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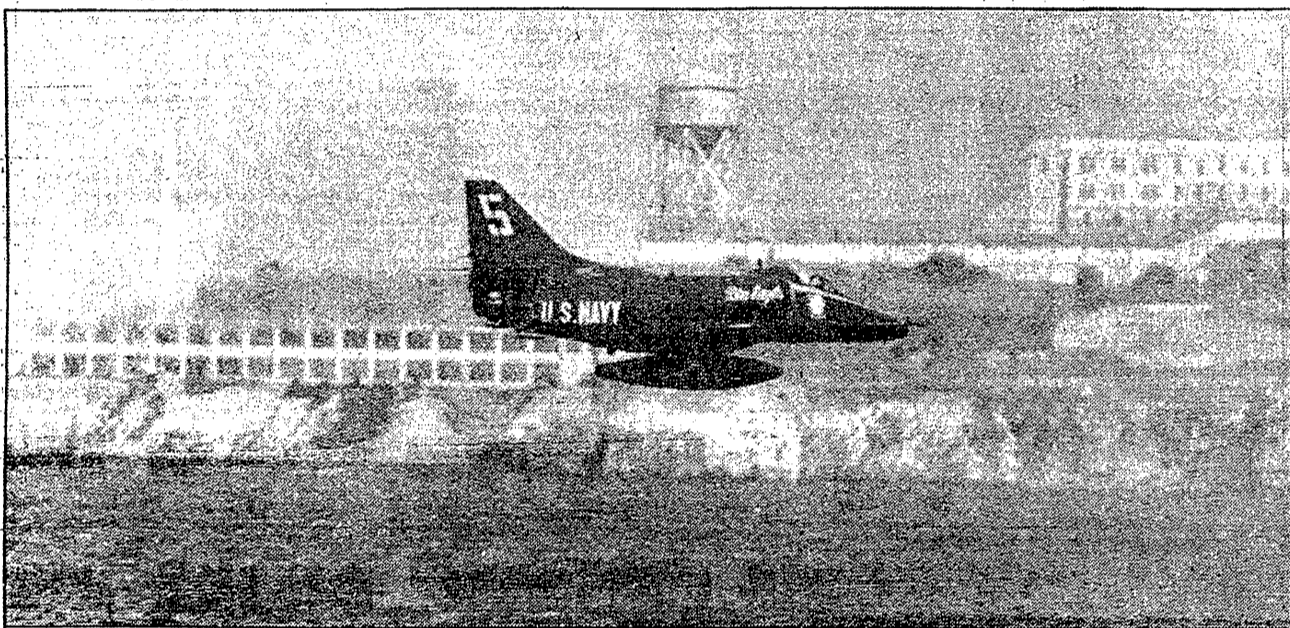
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Navy Gets S.F. Buzzing



By Peter Breinig

Blue Angel No. 5 made a pass over the bay between Alcatraz and Fort Mason — less than 20 feet above the water

Devilish Surprise by the Blue Angels

By Kevin Leary

The Navy's Blue Angels precision flying team roared low over downtown San Francisco for a half-hour yesterday afternoon, rattling windows, startling pigeons and creating excitement, anger and dismay among tens of thousands of people who were surprised by the impromptu air show.

Among those indignant over the hot-shot fliers' low passes over the skyline was Mayor Dianne Feinstein, who had not been warned about them. About 2 p.m., the ear-ringing roar of the six A-4 fighters echoed through the City Hall rotunda, followed by a barrage of complaining telephone calls.

"The mayor was concerned that so many people were frightened," said her spokes-

man, Tom Eastham. "She got on the telephone to the Navy and ordered them to bring those planes down."

Feinstein, a great Navy booster, knew that the Blue Angels were going to be practicing over the Bay for today's Fleet Week aerobatic demonstration, said Eastham, but she had no idea they would be buzzing the

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'Hybrid' Proposal

New Sales Tax Plan for Helping Cities, Counties

By Steve Wiegand  
Chronicle Correspondent

Sacramento

Tax officials in Sacramento yesterday presented an intricate plan they said would lower California's 6 percent sales tax rate, increase revenues for cities and counties and not cost state government any money.

The proposal was broached by Board of Equalization member Conway Collis and Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee Chairman Thomas Hannigan, D-Fairfield. It would accomplish two seemingly contradictory feats partly by imposing the lowered sales tax rate on some currently exempt items.

Collis said the proposal, a hybrid of other tax plans that have surfaced this year, would be the subject of hearings by the board and members of Hannigan's committee, starting later this month around the state.

