers is always the best means of crime prevention. We don't need a secret police force handing out traffic tickets. As a taxpayer, I wonder, would any of the video on Third Street be used to clean up the place? Prosecute the homeless for trespassing,

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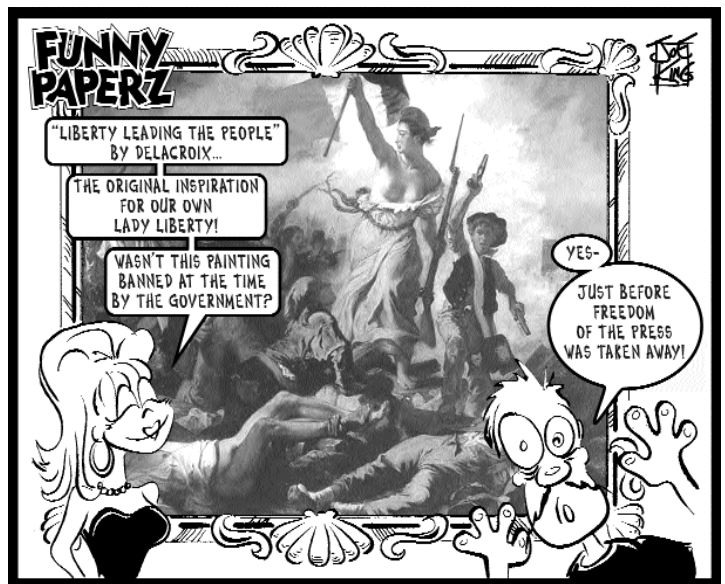
Editor:

Thank you for your continuing coverage of Santa Monica Airport issues. I was aware of the fact that Friends of Sunset Park favored the appointment of Ofer Grossman over the re-appointment of Todd Cleary to the Santa Monica Airport Commission. I received one of their fliers outlining the reasons why they supported him versus Todd Cleary, and it seemed that perhaps Mr. Grossman might be the right person for the appointment in light of the fact that "Friends" feel that he will be more responsive to neighborhood concerns regarding jet noise, etc., so I sincerely hope that this is what transpires.

While I do not know anything about Todd Cleary, Friends indicated that he was pro-jet operators, and I do not think that the jet operators are particularly interested in the effects that noise from those jets have on the residents whose homes surround the airport, or the possible dangers posed by those jets. I think it is quite important that residents feel they have a voice in these matters, and that their complaints are not falling on deaf ears.

So, congratulations to Mr. Grossman.

Julia Reeves
Santa Monica



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Homeless in Santa Monica — an unsolved problem



AS I SEE IT

By Bill Bauer

(This is the first installment of a two-part series. The second column will appear in Saturday's paper.)

The homeless problem in Santa Monica is coming to a head. There is growing public dissatisfaction with the army of vagrants and transients occupying our fair town, and, finally, the city council is nervously taking notice.

Mayor Mike Feinstein, a staunch defender of the homeless, pouted and whined at the Aug. 13 council meeting that Bayside District Corp.'s recommendations to curtail feedings, enhance trespass laws and increase law enforcement downtown made him "unhappy," and it was "a subject that should have never been brought up."

Feinstein admitted that he told Bayside he wouldn't put the item on the agenda because "we have something coming up in September." That "something" is the

annual review of homeless services — a "report card" to the council from the community and cultural services department's homeless services coordinator, Joel Schwartz, who will report on the state of homelessness and the services the city subsidized during the previous fiscal year.

This year's report will probably state — as it has the last 10 years — that more and more people are requesting services, and that many services, such as affordable housing, are becoming increasingly hard to provide. So, it surely looks as if Feinstein is deliberately delaying debate on the issue and once again has dug in his heels.

It appears that the annual review is an excuse to further delay action on homeless problems. Controlling public food giveaways is something that Feinstein has been fighting tooth and nail since the day he was first elected to council six years ago.

"I have not seen one iota of work in connection with the things we are being asked to do in terms of limiting food for people who are hungry and unsociable behavior," Feinstein said.

Yet, Feinstein (as do others on city council) refuses to acknowledge two obvious axioms. One: The numerous free public feedings attract transients to Santa Monica like a magnet, keeps them here

and makes them dependent on more food hand-outs. Two: The more transients mean the more mentally unstable, drug addicted or alcoholic and antisocial individuals. This leads to more and more rude and unacceptable behavior.

Feinstein conveniently ignores the obvious despite that virtually everyone, from the chief of police and Joel Schwartz on down, have universally agreed that food lines in Palisades Park are the major reason why a high number of transients are downtown.

Both Feinstein and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown harp on the unconstitutionality of curtailing free public food handouts. For years, the mayor has hidden behind this latest of excuses, but hundreds of cities and municipalities have regulations concerning them that have withstood the constitutional test.

Some municipalities require "event" permits that regulate the size and frequency of large gatherings on public property. San Diego rigidly enforces health and safety codes, and requires a bond for those handling and distributing food, according to the municipal code. They also require identification for those who participate in services so they can be monitored.

Predicting that any law the city writes

will be unconstitutional is either wishful thinking or shows a lack of confidence in the abilities of the city attorney. In either course, it's unacceptable.

Feinstein and his cronies talk about a "working arrangement" with Beverly Hills, Culver City and West Hollywood, but the truth is they will absolutely not share our homeless burden having seen the nightmare we've brought on ourselves.

The truth is most cities do not permit unlimited public food giveaways, do not provide the wealth of homeless services and have very small or nonexistent transient populations. And of course they are not plagued by the crime, dirt, filth and antisocial behavior we live with.

Feinstein, McKeown and others on city council must bite the bullet and seek meaningful change in the way the city handles, funds and deals with homeless issues.

It's time to stop the foolishness and coddling of malcontents, the squandering of money on programs that get minimal results and deal accordingly with those who are strictly out to sponge off of our generosity and compassion — while still providing care to those who are truly in need and deserving of it.

(Bill Bauer has lived in Santa Monica for 25 years.)

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Moyle: 'Dogtown is dead'

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changes. But the architectural review board voted it down, despite that Jacobs made changes based on recommendations by council and city officials.

As a matter of process, Jacobs had to appeal the decision to the planning commission.

And as a matter of law, the planning commission was limited to only reviewing the project's architectural design this time because it was acting as the ARB, deputy city attorney Barry Rosenbaum warned the board. He also made them aware of the pending lawsuit before they began the review.

"There is little question that this litigation will move forward," he said. "However, it shouldn't affect your decision."

While some of the commissioners said the lawsuit had no bearing on their decision, they frequently discussed it during their deliberations, which ended about 1 a.m. after four hours of review.

The commission wanted to send the project back for yet another redesign, but after Jacobs requested that it be approved conceptually, the majority of the board reluctantly agreed to sign off on it — with more changes. Jacobs is scheduled to return before the commission on Sept. 18 with the modifications board members asked for.

