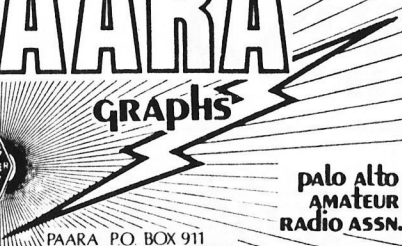


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## Tyson is sentenced to 6 years

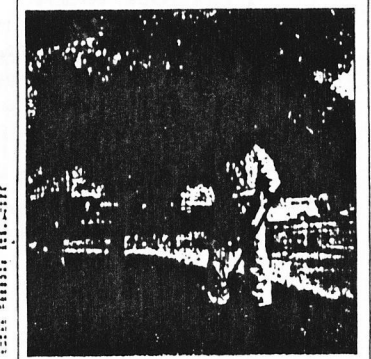
INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — The 21-year-old Tyson was sentenced to six years in prison for the murder of a woman. The judge said Tyson was a "cold-blooded killer" and that he had no remorse for his crime. Tyson was arrested in 1989 and charged with the murder of a woman in 1988. He was found guilty in 1991 and sentenced to six years in prison. Tyson is currently serving his sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

## More dunes for seals

120 acres to be acquired

BY JAMES H. HARRIS

San Mateo County officials are planning to acquire 120 acres of coastal dunes to provide habitat for seals. The dunes are located in the Redwood City area and are currently being used for residential development. The county is seeking to purchase the dunes to preserve them for wildlife and recreation. The acquisition is part of a larger effort to protect coastal resources in the county.



**Sting operation**  
A team of health care providers performed a sting operation on a patient with a severe allergic reaction to a bee sting. The patient was brought to the hospital and treated with antihistamines and steroids. The sting operation was successful and the patient is recovering well.

## Interest in flat tax grows

BY PAUL WINNER  
CALIFORNIA TIMES

Interest in a flat tax system is growing among California taxpayers. A recent survey found that 60 percent of respondents support a flat tax system. The survey also found that 70 percent of respondents support a flat tax system with a 15 percent rate. The survey was conducted by the California Tax Foundation and is the most comprehensive survey of its kind. The results suggest that a flat tax system is a popular alternative to the current progressive tax system in California.

## Clinton attacks flat tax

Aides believe Brown plan is vulnerable

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bill Clinton has attacked a flat tax proposal, saying it would be "a disaster for the middle class." Clinton's aides believe the proposal is vulnerable to criticism and that they will continue to oppose it. The flat tax proposal was introduced by Sen. Dan Rostenkowski and has gained significant support in Congress. However, Clinton's opposition has put the proposal in jeopardy. Clinton's aides believe that the proposal is too simple and would result in a loss of revenue for the government. They also believe that the proposal would hurt the middle class by eliminating deductions and credits. Clinton's aides are expected to continue to oppose the proposal in the coming months.

## Neighbors might still topple ham's antenna

Court reverses earlier decision in radio operator's favor

BY NANCY SHERMAN

A federal court has reversed its earlier decision in a case involving a radio operator's antenna. The court ruled that the antenna was not a nuisance and that the radio operator has the right to use his property as he sees fit. The case involved a radio operator who had installed a large antenna on his property. His neighbors had complained that the antenna was a nuisance and had sued him. The court ruled in favor of the radio operator, stating that the antenna was a necessary part of his hobby and that it did not interfere with his neighbors' enjoyment of their property. The court also ruled that the antenna was not a nuisance because it did not create any noise or other disturbance. The court's decision is a victory for the radio operator and for other hobbyists who use antennas on their property.

## Dip into Bay Area alphabet soup

BY DAVID HADDEN  
CALIFORNIA TIMES

San Mateo County officials are planning to dip into the Bay Area alphabet soup to fund a new project. The project is a new park in the Redwood City area and is being funded by a combination of state and local funds. The park will be a 100-acre park and will include a playground, a picnic area, and a walking trail. The park is expected to be completed in the next few years. The project is a priority for the county and is expected to provide a valuable recreational area for the community. The county is currently in the process of securing the necessary funding for the project and is expected to complete the project in the next few years.

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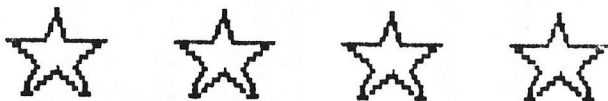
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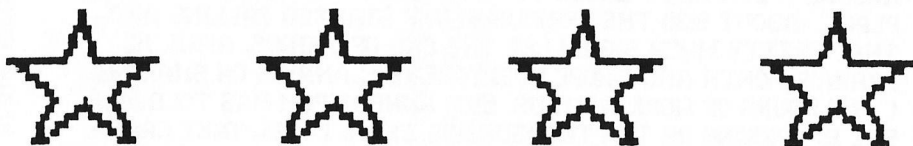
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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



The PAARA Foothill Flea Market is straight ahead with the Big 1992 edition of the W6VG Picnic soon thereafter.... All this on top of "life in the fast lane"! Here's wishing you all a good April and til next month, 73 de Your Editor.



## SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

**-RADAR-**

Subject: PAARA mtg  
Path: KA6JLT

-VIA PACKET FROM ANDY VE3FZK-

Video tape "RADAR-- A history before and around WWII", on how radar evolved from radio, etc. It was shown at the San Mateo club and so well received that it was suggested we've GOT to see it! Marv Sugarman, N6CQU, will bring it and kind of introduce it, so we'll take him out for dinner at the Su Hong.

Also, put a notice about the new "hi tech experimenters" club Apr 8. End Wednesdays from now thru Dec, at AMPEX cafeteria 7PM. Coming mtg topic: PACTOR, a hybrid of AMTOR and PACKET, but 5 times faster! (on HF)

73 Andy

-MEETING FRIDAY APRIL 3RD-

**-RADAR-RADAR-**

# **PRESIDENT'S CORNER DE GERRY WA6LNV**

I WAS SORRY TO HAVE MISSED THE LAST MEETING. I HEARD A LOT OF GOOD COMMENTS ON IT. ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL HAVE A PACKET CAPABILITY AND BE ABLE TO SEND MY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CHUCK N6VFH AUTOMATICALLY. AS YOU ARE READING THIS I WANT YOU TO THINK FLEA MARKET--AS IN FOOTHILL. I ATTEMPTED TO BE A SELLER LAST MONTH (MARCH), BUT BETWEEN PROTECTING MY STUFF FROM THE RAIN AND WANTING TO WALK AROUND A BIT, ALL I ENDED UP WITH WAS A CONVENIENT PARKING PLACE. ABOUT 9:30 THE SERIOUS STUFF STARTED FALLING AND THAT PRETTY MUCH SIGNALLED THE END OF THINGS. APRIL IS PAARA'S MONTH AND I HOPE EVERYONE IS PLANNING ON SHARING 1 OR 2 HOURS OF WORK WITH US. LILY ANNE N6PGM HAS TOLD ME SHE IS WORKING ON THE TREASURER'S TEAM. I WILL TAKE CARE OF ORDERING THE FOOD AND ASSINGNING PEOPLE TO PICK IT UP. WE NEED HELP SELLING SODA, HOTDOGS, ETC., SO SOME OF YOU SHOULD EXPECT A PHONE CALL SOON. I'M SURE WE CAN EXPECT ANDY VE3FZK TO BE OUR TRICYCLE MOBILE ROVING AMBASSADOR AGAIN. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFLUENCE WITH THE WEATHER MAN, PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR US.

I WOULD LIKE TO START A LITTLE SWAP CORNER IN PAARAGRAPHS SO WRITE UP A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR STUFF AND SEND IT TO CHUCK. IF YOU LIST YOUR BARGAINS IN PAARAGRAPHS FIRST THEN YOUR PAARA FRIENDS WILL GET THE FIRST CRACK AT IT. SPEAKING OF BARGAINS, IF ANYONE HAS THE SCHEMATIC FOR A REGENCY 100 WATT 2 METER AMPLIFIER LET ME KNOW. WE HAVE AN EARLY MEETING DAY APRIL 3RD, SO I'LL SEE YOU THERE !

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## Neighbors might still topple ham's antenna

Court reverses earlier  
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By NANCY SOLOMON

Times Staff Writer

FOSTER CITY — Ham radio operator Jim Rich is well versed in the dot-dot-dot, dash-dash-dash, dot-dot-dot of Morse code.

But it may not be time yet for him to send out an SOS to the some 160,000 hams nationwide who are watching to see if he will be able to raise his radio antenna above his roof.

A state appeals court gave a

The court reversed a San Mateo County Superior Court decision that neighbors could not enforce a restrictive covenant forbidding antennas above the rooftops because amateur radio operators are protected by the Federal Communications Commission.

A three-judge panel of the state Court of Appeal held that although the FCC's 1985 rule does bar state and local government agencies from placing unreasonable restrictions on amateur radio operations, the regulation does not prevent the enforcement of private covenants.

Rich's attorneys, however, say

group of Rich's neighbors a second chance Friday to block him from raising a 46-foot antenna in his side yard for his ham radio system.

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gested by the appeals court, and argue that the restrictive covenant is unreasonable. Or he could appeal the decision to the California Supreme Court.