The hearings will mark the first time the Board of Equalization, which administers most of the state's taxes, and legislators, who write tax laws, have met jointly to consider changes in the tax structure.

The new proposal, which would require approval of both the Legislature and Governor Deukmejian, would work like this:

- The current 6 percent basic sales tax rate is divided between the state and local governments, with the state receiving 4% cents and cities and counties sharing the revenues from the remaining 1% cent.

Under the new plan, the total rate would drop to 5% cents. The local share would remain at 1% cents, but the state's share would drop to 4% cents.

- The revenue loss to the state caused by the lowered rate would be offset by increasing the number of goods and services on which the sales tax is applied, such as hotel and motel lodging, tickets to movies, video arcade game receipts and cold prepared food sold to go.

Under current law, food that is heated and sold to be eaten off the premises is taxable, but the same food left unheated is not. For example, a hot pastrami sandwich prepared to go at a delicatessen is taxable, but a cold ham sandwich prepared at the same deli to go is not.

- Although local governments' share of the sales tax rate would remain at 1% cents, their revenues would increase by an estimated \$125 million, because the number of

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Toyota-GM Fremont Deal Hits a Snag

By Peter Dworkin

Toyota Motor Corp. is refusing to turn over key financial records to the Federal Trade Commission, a stance that is delaying and could even scuttle approval of its joint automaking venture with General Motors at Fremont.

"It's at an impasse, and the next move is up to the FTC," a

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Ted Turner Buys Rival Cable Service

New York

Ted Turner, the Atlanta-based cable entrepreneur, announced yesterday that he had purchased his only challenger in the cable news business, the Satellite News Channels.

Satellite News, a 24-hour headline service, will shut down October 27 after little more than a year in operation and an estimated loss of more than \$40 million.

The two owners of Satellite News, the American Broadcasting Co. and the Westinghouse Electric Corp., will receive \$25 million for the venture.

"It's a tremendous coup," said

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New Stadium Could Be Most Expensive in U.S.

By Richard R. Leger  
Economics Editor

The projected cost of publicly financing a new San Francisco sports stadium in China Basin has soared more than 43 percent to \$265 million in just nine months, according to the inch-thick report released by Mayor Dianne Feinstein's task force.

The cost would make the ballpark by far the most expensive ever built in the United States. The Superdome in New Orleans currently holds that distinction.

The jump in expected costs stems from development difficulties on the site the mayor has recommended, plus more explicit data than were available in previous estimates, city officials said.

Feinstein, in releasing the report, said 14 sites were studied before the task force settled on a plot bounded by Second, Third and King streets and the north shore of China Basin.

This site, identified as Site 7, was ranked as fourth-best. The best location, called Site 14, lies adjacent to the west, and is owned by Southern Pacific Land Co.

Southern Pacific, however, is planning to use that parcel as part of its huge Mission Bay project "and to this date has rejected suggestions for redesigning Mission Bay plans to include a new stadium on Site 14," the report to the mayor said.

"From a technical point of view, we think Site 14 is superior."

said Dean Macris, San Francisco's planning director and a task force member. "One reason is that soil conditions are better. Second, it would be less jarring to the South Beach Project, which is under way."

That project, he said, is a redevelopment effort that includes about 2500 housing units. "If Site 7 is selected, some adjustment would have to occur with the (South Beach) program."

Macris said the city has not broken off talks with Southern Pacific in efforts to obtain the use of Site 14 for a stadium.

"In our conversations with Southern Pacific, I would characterize it as 'not a flat no,' and I would not completely rule out Site 14. But what the mayor wanted to make clear is that there is an acceptable location for the stadium."

As for the overall cost, esti-

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Orioles Win, 4-1



John Lowenstein of the Orioles watched his fifth-inning home run

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■ Winning Pitcher: Mike Boddicker

■ Home Runs: John Lowenstein, Orioles.

■ Losing Pitcher: Charles Hudson

■ Series is tied at 1 game each.

Beverly Hills Bus Ban Halts Movie Star Tours

Los Angeles

Those ever-popular bus tours to the homes of movie stars, coveted by Midwestern sightseers and parodied in television sit-coms, screeched to a halt yesterday at the Beverly Hills city limits.

The city won court permission to boot the buses of Gray Line Tour

Co., Starline Tours Inc., Funbus Systems Inc. and the Pinetree Service Corp. off its quiet, tree-lined streets.

"It means we are looking probably at being put out of our business in Beverly Hills the way it has been operated for the last 57 years," said Wesley G. Beverlin, attorney for the giant Gray Line, which led the bus companies to court.