The commissioners requested that Jacobs redesign the facades to make them better stand out as separate buildings. They also want the craftsman architecture to be more prominent on three sides of the buildings; fix the elevations on the street level at certain corners; and provide more details to the buildings' material finishes. Lastly, Jacobs will landscape the buildings and surrounding area to capture the unique location of Santa Monica to reflect beach life.

Planning commissioners Kelly Olsen and Geraldine Moyle voted against approving the project. Despite warnings and looks of horror coming from attorney Rosenbaum, Moyle said she won't support the project based on past issues that are no longer legally part of the scope of review.

"I cannot in good conscience approve the design in front of us because the design is fundamentally based upon a really lousy

traffic analysis," Moyle said, adding the area, once known as "Dogtown" and an eclectic neighborhood, "is dead" because the development will ruin it.

The dividing factor for the politicians who reviewed the project is whether or not the massive buildings should have several different facades to appear as if they are separate storefronts or keep them as large structures with passageways. The council wanted different facades so Jacobs' design team created about a half dozen different architectural styles for the buildings.

"It's all subjective, and we can discuss it until the cows come home, but we aren't going to agree."

— BARBARA BROWN
Planning commissioner

But as commissioner Barbara Brown pointed out, no matter how many times the project is scrutinized not everyone will agree on its architecture and design.

"It's all subjective, and we can discuss it until the cows come home, but we aren't going to agree," she said, adding that she likes the design and the development will revitalize the north end of Main Street, which is mostly run-down.

Gary Gordon, president of the Main Street Merchants Association, agrees that the area is deteriorated and needs an economic boost.

He also refuted claims by area residents and some politicians that the development will ruin the character of Main Street. Gordon reminded commissioners that the entire length of Main Street has an eclectic mix of architecture, starting with the Shatzki building on the south end and Edgemar further to the north.

"All of these things create the ambiance of Main Street," he said. "It's a jumble. The cities we love are jumbles. New York, Boston, San Francisco."

Santa Monica takes street gamesman to court today

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board combined with Chinese checkers.

Then on July 6 at 11:30 a.m., police arrested Lamle on the Promenade and seized his game, his table and all his money for operating a business without a license.

"They are wrong, and they know they're wrong," Mills said. "That's why they continue to harass him. It's retaliation for standing up for his rights."

A Santa Monica Superior Court Judge later returned the property to Lamle, and police were asked not to further interfere with his activities until today's court date.

Mills said the city is playing a game with his client. But when city officials lost when the 34 performance citations were thrown out of court, police issued him with misdemeanor citations for not having a business license, which the city refuses to issue to Lamle.

"The city claims these guys have to

have a store front or rent a cart from the city for \$1,800 a month," he said. "But there is no law on their books that supports that."

Mills said he has asked city officials for a copy of the municipal code that prohibits them from issuing performance permits to Lamle and refusing to grant him a business license. No such municipal codes have been provided.

And Mills said he believes city officials have deliberately written vague street performer laws to give them more leverage over controlling performers.

"The city is violating Mr. Lamle's rights by creating a system of laws that define a performer in a way that nobody can understand," Mills said. "It allows them to allow people to perform who they like and deny those they don't."

"It's an unconstitutional system, and we intend to hold them accountable," he added.

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loitering, littering, drinking or using the public sidewalks as an adult motel, wash-room and toilet? Not likely. Our city prosecutor has no interest in cleaning up blight. 'They have rights,' she protests. As a result, the police rarely enforce any laws against them. Other cities enjoy crime-free streets without resorting to video surveillance. Why? Because they don't tolerate the presence of scum in the first place. Wake up Santa Monica!"

"I do think we need to set up those red light cameras. Too many people are running red lights, especially where I work near 26th Street and San Vicente Boulevard. I see cars zooming through in both directions. One of these days somebody is going to get killed. Not only that, there is a no turn on red and I see people turn anyway. Moms with carriages almost get hit! Let's have those red light cameras. The only people that they are going to bother is guilty people. Other people have nothing to fear and nothing to worry about are happy to see them because they make the streets safer for everybody."

"I believe that the installation of cameras at various intersections is an excellent idea. I know that when I am driving in other parts of Los Angeles I am more conscious of not trying to beat the yellow to red light as I know they are very expensive and it makes me a better driver. I also believe that installing surveillance cameras on the Third Street Promenade would not only deter crime but might help to make law abiding citizens more comfortable regarding their safety and make criminals more aware that they will be caught. I do not believe that these cameras are an invasion of privacy. I do feel, however, that in these vicinities there should be large signs notifying the public that there are cameras. Regarding the beach cameras, they could actually help the lifeguards. I don't think that lifeguards can watch over everyone with the naked eye. I'm not even sure if there are many lifeguards right now?"

"I think there is an argument for the cameras at intersections. But, goodness, not the beach. This is a place where people want to go to relax and get in touch with nature and to think that cameras are following your every move ... I think the lifeguards would work less and zoom in on pretty girls and guys! Put them at intersections, but keep them away from the Promenade and especially the beach!"

"I do believe that the cameras are necessary. Yes, it is a compromise to your privacy, yet it is a necessity. I ride a bicycle around town, and if I was not alert and on the ball, I could be killed so many times. I see so many near accidents when people go right through red lights at a tremendous

speed. It's unbelievable! Cars do not stop for pedestrians or people on bikes. Videos would relieve some of the pressure."

"Santa Monica drivers are out of control. Often running red lights while on cell phones. Surveillance cameras seem like a good idea to prevent this. Intersections in West Los Angeles, Culver City near Costco, all have signage posted very obviously. Maybe it will save a life. While they are at it, I think the idea along the Promenade and the beach is a great idea. Maybe 'Big Brother' ought to be monitored in City Hall and have cameras on the rent control board. They've been running amuck for over 20 years."

"I am a citizen in Santa Monica. I was born and raised here. I've always thought this city is peaceful and quiet. The fact that they are going to put cameras all over town watching everybody's every move, our privacy is going to be totally ruined. That feeling that someone is always watching you is terrible to go through life with. I really hope that these laws don't pass."

"I do believe that these cameras are an invasion of the people's privacy. One more act of control. There are other ways to slow down the speeding maniacs in our city. One way that comes to mind is to install large signs at some of the busy intersections posting the amount of fine that would be levied on those running a red traffic light. These signs are quite intimidating and do slow people down and makes one think about what they are doing and what it could cost them. I've seen this in other cities. Also, post police at these locations. Utilize people to do this job, not machines that will cost the city huge amounts of money. Employee more people."

"As a pedestrian, as most people are at sometime, I welcome it. I would like to see them at crosswalks as well as intersections. The rules should be enforced."

"The officials should forget about surveillance cameras at certain intersections in Santa Monica. The police department says it would cost at least \$4 million to install plus thousands of dollars to maintain. Just use live officers to spot check the red lighters."