Whatever the strategy, some 160,000 ham radio operators across the country are backing Rich and hoping for a victory.

"This gives us the opportunity to go back to the FCC and say that you're a second-class citizen if you live on private property with covenants," said Christopher D. Imlay, an attorney for the American Radio Relay League Inc., and a ham radio operator himself. The league, which has 160,000 members, filed a brief in support of Rich.

Imlay said he studied several metropolitan areas in the country and found that most private property had restrictive coven-

ants against antennas. "If you want to put up an antenna, you have to apply to the Genghis Khan Homeowners Association."

Although the FCC has a rule that prohibits local governments from unreasonable restrictions on ham radio antennas, it does not attempt to regulate the contracts entered into by private property owners. Imlay said last week's decision will prove to the FCC that it needs to amend its rules.

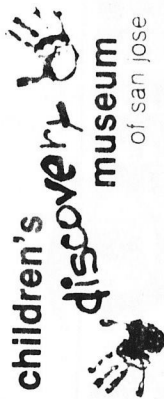
Rich's local attorney, Charles Epps, said the appeals court decision challenges the legality of private covenants.

"Certainly in the state of California, it seems to say any restricted private covenant could be held unenforceable if it is held to be so unreasonable," Epps said. "I think the remand (to the lower court) opens up a far wider issue."

Covenants against recreational vehicle parking, satellite dishes or the color a house can be painted could all come under legal challenge, he said. "At this point, any CC&R that can be shown to be unreasonable has the possibility of being overturned."

Amateur radio operators are licensed by the FCC and recognized widely for the public service they provide during emergencies. The Foster City Police Department recently got approval from the City Council to spend \$2,500 of city funds to match a state grant for the purchase of ham radio equipment.

"Having the equipment here and having an operator here would link us to the outside world," Chief Robert Norman said. "How it relates to individual operators here, I'm not sure. I'm certainly supportive of ham operators assisting us during any emergency."



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Dear Amateur Radio Operators:

With the year well under way, the enclosed newsletter lets you know of the radio happenings at the Children's Discovery Museum and invites you to help operate the Museum's amateur radio station. This letter has been sent to Hams who may have an interest in volunteering and also to those Hams who, in the past, have registered with the Museum as interested participants.

Additional volunteers and more activity on the part of the registered Hams are needed to provide complete station coverage during Museum hours:

Tuesday thru Saturday  
Sunday  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
12:00 noon- 5:00 pm

Whether this project is new to you or you have operated the station a time or two but haven't recently been to the Museum, please consider spending some



time demonstrating amateur radio to Museum visitors. The teachers, parents and chaperons are as interested in and fascinated by radio contacts as are the children.

If you would like to share your interest in and experience with radio or if you would just like more information, please contact either:

Ralf Erickson, WA6CQA  
979 Aster Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

408-245-6034

Kathy Irvine  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Children's Discovery Museum  
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Schedules are by arrangement and are flexible. Please join the amateur radio volunteers who provide this unique opportunity for visitors to the Museum to reach out and communicate with the world. Now You're Talking! ... in earnest!

Sincerely,



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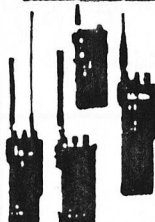


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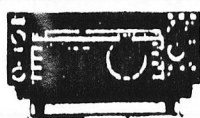
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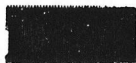
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# HOW to REACT to a JAMMER

de Rich Stiebel, W6APZ

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by a stuck PTT switch on a microphone or a stuck VOX. Recently when this happened, the ham involved apologized on the air as soon as he became aware of the stuck PTT switch.

The recommended response to this situation is to try to understand what is being said and try to recognize the voices. When you think you have identified the person, give them a call on the land line, or if they are working another ham band, on that band. These individuals are generally grateful for the information and will terminate the transmission as soon as they realize what is happening.

The approach of carrying on a conversation over this type of interference should not be undertaken until a reasonable amount of time is allowed for listeners to try to identify and notify the ham with the stuck microphone switch. After a reasonable time (this is subjective), go ahead with your conversation if your signal can capture the repeater. By not immediately talking over this station, there is the opportunity to identify and notify the ham who is inadvertently transmitting.

If you hear music, it *may be* a call to AAA. They typically use music when they put a caller on hold. To let other hams know what is going on, the station placing the emergency call should periodically identify. "This is W6XYZ waiting on hold for AAA" would be one way of letting people know not to talk over the music. If the music is just a form of jamming and you want/need to use the frequency, just talk over it as outlined in the first bullet above. If you have nothing to say, ignore the music.

For obscene language type of jamming, a good approach is to use just enough power to capture the repeater

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