

# Drug traffic heading west

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An FM radio station relayed the dedication just after midnight: From a listener in Simi Valley to John De Lorean, the rock single "Cocaine" — Eric Clapton's rendition of a song that features thousands of concert-goers shouting that one-word refrain.

De Lorean, a former General Motors vice president, was indicted Friday by a federal grand jury on charges of drug trafficking and racketeering in a \$24 million cocaine smuggling scheme.

His arrest focused attention on the growing Southern California traffic in cocaine, a market that has gradually moved west from South Florida.

"Two years ago (a single seizure of) 35 pounds was a large amount for this area," says federal Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Pat Stewart, "but amounts of 100 kilograms (220 pounds) are occurring regularly now."

With the federal anti-drug force squeezing the geographically favorable Colombia-to-Florida route, dealers are importing cocaine direct to Southern California via any transport available.

"It used to be a cross-country Greyhound from Miami was one of the easiest ways to get it here," says one former dealer who requested anonymity. "You're just another passenger — no chance of speeding arrests or traffic accidents and your carry-on bag stayed air-conditioned."

Every statistic shows an increase in Southern California cocaine seizures.

Los Angeles-based DEA agents stopped 509 pounds in the year ended Sept. 30 — 39 percent more than in fiscal 1981. U.S. Customs grabbed 270 pounds in fiscal 1982, compared with 180 pounds the previous year.

Still, the DEA's Stewart says, "It's a losing

war. There's a lot of money in L.A. and between the demand and the profits to be made, more people are willing to take the chance. Doctors, lawyers, businessmen..."

A single pound of cocaine in Colombia, where most processing laboratories operate, can be bought for \$5,000. The pound costs the coca plantation owner financing the lab only \$2,800, the former dealer says.

"By the time it reaches the border that's worth \$60,000 or \$70,000," Stewart says. If all 1,000 grams were sold pure at the going rate of \$120, that's \$120,000 on a \$5,000 investment.

Authorities consistently estimate they catch only 10 percent of the total shipments, and even with the biggest dealers, "there's always someone to fill the void," says DEA Agent Charles Bullock.

Smugglers can earn from \$1,500 to \$5,000 for swallowing sealed surgical glove-tips or condoms stuffed with cocaine. Others still rely on the false-bottom suitcase.

Private planes are favored for evading customs, although Bullock notes smugglers don't have the advantage of short distances. But if a shipment can be forwarded as far north as Mexico, it's a quick hop to a desert landing strip or as busy a facility as Orange County's John Wayne Airport.

Los Angeles police narcotics Lt. Ken Welty describes the small-time dealer as "an individual user who has friends that want to buy, so they become a subcontractor for grams or ounces. They get a better price break because dealing increases their volume. Usually they don't have a criminal record."

"Who knows who's selling?" Welty adds. "It's a cross section of society. Who knows who's using drugs? Everybody and anybody."

# Ballot measures test many controversial topics today

From Associated Press

Nuclear power, nuclear weapons, handguns and "bullet trains" are among the issues Americans will consider in ballot measures on Election Day.

Proposals to freeze production and deployment of nuclear weapons hold center stage in nine states. But in Massachusetts and Maine, ballot measures dealing with peaceful uses of atomic power are no less controversial.

The question facing Massachusetts voters today is whether to restrict the disposal of nuclear waste and curb construction of nuclear plants. An initiative in Maine would lead to the shutdown of the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant.

Along with nuclear power, crime and environmental issues dominate ballots in many states. A stiff handgun control measure in California is among the most closely watched contests, while New Hampshire and Nevada voters consider state constitutional amendments affirming the right to bear arms.

Other measures include a proposed return to the death penalty in Massachusetts, tougher criteria for parole in Nevada, restrictions on bail in Arizona, Florida and Illinois and a \$170 million prison bond issue in New Jersey.

Bottle bills aimed at reducing trash by requiring 5-cent deposits on beer and pop bottles are on ballots in Washington state, Arizona, California and Colorado. Massachusetts voters will decide whether to repeal a bottle law before it takes effect in January.

District of Columbia citizens vote on whether to take a step closer to statehood when they consider a proposed constitution that reads like a utopian wish-list, including a provision guaranteeing a job or income to all District citizens.

The last time there were this many initiatives on statewide ballots was 1932, when the Depression sparked a large number of measures aimed at regulating business, said Patrick McGuigan, a spokesman for the Free Congress Foundation in Washington.

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## MEETINGS

The Undergraduate Economics Association will have a meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in 412 PLC to discuss the graduate seminar and newsletter.

Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma will be having a meeting tonight at 7 in Century Room E, EMU. All active members and all who haven't picked up their certificates should attend. Questions should be directed to Cristina Vega at 485-9642.