"I think it's a scam and a farce to install cameras at lights to stop people from running red lights. Those cameras are a lot of the time put in places with no traffic, especially late at night. You don't ever see the cops stopping those who run red lights sometimes two and three at a time on left turns. I've sat through my whole green light to wait for those people! What sense does that make?"

"There are many streets that need them. Especially Wilshire and Lincoln. I'm sure that there are many others that need them as well. I do not believe that this is an invasion of privacy."

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STATE



Ratepayer money to be used to pay PG&E debts

BY KAREN GAUDETTE

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — California power regulators have reached a deal with creditors of Pacific Gas and Electric Co. that could require millions of customers to continue paying among the nation's highest electricity rates for years.

The state will work with PG&E's creditors committee and investment banking firm UBS Warburg to design a financial plan that would leave PG&E with enough cash to pay its debts, become creditworthy and resume buying electricity for its customers, attorneys representing the state Public Utilities Commission said Thursday at a news conference.

Now, the state buys power for customers of PG&E and two other electric utilities, the result of a freeze on electric rates that kept them from collecting enough money to pay bills as energy costs skyrocketed in 2000 and 2001. California officials say the price surge was caused by market manipulation by energy firms such as now-bankrupt Enron Corp.

PUC officials have said PG&E customers must help pull the company from bankruptcy court or the state will lose its oversight over much of the company's dealings to the federal government.

Thursday's agreement would enable U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Dennis Montali to require that PG&E's rate be high enough to meet the utility's financial obligations. PUC general counsel Gary Cohen said it's necessary to give the bankruptcy court some control over rates to reassure creditors and investors they will get paid, and said it still was possible rates could even drop — though he acknowledged the state's ratepayers still are on the hook for billions spent keeping the lights on.

The agreement angered consumer advocates, who said they're going to court to kill it. The new plan resembles one crafted in secret last fall by Gov. Gray Davis' administration and the PUC to help fellow utility Southern California Edison

pay its debts.

That plan requires Edison customers to continue paying record electric rate hikes approved during the spring of 2001 for the next several years to help the beleaguered utility pay an estimated \$3 billion debt incurred during the state's energy crisis.

"We're not going to let five unelected Davis appointees impose \$20 billion in bailout charges on the ratepayers to cover the deregulation debacle," said Harvey Rosenfield, president of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, a Santa Monica-based consumer advocacy group.

Four of five commissioners at the PUC were appointed by Davis, a Democrat up for re-election this November. The state Supreme Court recently dismissed a case brought against the PUC by consumer groups that claimed the state was wrong to make such agreements without allowing public comment and participation.

Calls to Davis' spokesman, Steve Maviglio, were not immediately returned Thursday. PG&E officials were analyzing the agreement Thursday afternoon but did not have immediate comment, said spokesman Ron Low.

Thousands of creditors recently finished voting on a pair of plans for PG&E's future to help Montali determine which, if any, offers the best means by which they'll be paid.

The utility hopes to regain its good credit by transferring transmission lines, power plants and other assets away from state oversight and into three new companies that would be regulated by the federal government. Analysts say that would allow PG&E to borrow more money to pay its debts, since it would escape state control over how much it can charge for wholesale electricity.

The plan the state and creditors committee hope to put before creditors calls for the utility's 4.6 million ratepayers to pay billions, for PG&E to sell stock and its parent — PG&E Corp. — to forgo a huge chunk of profits.

Assembly votes to drop gun companies' lawsuit shield

BY STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Saying gun manufacturers shouldn't get special treatment, the Assembly on Thursday narrowly approved a bill that would allow firearm companies to be sued for negligence.

The measure by Sen. Don Perata, D-Oakland, would remove a lawsuit shield enacted in 1983 to protect manufacturers of cheaply made handguns known as Saturday Night Specials.

A 41-35 roll call — the bare majority needed to clear the 80-seat house — returned the bill to the Senate for a vote on Assembly amendments.

The Senate approved an identical bill by Assemblyman Paul Koretz, D-West Hollywood, last week. The two measures were amended to deal with gun liability after they were initially approved by their original houses.

The lawsuit shield was cited by the state Supreme Court last year when it ruled that a gun company couldn't be sued by sur-

vivors of a 1993 San Francisco office building rampage that killed eight people.

The survivors claimed Navegar Inc., the manufacturer of two assault weapons used in those killings, was liable for damages because it marketed the guns to appeal to criminals and should have known they would be used in a massacre.

Supporters said Perata's bill would subject guns to the same product liability standards as other items.

"If an automobile is defective you can sue. If something is marketed inappropriately you can sue. If something is distributed inappropriately you can sue," said Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara. "You cannot do that for guns. We have product liability except for guns."

But opponents said the bill was designed to discourage gun manufacturing and enrich plaintiffs' attorneys.

"This is nothing more than a smoke screen," said Assemblyman Jay La Suer, R-La Mesa. "This is going after manufacturers that are legitimate, that are legal."

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STATE

Supreme Court shows interest in Blake bail bid

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — Robert Blake's campaign to be freed on bail before his murder trial has drawn the attention of the California Supreme Court, which asked prosecutors this week to quickly file a response outlining why they oppose the actor's release.

"It's clear the Supreme Court has taken an interest in it," said appellate attorney Paul Hoffman who filed the bail petition for the 68-year-old actor who is accused of murdering his wife. "They've put it on a more accelerated briefing schedule than usual."

District attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons agreed that the request signals an interest in the legal issues posed.

"Obviously, the Supreme Court is taking an interest in the issue if they've asked us to brief it," she said.

At issue is a defense request for an immediate bail hearing. The defense argues that the trial judge acted unconstitutionally by refusing to consider bail for Blake until a preliminary hearing is held to determine whether Blake should stand trial.

No date has been set for the preliminary hearing, and Blake's attorney, Harland

Braun, who is due in court Tuesday, said he will seek a date in November.

The defense has argued that Blake is not a flight risk and is being held on a flawed interpretation of the lying-in-wait statute. Blake has offered to post \$1 million bail, the same amount he already posted to bail out his bodyguard and co-defendant Earle Caldwell.

Blake has been jailed since his April 18 arrest on charges of murdering Bonny Lee Bakley, the 44-year-old mother of his toddler daughter. Bakley was shot to death May 4, 2001, outside a restaurant the couple had just visited.

Superior Court Judge Lloyd Nash refused to consider the bail issue, or another legal argument on the charge of lying in wait, until he hears prosecution evidence against Blake at a preliminary hearing.

In another development, the prosecution filed a motion to restrict defense investigator William C. Jordan from interviewing witnesses. They said he is expressing his opinions to witnesses and may be tainting their recollections. The motion quoted him as telling one witness: "I would stake my life that Blake didn't do this (murder)."

Braun called the motion "ridiculous."

Prosecutor says Yosemite killer defense was 'loopy'

BY BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE — The defense of Yosemite killer Cary Stayner was "loopy" and nothing more than a smokescreen to confuse jurors, a prosecutor told the panel as closing arguments wrapped up Thursday.

