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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Richard Hobbs, who solicits tips in public by making balloon sculptures for children, filed a lawsuit against Westchester County, N.Y., for denying him the right to work the crowd at the county's Playland Amusement Park. In the course of defending the lawsuit, the county discovered that Hobbs had been convicted in 1978 and 1982 of sexual abuse of children. However, Hobbs persisted with the lawsuit, and in December, federal judge John Martin ordered the two parties to settle among themselves the issue of which areas of the park are commercial and which are traditional park space, in that Hobbs apparently has a constitutional right to practice his craft in traditional park spaces.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Good taste is the worst vice ever invented.



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Prop. A campaigns raise nearly \$100,000

Fierce battle expected for residents' votes

BY ANDY FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Barely a week before Santa Monica's first mail-only election, two opposing campaigns have managed to raise substantial war chests.

The campaigns, each attempting to sway residents over whether City Hall or property owners should have final say on historic preservation of private homes, have together raised nearly \$100,000, according to campaign disclosures filed with the City Clerk's office.

Proposition A proposes allowing owners of single-family homes to opt-out of having their residences deemed historic by city officials. Citizens will vote in a month-long election that will be conducted entirely through the mail. Ballots are scheduled to be sent out to registered Santa Monica voters on Feb.

20. They must be turned into the City Clerk's office no later than March 21.

"If money is going to determine the outcome of the election then we are way behind."

— BEATRICE H. NEMLAHA
Save Our Neighborhoods

The group that instigated the ballot measure, which is predominantly made up of local homeowners, has raised \$14,153.60 more than their opponents, who are mostly elected and appointed city officials, as well as historic

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Feinstein refutes allegations of money misappropriation

Councilman says he's being unfairly tried in the press by critics

BY ANDY FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

City Councilman Mike Feinstein this week responded publicly to Green Party allegations that he allegedly misappropriated \$30,000 in campaign donations, but he hasn't provided evidence as to where the money went.

Feinstein on Monday told Surfsantamonica.com, a Web site that reports local news, that his political adversaries have appointed themselves "judge and jury."

"My core objection is that I am being denied due process by being unnecessarily tried in the press, as a result of a few reckless insinuations and innuendoes," Feinstein told the Web site. "I've decided to take the high road in analyzing this situation and not speculate upon the motiva-

tions of those few individuals behind this dispute.

"I made out my check and intended it to go to the L.A. County Green Party."

— BILL PIETZ
Green Party donor

"Unfortunately, their actions have made it possible to blow something entirely out of proportion in the public's eye, which should have remained an internal party matter," he added. "There is no reason to treat me this way, when I have done so much to build this party, including back when

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Andy Fixmer/Daily Press
(Top) Students, peace activists and community leaders rally in front of Santa Monica City Hall on Tuesday for an anti-war rally.
(Right) Ron Kovic, Vietnam veteran and author of "Born on the Fourth of July," speaks to Santa Monica Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown.



Anti-war rally hits Santa Monica City Hall steps

By Daily Press staff

More than 100 people showed up on the steps of City Hall Tuesday, urging the Santa Monica City Council to pass a resolution opposing the impending war in Iraq.

A resolution drafted by Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown, which spells out several reasons why the United States shouldn't instigate a military attack against Iraq, was expected to be voted on by the City Council during its Tuesday meeting. That vote had not taken place by presstime.

The anti-war rally's speakers included Ron Kovic, a Vietnam veteran and author of "Born on the Fourth of July," who said the City Council has a responsibility to take a stand against the war and it is very much a local issue.

The resolution states the gov-

ernment has estimated that a war could cost from \$60 to \$200 billion, which doesn't include a post-war occupation. That would result in less federal funding for education, health care, transportation, job training, housing and environmental concerns in a time of increasing need for Santa Monica residents, the resolution states.

It is also written that at an estimated \$100 billion, a war will cost the state of California at least \$10.1 billion in individual income taxes and the City of Santa Monica \$36.1 million during a time when the state already suffers from at least a \$25 billion deficit.

More than 70 cities and counties in the United States have taken a stand against a preemptive military action against Iraq.