Beverlin said the tour bus operators will consider appealing the decision by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Leon Savitch, but he was not optimistic.

Gray Line President Donald McCammack, in a written statement to the judge, was even gloomier about the prospect of eliminating the tours that pass by popular

stars' homes.

"Stated simply," McCammack said, "our company's ability to continue to be able to render sightseeing tour service to Beverly Hills is vital to its very survival."

Over the past five years, McCammack said, the stars' homes tour lured 39 percent of the com-

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# Blue Angels' Surprise Has the City Buzzing

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city. "She's happy to have them fly over the bay," said Eastham, who conceded that the mayor has no legal authority to order the planes out of San Francisco's airspace. "She just doesn't want them flying over the city."

A Navy spokesman said that the practice session was over before Feinstein's order to cease and desist arrived at Treasure Island, headquarters for the 12th Naval District.

The jets, it turns out, took off from Salinas yesterday, just as they will today, because there is an air show there also.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration usually outlaws all low-level aerial hot-dogging over cities, the Navy had obtained a waiver for yesterday's practice session over San Francisco.

"Aircraft are usually not allowed to fly lower than 1000 feet above the highest obstacle on the ground (the 853-foot-tall Transamerica Pyramid)," said Jack Ryan, FAA traffic manager in Oakland. "But the Navy obtained a waiver between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to fly from the surface to 3000 feet."

Ryan said the Blue Angels have a similar waiver for today between 11:30 a.m. and noon, when they will put on their spectacular precision flying demonstration over the bay, just off Crissy Field and the Marina Green on the water's edge.

The pilots, among the best in the Navy and Marine Corps, will pass over the city again today — but in a less dramatic fashion — during the air show marking the beginning of Fleet Week and celebrating the 208th birthday of the Navy.

The best vantage point for today's exhibition will be Crissy Field, the Marina Green, Pier 39 and the Marin Headlands.

Today's demonstration will have to be spectacular to beat yesterday's performance when the dark blue jets came screaming over the city like a surprise attack.

Pedestrians stopped in their tracks and gawked as the planes — singly and in diamond formation — swept over the city.

"I thought it was the Russians coming when I heard the jets," said Diane Comer, who works for a computer leasing firm on California Street. "I thought Reagan had done something and we were going to get it. But I didn't hear anything on the radio and later someone said it was the Blue Angels."

Workers in Financial District highrise offices rushed to windows



Photos by Susan Gilbert

DIANE COMER WORKS ON CALIFORNIA STREET  
'I thought it was the Russians coming'



TOM HENDRYK  
'It didn't bother me a bit'

and were thrilled by the sight of the planes flying over the northern waterfront at eye-level and below. The planes seemed to zoom only feet above Coit Tower, and then

skimmed across the bay.

"I thought it was fantastic, great," said Dianne Leger, an executive secretary with the Royal Viking Line on the 39th floor of the Embarcadero One building. "Everyone thought it was great. Someone said, 'Hey look, here come the Hell's Angels.'"

Her pal and co-worker, Marianne Stanchfield, said she was startled by the racket, then she was afraid the pilots would crash.

"Here we just finished celebrating the 50th anniversary of Coit Tower, and I thought they were going to wipe it out, they were flying so low," said Stanchfield. "It was really exciting. I didn't get much work done after that."

"There was disruption in the downtown offices," said Sid Lewis, who watched from an upper-story window of the One California Street building. "But it was a pleasant disruption."

Not for everyone. One 80-year-old woman called the FAA and complained that the sound of the jets shrieking over her home had sent her poodle into a whining frenzy. She said that she herself was so upset that she might die.

The woman said she left a note by her bedside blaming the FAA for her death if she did not make it through the night.

"I didn't like it," said Margaret Fuller, an occupational therapist who was walking down Chestnut Street when the jets flew over. "I had a feeling of anger because it was a reminder of the amount of money we're funneling into defense rather than social services. This is what my tax dollars are paying for?"

The Police Department received about 500 calls between 1:30 and 2:30 yesterday afternoon, San Francisco International Airport recorded 200, and The Chronicle switchboard was swamped with curious and worried callers wondering what was going on overhead.

"It didn't bother me a bit," said Tom Hendryk, who works for IBM. "My manager was doing a review of my job performance at the time, and he seemed to enjoy the Blue Angels. I think I got a better rating out of it because he was in a good mood."

Elaine Caram, who was en route to a weightlifting session at her health club in the Marina when she heard the jets, said: "I heard them and thought how safe we are to have our own jets flying overhead."