Prosecutor George Williamson said there was overwhelming evidence to convict Stayner of first-degree murder and six special circumstances that could trigger the death penalty.

He said defense lawyer Marcia Morrissey had to "blow smoke" because she didn't have facts or the law to support her claims that Stayner was too crazy to have the intent to kill required for first-degree murder.

Morrissey didn't even look up from a game of solitaire she was playing on her laptop computer as Williamson criticized

her presentation.

"It's not her fault she doesn't have a case," Williamson said. "What are you going to do when you come into court and the D.A. has three bodies and a cop-out you can corroborate 42 different ways?"

Jurors were expected to begin deliberations after instructions from Judge Thomas Hastings.

Stayner, 41, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to murdering Carole Sund, 42, her daughter Juli, 15, of Eureka, and their Argentine friend Silvina Pelosso, 16, in February 1999 while they stayed at the motel where he worked outside Yosemite National Park.

Williamson discounted weeks of evidence about Stayner's mental state as "goofy" and "loopy." He reminded them that Stayner described his plans to kill in great detail during his confession to the FBI.

New Yorker spells his way to Scrabble championship

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A New York man whose life revolves around the board game Scrabble emerged Thursday as the nation's top-rated player.

Joel Sherman, 40, took first place in the National Scrabble Championship, beating out Nigel Richards of New Zealand and Jakkrit Klaphajone of Thailand.

Sherman finished the five-day tournament with a 25-6 record.

He was assured of victory after beating Richards, 35, by using such words as vug, a small cavity in a rock, mu, a Greek letter, and helicoid, a geometrical surface.

His top-scoring word in their match was

"tenures," which earned him 72 points for a final score of 445 to 368 over Richards, an engineer currently living in Malaysia.

Sherman lives in the Bronx borough of New York City and said he hasn't held a regular job in more than a decade. He won the world Scrabble championship in 1997.

"This is all I do," he said.

Sherman plans to use the \$25,000 prize money for living expenses.

Richards, who finished with a record of 22-9, receives \$10,000. Jakkrit, 32, won the \$5,000 third prize with a record of 21-10.

Brian Cappelletto, 32, of Chicago took fourth place and received \$2,500.

NATIONAL



Espionage court rejected some Ashcroft wiretap rules

BY TED BRIDIS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A special court that oversees sensitive law enforcement surveillance forced Attorney General John Ashcroft to change his guidelines for FBI terrorism searches and wiretaps, according to documents released Thursday.

The U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which has not publicly disclosed any of its rulings in nearly two decades, rejected some of the Ashcroft guidelines in May as "not reasonably designed" to safeguard the privacy of Americans.

The Justice Department quickly amended its guidelines and won the court's approval.

The court also disclosed the FBI acknowledged making more than 75 mistakes in applications for espionage and terrorism warrants under the surveillance law, including one instance in which former Director Louis Freeh gave inaccurate information to judges.

The court's May 17 orders, signed by U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth, were disclosed Thursday to the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has raised

questions about the Justice Department's use of wiretap laws in espionage and terrorism cases.

The court, now headed by U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, said it intended separately to publish the rulings and promised similarly to disclose any future unclassified orders.

Ashcroft's instructions in March, in a memorandum to FBI Director Robert Mueller and senior Justice officials, made it easier for investigators in espionage and terrorism cases to share information from searches or wiretaps with FBI criminal investigators.

But the surveillance court, which approves requests during secret deliberations, found that Ashcroft's rules could allow misuse of information in criminal cases, where prosecutors must meet higher legal standards to win approval for searches or wiretaps.

"These procedures cannot be used by the government to amend the (surveillance) act in ways Congress has not," the court wrote. In its rare public rebuke, it said the Justice Department spent "considerable effort" arguing its case, "but the court is not persuaded."

Ashcroft had argued that, under

changes authorized by the USA Patriot Act, the FBI could use the surveillance law to perform searches and wiretaps "primarily for a law enforcement purpose, so long as a significant foreign intelligence purpose remains."

The Patriot Act, passed late in 2001, changed the surveillance law to permit its use when collecting information about foreign spies or terrorists is "a significant purpose," rather than "the purpose," of such an investigation. Critics at the time said they feared government might use the change as a loophole to employ espionage wiretaps in common criminal investigations.

"The attorney general seized authority that has not been granted to him by the constitution or the Congress," said Marc Rotenberg, head of the Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center.

In a follow-up order also disclosed Thursday, the court accepted new Justice guidelines amending Ashcroft's instructions. The court also demanded to be told about any criminal investigations of targets under the surveillance act and about discussions between the FBI and prosecutors at Justice.

"The first Ashcroft order sort of

snuggled up against the new line that was being drawn, and that may not have been prudent," said Stewart Baker, an expert on the law and former general counsel at the National Security Agency. "You might be able to justify it legally, but I can see why the court would have reacted badly."

Stewart called the surveillance law "a pretty heavy-duty weapon."

Critics have worried that the surveillance court is too closely allied with the government, noting that judges have rarely denied a request under the 1978 law. But the newly disclosed court's orders indicated irritation with serious FBI blunders in 2000 and 2001. The court said the FBI admitted in September 2000 to mistakes in 75 wiretap applications, including then-FBI Director Freeh's erroneous statement to judges that the target of a wiretap request wasn't also under criminal investigation.

The court also noted that in March 2000, information from espionage wiretaps in at least four cases was passed illegally to FBI criminal investigators and U.S. prosecutors in New York. Clearly frustrated, the court said it barred one FBI agent from appearing before it.

Radio station dumps shock jocks who broadcast sex stunt

BY LARRY McSHANE

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Opie and Anthony are over and out.

The New York-based shock jocks, criticized by Catholic groups for broadcasting a live account of a couple allegedly having sex in St. Patrick's Cathedral, had their nationally syndicated show canceled Thursday.

"Based on recent events, the Opie and Anthony Show has been canceled, and will be replaced by other programming beginning Friday," WNEW-FM said in a statement.

The station, owned by Infinity Broadcasting, offered no further comment. The pair had been pulled off the airwaves Monday, three days after the stunt was aired.

The cancellation was announced shortly after Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell directed the agency's enforcement bureau to investigate the broadcast. The FCC had been flooded with hundreds

of complaints about the show.

The decision to sack the shock jocks and their highly rated afternoon drive-time show was hailed by William Donohue, head of the 350,000-member Catholic League. "I'm delighted with the results," said Donohue. "I'm very, very happy. It is an example of corporate responsibility in an age of corporate irresponsibility."

Donohue said his group would back off its call for the FCC to pull WNEW's broadcast license and fine Infinity. "It's over," he said. "I'm satisfied."

The cancellation came one day after the Virginia couple suspected of the sex stunt appeared in a Manhattan courtroom on charges of public lewdness.

Brian Florence, 37, of Quantico, Va., and Loretta Lynn Harper, 35, of Alexandria, Va., were due back in court Oct. 2. The couple's lawyer has said they were just simulating sex inside the landmark Manhattan cathedral.