The Christian Science Organization meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the EMU. Testimonies of healing through individual prayer. Everyone is welcome.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance will hold a General Business meeting today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in 337 EMU. We will be discussing the Gay hotline. For more in-

formation call GALA at 686-3360.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance will sponsor a Gay Men's Rap Group tonight downstairs at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid. For more information call GALA at 686-3360.

The Lesbian Discussion Group will meet in Century Room F of the EMU tonight from 7 to 9. Becoming involved in the "Lesbian Community" is the topic of the discussion. For more information call GALA at 686-3360.

## SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

A Time Management Workshop will be held today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Whiteaker Community School, 21 North Grand, Eugene. The workshop costs \$20 a day or \$38 for both days. Skills learned at the Time Management Workshop can be

applied to any situation where job effectiveness is diminished by frequent interruptions, procrastination, stacks of unfinished work, taking work home, etc. The first day of the two-day workshop is designed for the professional person, housewives, clerks — anyone needing to get control of their time. The second day is designed for people who supervise others. For more information call Sandy at 687-3403.

Hydroelectricity, wind power and renewable energy are among the topics to be discussed during November and December in the ongoing Solar Seminar Series. The seminars, co-sponsored by the University Solar Energy Center and the Willamette Valley Solar Energy Association, feature free public presentations on Northwest energy and environmental issues.

Doug Parrow of the Oregon Department of Energy will speak at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Eugene Public Library about hydropower and its prominent role in Northwestern power plants. For further information contact David Neagley, the Solar Energy Center coordinator, at the University Department of Architecture, at 686-3696.

Journalism Internship Workshop: Informational session for all students interested in internships in all journalistic fields will be held Nov. 5 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Reading Room, second floor Allen. Sponsored by the Journalism Peer Advisors.

Learn why John Hinckley was declared not guilty. The People's Law School is teaching a class on Criminal Justice theory Nov. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. The class is free and will explore current issues of interest in criminal law. The class will be held at Patterson Community School, 1510 W. 15th. For more information contact Sue at 342-6056.

Come to this week's class of People's Law School and learn all about Labor Law and learn your rights as a union or non-union member. The class is free and requires no registration. It will be held tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. at Patterson Community School, 1510 W. 15th. For more information contact Sue at 342-6056.

## SPEAKERS

East German theologian Hans-Martin Schenke will present a free public lecture at the University Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in 341 Gilbert Hall. Schenke, a University of Berlin professor, will discuss Gnosticism, a religious and philosophical movement based on freeing the soul from the evil of the material world. Sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies.

Recent UNESCO developments in Southeast Asia will

be highlighted in a free public lecture at the university tonight at 5 in the EMU Forum Room. Trailokya Nath Upraiti, director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's Southeast Asia office in Bangkok, will discuss UNESCO's activities and their relation to international education in Nepal and Southeast Asia. Sponsored by the University International Studies program, University East Asian Studies program and the American-Nepal Education Foundation. For more information contact Gerald Fry, assistant director of the International Studies program at 686-4867 or 686-5051.

The Impact of Development on the Guaymí Indians of Panama with discussion of the Cerro Gordo Copper Mine will be the topic of a lecture by Professor Phil Young tonight at 7 at 1236 Kincaid, in the Eugene Council for Human Rights in Latin America Search Class, Indigenous Cultures of Latin America.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Three scholarships will be made available for pre-nursing students during winter and spring terms, 1983. Each scholarship is worth \$333.00 per term. Students identified as pre-nursing majors, or have nursing as their professional objective as of fall 1982 are eligible to apply. Applications are available in the Office of Academic Advising & Student Services, 164 Oregon Hall.

A Faculty Artist Series concert, a guest organist recital and a Musical Smorgasbord are among the events scheduled for the coming week at the University of Oregon School of Music. All events are free unless otherwise indicated. Les Breidenthal will present "An Evening of Opera" as part of the Faculty Artist Series at 8 p.m. Sunday in Beall Concert Hall. The program will feature ensembles from operas by Giuseppe Verdi, Jules Massenet, Georges Bizet and Giacomo Puccini, ending with the quartet from "Rigoletto." Assisting Breidenthal will be Guy Aydelott, Patricia Smith and Marie Landreth with Ruth Breidenthal on the piano. General admission is \$2 at the door or free to senior citizens, students and children under 12.

The deadline for premedical preceptorship applications for the fall 1982 rotation is Nov. 5. Applications are available in 164 Oregon Hall. The orientation meeting will be Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in 248 Gerlinger. New applicants must have completed one term of organic chemistry.

Economics Majors — Sophomores and Juniors interested in being a peer advisor for the economics department. Pick up an application in 414 PLC. Looking for motivated, qualified students. Can receive upper division economics credit.

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