## Mexico to End Shrimp Ban

Mexico City

A four-month ban on shrimp-ing off Mexico's Pacific coast ends Saturday, the government announced.

The ban was put into effect June 1 after studies by the National Fishing Institute showed a need to protect the shrimp population. The decision to lift the ban was made by the Fishing Department, the Urban Development and Ecology Department and fishing cooperatives.

Associated Press

## Worker Pleads Not Guilty to Bashing Boss

A Lake Merritt concession worker, arrested with his pockets full of \$20 bills, pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges that he had bashed his popular employer in the head and stolen more than \$4000 from the concession's safe.

Avon Conaway, 20, of Oakland, had originally told police he was busy taking out the garbage when the morning assault occurred at Lakeside Inn on September 28.

Last Friday the \$4-an-hour worker, carrying \$600 in cash, was arrested after flunking a lie detector test, Oakland Police Sergeant Jerry Harris said.

The concession manager, Shirley Gervasoni, 43, is an "institution," known to strollers and joggers at the Lake Merritt park for 23 years, Harris said. She is recuperating at a Redwood City hospital from a hole smashed in the back of the skull by a blunt instrument.

She had complained in recent years of the growing problem of dope-dealing and muggings in the area and had planned to retire next month, he said.

Conaway remains in jail on \$28,000 bail, and is due back in Oakland Municipal Court for a pre-trial hearing October 20. He faces charges of armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and burglary, all with great bodily injury clauses. Police are investigating at least one other suspect, Harris said.

The day after the attack, Conaway "called in too upset over the robbery to come to work," but he was spotted in San Leandro buying a stereo with 300 separate \$1 bills, Harris said.

Conaway was carrying mostly \$20 bills when arrested, Harris said. The stolen cash consisted primarily of twenties and ones, he said.

## Tara Burke Case

# Kidnap Lawyer's Court Revelation

By Randy Shiltz

One of the two men charged with the abduction and sexual abuse of Tara Burke has admitted committing the crimes, a lawyer said yesterday in the first day of the pair's trial in San Francisco Superior Court.

The revelation came during the early stages of jury selection for one of the most repelling child molestation cases in recent memory.

Prosecutors have charged Luis Johnson, 34, and Alex Cabarga, 18, with abducting Tara Burke, then 2, from a Concord shopping center in February 1982.

In addition, the two are accused of enticing Mac Lin, an 11-year-old Vietnamese refugee boy, into Johnson's dingy van where both children spent most of last year, allegedly as the sexual playthings of the two men.

Cabarga, attired in a sweater, corduroy slacks and sneakers, stared somberly at the floor for most of the day. The youth has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to 151 felony counts of kidnaping and sexual molestation.

During preliminary questioning of jurors, Cabarga's court-appointed attorney, James Collins, said his testimony would show that Cabarga himself had been beaten and sexually abused during the nine years he lived with Johnson.

"The evidence will show that Alex Cabarga committed the acts he is accused of," Collins said. "The evidence will show Alex Cabarga

has admitted that he committed the acts he is accused of."

Collins questioned the first 12 potential jurors on their views of psychiatrists and psychiatry.

A preliminary roster of potential witnesses for the trial includes the names of 10 psychiatrists, notably Dr. Martin Blinder, who has frequently testified in insanity cases. Blinder, to whom Collins specifically referred in his questioning, was a key defense witness for Dan White's controversial diminished-capacity plea four years ago.

Dressed in a natty gray suit, Johnson looked around the courtroom yesterday and smiled occasionally as lawyers quizzed potential jurors. Johnson has pleaded not guilty to 160 charges of kidnaping, assault and sexual abuse.

Johnson's public defender, Robert Berman, asked jurors about the extensive publicity that surrounded the Tara Burke kidnaping and the capture last year of Cabarga and Johnson.

Seven of the 12 people put on a prospective jury panel yesterday indicated they had heard about the case.

"I read the articles very carefully," said one 66-year-old woman who was later excused as a juror. "It would be very difficult for me not to be prejudiced."

Prosecution and defense lawyers tangled over another juror, a retired lieutenant from the San Francisco Fire Department who said he and his wife "were appalled by what happened." The man said, however, that he could fairly judge whether the specific criminal charges were true.

Berman and Collins challenged the man's seating. Judy Whitmer, assistant district attorney, responded. "The allegations in and of themselves are appalling. But he's made clear that this will not enter into his decision."

Superior Court Judge Robert Dossee said he would rule later on the juror's suitability.