The couple was arrested Aug. 15 after they allegedly

had sex in a cathedral vestibule just a few feet from worshippers, police said.

The radio show's stunt was part of a regular feature where couples could earn points and win a trip for having sex in risky places.

Charges of acting in concert were still pending against Opie and Anthony producer Paul Mercurio, 42, who provided a running account of the encounter via cell phone.

The Opie and Anthony show was nationally syndicated in 17 markets outside New York City, including Cleveland, Dallas, Las Vegas, New Orleans and Washington, D.C.

It was the second firing in four years for Greg "Opie" Hughes and Anthony Cumia. The pair was canned in 1998 by a Massachusetts station after announcing on April Fool's Day that Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino was killed in a car crash.

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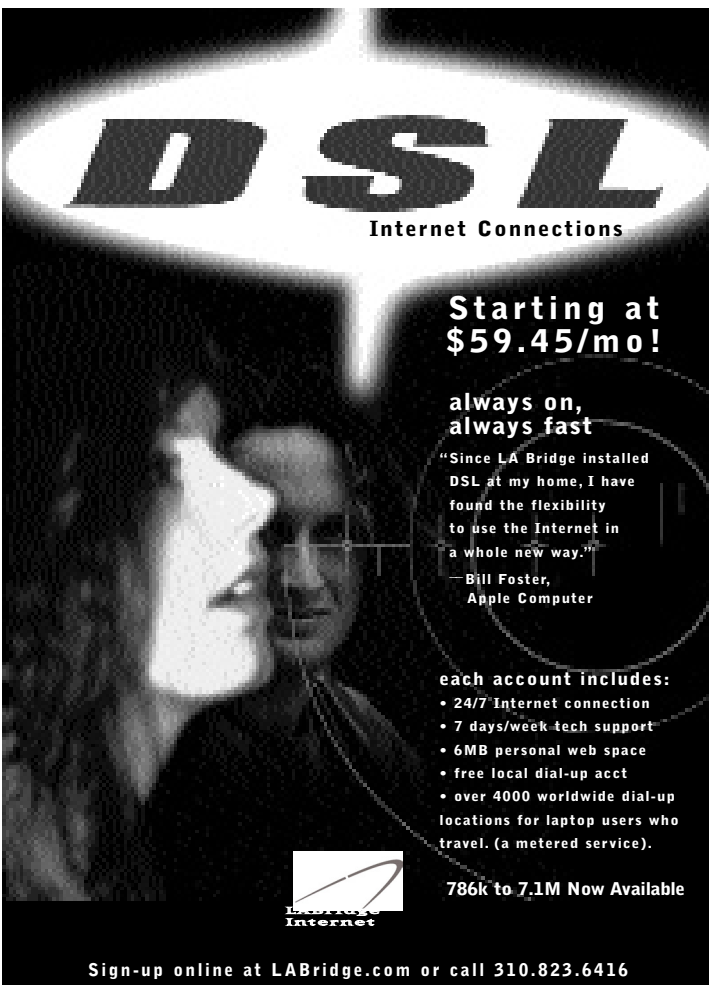
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NATIONAL

Enron insider's revelations point to greed helping drive company's implosion

BY KRISTEN HAYS
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — The primary motive for creating Enron's complex web of partnerships was thought to be to hide the company's debt, keep salaries high and make its stock ever more valuable.

But new revelations by investigators and insider Michael Kopper indicate that whole deals may have been structured more to let executives skim money than to dress up Enron's books.

"Some people still had a little bit of hope that maybe they were just skirting the law and weren't as arrogant and greedy as they really were," said Rod Jordan, 64, one of thousands laid off last year when Enron crashed. "That hope is gone now."

Kopper, the first former Enron executive to plead guilty to crimes related to the company's failure, admitted to creating partnerships designed to enrich himself, his former boss Andrew Fastow and others at Enron at the expense of the company and its shareholders.

He admitted to money laundering and conspiracy to commit wire fraud in three partnership schemes designed to look like legitimate business deals. He said friends, selected Enron workers and members of Fastow's family stepped up as investors and, using loans from Fastow or Kopper, put up money to make the partnerships appear independent of Enron.

The partnerships then did deals with Enron that generated millions of dollars. Kopper kept some profits and generated massive fees for handling the deals. He also said he funneled money back to Fastow and his family as well as the investors.

Kopper worked for Enron from 1994 to July last year, when he quit to run one of Fastow's partnerships. Enron pushed Fastow out in October last year after acknowledging he raked in more than \$30 million from partnerships.

"There was an arrangement between myself and the Enron CFO whereby I did take some of the proceeds which I received from managing and running that partnership and passed them on to he and his family," Kopper said of a structure called Chewco created in 1997.

Sherron Watkins, the Enron executive who also worked for Fastow in Enron's finance division, tried to warn former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay about accounting problems. She also asked for and was granted a reassignment to another department, fearful that a vengeful Fastow would try to have her fired.

She warned Lay in a celebrated seven-page memo released by Congress in January that centered on entities other than the three partnerships on which prosecutors are focusing.

While she was wary of Fastow, she had a good impression of Kopper.

"She thought he was extremely bright and smart," said her lawyer, Philip Hilder. "Not knowing what he was involved in, she was shocked and disappointed to learn the depth of his involvement regarding kickbacks."

Kopper, a 37-year-old former banker with degrees from Duke University and the London School of Economics, lived well on the millions he pocketed from

those dealings in addition to \$3.63 million in salary, bonuses, restricted stock and other payments in the year prior to Enron's collapse.

The native Long Islander and his domestic partner William Dodson live in a \$1.4 million marble and stucco four-bedroom house where an off-duty police officer was stationed Thursday to keep unwanted visitors off the property. The pair have four BMWs registered in their names.

Kopper's house is barely a block away from the high-rise where Lay lives on the 33rd floor in a \$7.1 million penthouse.

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— ROD JORDAN
Former Enron employee

A few blocks away in River Oaks, Houston's wealthiest neighborhood, workers continued Thursday to finish construction on Fastow's new five-bedroom stone house worth more than \$2 million. Fastow lives in another high-end neighborhood southeast of River Oaks, and recently decided to sell the new home when it is completed rather than move into it, said his spokesman, Gordon Andrew.

The decision may be moot.

Prosecutors are seeking the forfeiture of Fastow's new house and more than \$14 million in accounts in his or his family's names. Other Enron employees who prosecutors allege were involved in the schemes also face frozen bank accounts and asset forfeitures if prosecutors convince a judge they were obtained illegally.

Fastow's spokesman declined comment on prosecutors' forfeiture intentions. Among the other assets held by Fastow and his wife Lea are a 1999 Porsche and a 2000 Mercedes-Benz wagon.

"It was clearly a combination of striving to constantly meet expectations or exceed expectations for Wall Street, but at the same time, there's certainly an element of personal greed here," said Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor under Michael Chertoff, head of the Justice Department's criminal division.

Kopper agreed to surrender \$12 million he gained illegally through his accounting machinations as part of his agreement to cooperate with prosecutors.

Sherri Saunders, 55, was laid off from her job as a secretary in Enron's investment group when Enron went bankrupt Dec. 2. She said Kopper may have been invisible to the public, but the executive with a taste for Armani suits was known in the company.

"People talked about him all the time," she said. "I could see a lot of that stuff going on, but I never would have guessed in a million years that it was such a house of cards with such greedy, noncaring people."

INTERNATIONAL



Rebel chief Michael Collins stands tall again in Ireland

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press Writer

CLONAKILTY, Ireland — Eighty years after former comrades assassinated Michael Collins, the pragmatic rebel mastermind of Ireland's fight for independence was honored Thursday with his first public statue — a measure of how long it has taken for the wounds of civil war to heal.

Senior figures from Ireland's two major parties, drawn from opposite sides of that brutal 1922-23 conflict, joined more than 5,000 visitors and the actor Liam Neeson to unveil a bronze likeness of Collins in Clonakilty, his home village in West Cork.

"In Collins's day the buck always seemed to stop with him. He is my hero. He still inspires me," said Neeson, the Northern Ireland-born star who portrayed the Irish Republican Army commander in the 1996 film "Michael Collins."

Historians and politicians increasingly laud Collins, who was killed Aug. 22,

1922, in a roadside ambush. Aged just 32 but already a general, he commanded the army of the fledgling Irish Free State.

"He was the George Washington of Ireland," said Tom Morrissey, a retired American policeman who led U.S. fundraising efforts for the 12-foot, \$100,000 Clonakilty monument. "It's crazy that he's never had a proper statue before."

All sides agree Collins helped organize the Irish Republican Army into an effective guerrilla force in the 1919-21 war of independence against Britain. He became an expert intelligence gatherer, directing a wave of assassinations of senior police agents in Dublin.

But Collins was branded a traitor by hard-line colleagues when he accepted a 1921 treaty with Britain that stopped short of independence but laid foundations for the modern Irish state. Collins famously conceded that by signing the document, "I may have signed my own death warrant."

His political nemesis, Eamon de Valera, led IRA die-hards against the

treaty. In a cutthroat civil war, Collins' Free State Army crushed the anti-treaty faction, but de Valera survived to become Ireland's dominant politician of the 20th century — prime minister or president for most years from 1932 to 1972.

Ireland remains divided between fans of the practical Collins, whose pro-treaty colleagues founded the declining Fine Gael, and admirers of the intellectual, uncompromising "Dev" — whose Fianna Fail party is the perennial vote-winner. The new Fianna Fail leader, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, backed the Collins statue project.

"You'd never have had this statue put up while Dev was alive," said Dan O'Riordan, who traveled Thursday from a nearby village to join the pro-Collins crowd. "And I'd put good odds on somebody trying to tear it down again."

De Valera suppressed efforts to mark Collins' contribution to the Irish Free State, which de Valera rechristened "Eire"

in a 1937 constitution. Twelve years later the state broke all ties with Britain and declared itself a republic.

Collins' reputation has soared with the past decade's peacemaking in Northern Ireland, a British state forged at the behest of its Protestant majority several months before Collins accepted the 1921 treaty.

The modern Provisional IRA, founded in 1969 to overthrow Northern Ireland, called a cease-fire that spurred the 1998 peace accord there. As part of the deal, the Republic of Ireland abandoned de Valera's constitutional clause claiming the north as Irish territory.

Yet before Thursday, the state had approved few honors to Collins: two busts in public parks, statues hidden in two army barracks named after him, and a minor street in Dublin. The state also bought the Collins' ancestral home outside Clonakilty and funded a historical center that opened there in 1990, the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Brazil creates world's largest tropical national park

BY MICHAEL ASTOR

Associated Press Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil

— A northern swath of Amazon rainforest bigger than Maryland and likely containing a treasure trove of undiscovered animal, insect and plant species became the world's largest tropical national park Thursday.

President Fernando Henrique Cardoso signed a decree creating the Tumucumaque (too-moo-koo-MAH-kee) Mountains National Park covering a virtually uninhabited region of virgin rainforest in Amapa state, along Brazil's northern borders with Surinam and Guyana.

Tumucumaque, which means "the rock on top of the mountain"

in the language of the Apalai and Wayana Indians, covers 9.6 million acres of forest-blanketed mountains with granite outcroppings rising up to 2,300 feet above the forest canopy.

"With the creation of Tumucumaque Mountains National Park, we are ensuring the protection of one of the most pristine forests remaining in the world," Cardoso said. "Plants and animals that may be endangered elsewhere will continue to thrive in our forests forever."

The move is one of several environmental measures the government is preparing ahead of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which starts Monday in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Cardoso also signed several laws regulating the use of genetic material gathered from

Brazil's immense variety of plant and animal species.

At the 10-day summit, Cardoso is expected to announce the Amazon Region Protected Areas program, putting nearly 200,000 square miles — including Tumucumaque — under federal protection in national parks and sustainable development reserves.

Tumucumaque park is 568,000 acres larger than Sloga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo, previously the world's largest tropical park.

The forest is inhabited by jaguars, sloths, giant armadillos, anteaters, harpy owls and black spider monkeys. Scientists know of at least eight primate species, 350 bird species and 37 types of lizard living in the park.

"I don't have any doubt the park will yield new species," said Jose Pedro de Oliveira

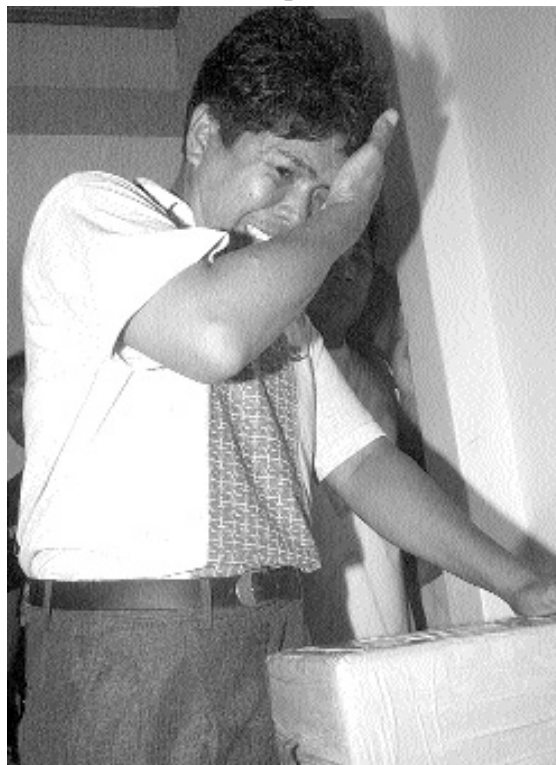
Costa, secretary for biodiversity and forests at Brazil's Environment Ministry.