"We shouldn't even have to choose among people who come in with that frame of mind," said Berman during the proceedings.

Lawyers for both sides said they expect the defense to ask Dossee again to move the trial out of San Francisco because of the publicity. A Municipal Court judge had previously ruled against such a motion, but Dossee could reconsider that decision.

Jury selection will continue today at the Hall of Justice.

## Crash After Suspect Flees San Jose Cops — Child Dies

A 9-month-old child was killed and his mother critically injured yesterday when their car was hit by the car that was being chased by police through San Jose.

The child, who was strapped in the front seat of the car, was identified as William Wesley Martinez, of San Jose.

The infant's mother, Lorraine Martinez, 23, was undergoing surgery late last night at San Jose Hospital and was listed as critical. Police said she is pregnant.

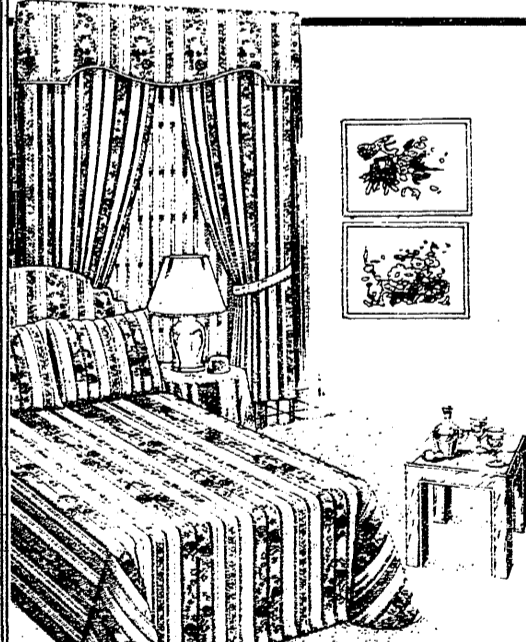
The car carrying the mother

and child was broadsided at 19th and Empire streets. The impact of the crash knocked both cars onto the sidewalk, police said.

Police arrested David Jesse Olivas, 28, of San Jose at the scene. Police said he was driving a stolen car and that he tried to run away after the crash. He was charged with homicide, auto theft, and felony hit and run.

The incident began shortly after 6 p.m. at the intersection of Third and Hensley streets where police said Olivas ran a red light and refused to stop for officers.

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## Methanol Bus Is Towed To Its Debut

By Jackson Rannells

Like a deb with the jitters, the Golden Gate Bridge District's new, experimental methanol-powered bus died several deaths on its way to coming-out ceremonies yesterday at the bridge's southern view plaza.

Faulty fuel injectors caused so-called Methanol 1 to stall once on the bridge and again off the bridge. Finally, a tow truck hauled it unceremoniously to the ceremony.

Embarrassed officials canceled the planned demonstration rides for a bevy of politicians, transportation executives and bridge district directors.

"This doesn't mean that methanol is not the fuel of the future," said state Energy Commission Chairman Charles Imbrecht, striving to restore an upbeat tempo to the ceremony.

"BART had its problems at the start, too," added state Senator Milton Marks. "If I can't ride the bus today, I'll be glad to ride it on some other occasion."

The bridge district has volunteered to conduct a fully subsidized one-year test of Methanol 1, a conventional 41-seat General Motors bus with an experimental engine that is billed as the world's first compression-ignition methanol engine.

It operates without spark-plugs, like a diesel engine. But methanol burns cleanly, and the bus is expected to produce none of the black smoke and air-polluting gases that its diesel counterparts do.

Methanol is an alcohol fuel that can be produced from natural gas, coal, peat or even garbage.

However, it has a lower energy output than diesel fuel. It also costs more to drive a methanol-powered bus a given distance at current prices.

The bridge district pays 82 cents a gallon for diesel fuel. The bulk price for methanol is 57 cents a gallon, but it takes almost two gallons of methanol to drive a bus as far as it goes on one gallon of diesel.

But the Energy Commission's Imbrecht lauded methanol as the best long-run bet for a domestically produced, low-pollution replacement for petroleum fuels.

The commission, General Motors and Celanese Chemical Co., a major producer of methanol, are sharing the estimated \$500,000 cost of the Methanol 1 experiment.

It will be used on all the district's commuter bus runs and compared with its diesel counterparts for fuel economy, exhaust emissions, reliability and engine durability.

Methanol 1 is scheduled to go into regular service early next month.

However, after yesterday's faltering debut, Wayne Diggs, superintendent of bus maintenance for the district, said the bus will not be used for passenger service "until all the bugs are worked out."