A number of environmental groups helped create the park, including the World Wide Fund for Nature and Conservation International.

"The park is very important because it helps consolidate one of the world's last roadless wildernesses," said Roberto Cavalcanti, director of Conservation International in Brazil. "Much of the Amazon is still wild, but there are roads running through it."

In much of the Amazon, roads have accelerated destruction of the forest by providing access for settlers, prospectors and loggers. Deforestation has destroyed about 15 percent of Brazil's Amazon rainforest, which today covers about 1.35 million square miles.

A brother weeps



Pat Roque/Associated Press

Andronico Montulo weeps as he holds the box containing the head of his younger brother Lemuel Montulo Thursday at a funeral parlor in Zamboanga City, southern Philippines. Lemuel and five other Jehovah's Witnesses were abducted by the Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf group. The extremists beheaded Lemuel and another male captive and dumped their heads in a public market, authorities said Thursday.

Scientists clone pigs lacking certain gene for organ transplant research

BY EMMA ROSS

AP Medical Writer

LONDON — The prospect of pigs providing humans with an endless supply of compatible organs for transplant seemed one step closer Thursday after scientists announced they have cloned piglets lacking both copies of the gene that makes the human immune system reject pig tissue.

PPL Therapeutics PLC, the Scottish company that in 1997 helped make Dolly the sheep, the first mammal cloned from adult cells, announced that four healthy piglets with both copies of the gene "knocked out" were born July 25 at the company's U.S. subsidiary in Blacksburg, Va.

A fifth piglet died shortly after birth of unknown causes, the company said.

In United States, Britain and other countries, organ failure is the major cause of death and disability and — except for the kidney — the only treatment is transplantation. Because of the shortage of human organs, a fraction of people who need transplants get them, and many die while waiting.

In the United States more than 80,000 people are awaiting an organ transplant. Last year, about 24,000 transplants were performed and 6,000 people died waiting for their operations.

"Developing another source of organs would have a profound impact on society, so from a practical perspective this is a very important advance," said Dr. Jeffrey L. Platt, head of transplantation biology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. "And even if it doesn't solve the problem, it will answer very important questions in the field."

In January, PPL Therapeutics and competitor Immerge BioTherapeutics both said they had created pigs that lack one of the two copies of the critical gene, called the GGTA1 gene. That step proved that the science was possible.

The GGTA1 gene makes a sugar called alpha-1-galactose, which lines pig blood vessels. Because it is nearly identical to a bacterial sugar, the human immune system attacks it. Pig organs transplanted into people would be destroyed almost instantly.

"People believe that the difference between the human heart, which doesn't have the sugar, and the pig's heart, which does, is an evolutionary process," said Geoff Cook, chief executive officer of PPL Therapeutics.

Cook predicted that studies testing pig organs in humans could start within two years — two years sooner than predicted earlier this year before the double knockout experiment.



SPORTS

Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh have something to defend

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

SAMMAMISH, Wash. — Tiger Woods isn't the only defending champion this week in the NEC Invitational.

The last time a field of world-class players was at Sahalee Country Club, Vijay Singh took advantage of a nice kick in the trees in the final round and held off Steve Stricker to win the 1998 PGA Championship, his first major title.

"The trees are still there," Singh said Wednesday.

The rest of his memories are a blur. He remembers the course being drier and the skies a little more blue than they have been the first two days this week. He didn't hit driver but a few times per round, and that probably won't change.

Oh, yes, and he remembers holding the Wanamaker Trophy at the end of the week.

"I couldn't do any better than '98," he said with a laugh.

A different trophy is on the line when the \$5 million World Golf Championship gets under way Thursday.

The trophy is named after Gary Player, although it has belonged only to Woods.

He won the inaugural NEC Invitational by one stroke over Phil Mickelson, won the following year in a nail-biter — 11 strokes over Hal Sutton — and then made it three in a row by beating Jim Furyk in a seven-hole playoff.

The other constant about the NEC Invitational: Firestone.

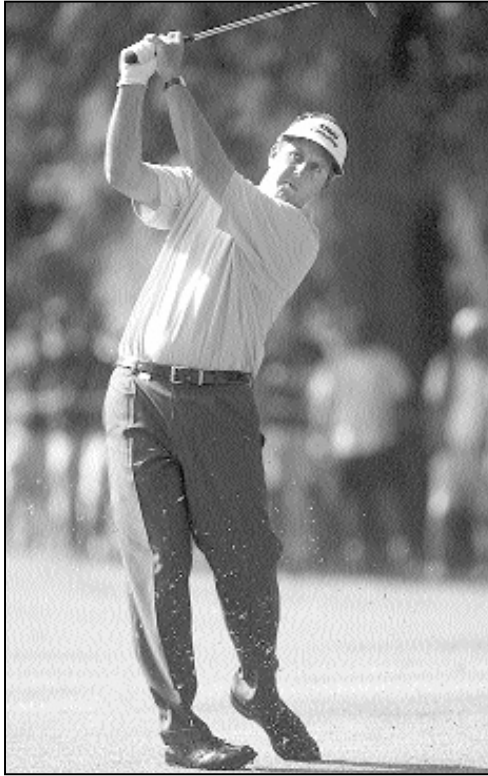
It replaced the old World Series of Golf on the schedule, and Woods has turned Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, into his personal playground. He shot in the 60s his last eight rounds at Firestone.

But when Woods stepped onto the first tee Wednesday morning before most folks in Seattle had their first cup of coffee, it didn't take long for the three-time defending champion to realize he wasn't in Ohio any more.

"It's different playing up in the Pacific Northwest," he said. "The ball doesn't fly quite as far because the air is a little bit heavier. I hit a lot of 7-irons from 150. The 7-iron I hit last week (in the PGA Championship) on Sunday at 17 was 195."

That will be one of the challenges as he tries to become the first player in 75 years to win the same event four years in a row.

Walter Hagen won the PGA Championship from 1924-27, a match-play major that was played at French Lick in



Lauren McFalls/Associated Press
Phil Mickelson hits off the third fairway Thursday at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash., during the NEC Invitational.

Indiana; Olympia Fields outside Chicago; Salisbury Golf Club on Long Island; and Cedar Crest in Dallas.

Woods has gone Firestone, Firestone, Firestone — and now faces Sahalee, where he broke par just once in four

days in the 1998 PGA and tied for 10th.

"I'd like it to be at Firestone. I've played well there," he said. "The Northwest has also been very good to me. I've always played well in the Pacific Northwest."

One of those occasions was at Pumpkin Ridge in Oregon, where he won an unprecedented third straight U.S. Amateur title and then turned professional two days later.

That was six years ago.

Since then, Woods has won 33 times on the PGA Tour and eight majors, became the youngest man (24) to complete the career Grand Slam and the only man to win all four professional majors in a row.

He has won four of the eight World Golf Championship events he has played (that count for official money), although this one holds a little extra meaning.

"You don't think about winning a tournament four straight years," he said. "I've been lucky enough so far to have won it three times. To win it four, that's pushing to elite company. I'd like to be a part of that list."

Woods had a chance to join Hagen earlier this year in Ohio, but stumbled in the first couple of rounds at the Memorial and his three-year reign ended with him tying for 22nd place, eight strokes behind Furyk.

"Memorial ... I didn't really seem to put it together there," he said. "But this week, at least I'm playing a little bit better going into the tournament than I was at Memorial. I played well the last couple of weeks, and hopefully it continues."

The course isn't the only change.

The NEC Invitational, formerly for only Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup players, expanded its field to include the top 50 in the world ranking and winners of selected tournaments throughout the year. The result is a 78-man field, up from an average of 39 players the first three years.

As for Sahalee, it is more about position than power, with thick branches of Douglas Firs and cedars making the fairways look even more narrow.

"You still walk up the 18th fairway single file," Scott Verplank said. "This kind of course should bring more guys into it. It's not like Muirfield, but it's not a bombers' paradise. You've got to curve the ball between trees and bunkers."

Woods never had to do much of that at Firestone, yet another reminder that he's no longer in Ohio the last week of August.

UCLA Bruins enter new season with two simple goals

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — The UCLA Bruins shot for the top last year. They wound up shooting themselves in the foot.

Now, as they prepare for the upcoming season, the Bruins are trying to keep it simple.

"My realistic goal is to have team unity," UCLA coach Bob Toledo said. "And we want to win the upcoming game."

The Bruins, who have 11 returning starters plus their punter and place-kicker, figure they have a lot to prove after a disastrous finish last season.

Ranked 17th in The Associated Press preseason poll, the Bruins won their first six games to rise to fourth in the rankings. With each victory, Toledo and his players spoke of winning the Pac-10 title and competing for the national championship.

Then came four losses in their final five games, including a 27-0 blowout at the hands of crosstown rival Southern California.

"I want to put the past behind me," Toledo said. "This is a new football team. When you lose 23 seniors — a lot of good football players — people assume you're going to be in a rebuilding mode. That is not the case."

The demise of the 2001 Bruins began with close losses on the road to Stanford and Washington State — good teams who played in bowl games.

"We set all those goals, dropping those games took a lot of the wind out of our sails," offensive tackle Bryce Bohlander said.

Next, star tailback DeShaun Foster, a Heisman Trophy candidate, was suspended indefinitely for driving a new sport-utility vehicle being leased by an actor.

Without Foster, the Bruins lost 21-20 to Oregon, which went on to win the Pac-10 title and finish the season ranked second in the country. Then came the humbling setback to USC before UCLA finished the year by beating Arizona State 52-42.

Even with a 7-4 record, the Bruins didn't play in a bowl game.

There were off-field embarrassments as well.

First came the suspension of Foster. Then, two days before the USC game, Toledo was told starting quarterback Cory

Paus faced four days of jail time.

Paus kept from Toledo the fact that he'd been fined and placed on probation for a misdemeanor conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol — his second such offense in two years.

Paus, a senior who has made 24 career starts, played ineffectively against USC, then was benched for the Arizona State game.

Paus enters his senior year under Toledo's scrutiny, but barring injury or further problems will be the starting quarterback. A redshirt freshman and two true freshmen are his competitors for the job.

"Cory knows he doesn't have a lot of room for error," Toledo said. "He's been very impressive this summer. I honestly

believe with Cory right now I've got a great rapport. He doesn't have a bigger backer than me right now."

Saying he's in the best physical shape of his life, Paus took responsibility for his mistakes and said he's focusing on the future.

"I've taken care of my business," he said. "I'll always feel horrible about what I put people through. I'm here. Before I got in trouble, when I was younger, I had some great games, showed some signs of greatness."

Barring ineffectiveness, Paus figures to move into second place behind Cade McNown in career passing yardage, completions and possibly touchdown passes at UCLA.

McGill, Ammaccapane share first-round lead

By The Associated Press

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Jill McGill and Danielle Ammaccapane shot 6-under 66s Thursday and shared the lead after the first round of the Betsy King Classic.

McGill, who an eagle and six birdies, was 7 under heading to the final hole, but she missed a 6-foot par putt to drop into the tie.

"I'm going to go out and buy a lottery ticket," said McGill, who is seeking the first victory of her seven-year career. "I had some luck out there today. It has been an up and down year. Maybe my hard work is starting to pay off."

McGill's eagle 2 came on her 14th hole when she made a pitting wedge from 110 yards.

Ammaccapane, who didn't have a bogey, is looking to end a four-year drought with the eighth victory of her LPGA career.

"I felt pretty comfortable out there," Ammaccapane said. "I was never between clubs and never really in trouble out there

today. Certainly, I will take this for a first round."

Michelle McGann, Carri Wood, Wendy Doolan and Michelle Ellis all had 67s. Monica Dunn, Susan Ginter-Brooker, Wendy Doolan and Stefania Croce were at 68.

McGill hopes luck can help turn her whirlwind year around, one that featured an invitation to pose in Playboy earlier in the season. She has missed her last two cuts and her best finish this year was a tie for 12th in the Women's U.S. Open.

"That's not an issue anymore," McGill said of the Playboy proposal. "It was very valid. But it proved to be distracting. Now, I want to get in focus. Actually, I thought I played pretty well when I missed those two cuts."

Rachel Teske, the 1998 Betsy King champion, led a group of six at 69.

Defending champion Heather Daly-Donofrio had six bogeys in a 76 and the tournament host was at 73.



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Calendar

Friday, August 23, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
Blue Crush (PG-13) 11:15, 1:00, 2:20, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15, *Blood Work* (R) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00, *Simone* (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45.

Mann Critterion
1313 Third St.
The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) 8:15, 10:30, *Minority Report* (PG-13) 11:50, 3:15, 7:10, 10:20, *Austin Powers in Goldmember* (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG-13) 11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50, *XXX* (PG-13) 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:35, *Little Secrets* (PG) 12:15, 3:00, 6:00.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
The Bourne Identity (PG-13) 12:30, 5:15, 10:15, *Signs* (PG-13) 1:00, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:25, *The Master of Disguise* (PG) 3:10, 8:00, *Road to Perdition* (R) 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:05, *K-11: The Widowmaker* (PG-13) 7:00, 10:00, *Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams* (PG) 12:55, 3:50, 7:05, 9:35, *Serving Sara* (PG-13) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Kid Stays in the Picture (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30, *Mostly Martha* (PG) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Tadpole (PG-13) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:55, *The Good Girl* (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55, *Possession* (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15, *24 Hour Party People* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
Read My Lips (NR) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

Today

Community

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.

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Classes/ Lectures

Michael York at Barnes & Noble, 1201 3rd Street, 7:30 p.m. Actor Michael York discusses his book, "Dispatches from Armageddon: Making the Movie 'Megiddo' ... a Devilish Diary. (310)260-9110

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Saturday

Community

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