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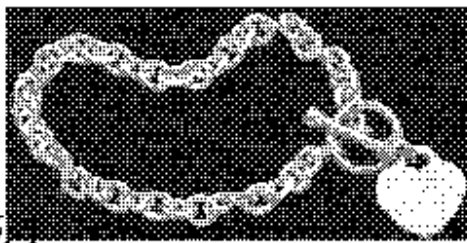
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You do what is least expected this year. You might even surprise yourself. Your humor and delightful personality often surround you with many people. You meet people easily, allowing you to network and add to your immediate circle of friends. Work blooms because of your willingness to put in extra hours if need be. You gain financially because of your diligence and ideas. A relationship shines on the horizon this year. You will be more inclined to settle down in late 2003. If attached, you have a great time together, especially if your sweetie embraces your lively ways. Take on a project together. CANCER helps you get the job done.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might want to step back, but events keep tossing you into the limelight. Friends and meetings add a lot of stimulus to what might be an otherwise calm day. If your instincts tell you to cocoon, do so, especially in the p.m., when you have a lot to do. Tonight: Happy at home.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Continue handling money matters with your present accuracy. You might find an associate ready to create an uproar if she or he doesn't achieve her or his goal. Discussions help this person clear her or his palette and make better decisions. Tonight: Join a friend for a get-together.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take your time making a decision, especially if you feel a bit uncomfortable with news that heads your way. Factor in new ideas carefully. New information proves significant and critical. Think in terms of gains and long-term financial goals. Tonight: Pay bills.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Assume a low profile in the morning, when others reveal much more. You might be jolted by a partner and his or her opinions. Revise your thinking. Your mind opens new doors if you allow it to. You work in the afternoon with a surge of energy. Tonight: What would make the Moon Child happy?

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Take your time with a friend or in a meeting this morning. Not everything is as it should be. You quickly discover the ramifications of taking someone for granted. Sit back in the afternoon as others lay down their cards. Know that you are in a position of power. Tonight: Vanish.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Bosses call on you to take charge, but considering someone's rebelliousness, you might wonder what difference you could make. Trust in your abilities. A meeting in the afternoon helps align everyone's different interests. Head in a new direction. Tonight: Let off steam with your friends.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your perspective helps keep a project in line. Reach out for others in your immediate circle, seeking out answers and new direction. Brainstorming with someone in charge helps you determine your next move. You command others' respect. Tonight: Be willing to burn the midnight oil.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Dealing with a partner or associate could shake you to the core. Remember that you can only control yourself. Choose your response accordingly. Your instincts lead you in a new direction. Tune in to your inner voice and, at the same time, detach. Tonight: Rent a movie.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You work with unpredictability well, but that doesn't mean you like it. Get feedback as you determine what you feel is necessary to keep the ship steady. Work closely with an associate, and you will get the results you need. Flow with an opportunity. Tonight: Dinner for two.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to do something very different than you originally anticipated. Deal with a money matter head-on in order to achieve the goals you desire. Understand what associates want, and you'll hit the bull's-eye. Open up talks in the p.m. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to consider some options quite suddenly. Understand that your behavior will have an impact on others whether you want it to or not. Your fun personality helps others work with your unpredictability. Focus on work and getting the job done. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might be motivated by a completely different force than you realize. Think twice about what you're doing and exactly where you're heading. You might do a reversal as a result. Add that touch of creativity to your work, and you'll hit a home run. Tonight: Play away.

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LOCAL



Life in Baghdad is not all bad



(Editor's note: The Daily Press plans to publish updates from Santa Monica resident Kelly Hayes-Raitt while she is in Baghdad. Today is her second report from the field.)

BY KELLY HAYES-RAITT
Special to the Daily Press

BAGHDAD — There's so much to experience, assimilate and articulate in such a short time.

In three days, we've had official tours through a pediatric hospital's children leukemia ward, a food distribution center, an orphanage and the bomb shelter where a U.S. bomb killed more than 400 civilians during the 1991 "aggression," as the Gulf War is called here.

We've met with government officials from the General Federation of Iraqi Women and from the Iraqi Red Crescent Society. We attended a press conference with the Iraqi liaison to the U.N. inspectors during which a visiting European Union MP delegation asked questions in front of the international press.

It's too early for me to sort through the layers of government manipulation — of both the Iraqi women and of this American woman. Government officials read from the same briefing page: First we are warmly welcomed as American people, then the effects of the "U.S. sanctions" are dramatically outlined. There is little talk of impending war. Undeniably, the sanctions have had a devastating effect on Iraqi families, and that is the message "Harry" wants us to take home. (Our group has nick-named this country's leader so that we may have some open conversation among ourselves.)

News is state controlled, of course, and we are warned about talking with Iraqis about "Harry." They are, however, able to criticize Bush — and do so quite freely, particularly about the sanctions. America is not singled out; generally the critiques are more polite when made to our faces, but it's interesting to be on this side of the spin. Numbers are slippery and elusive, and examples are well-rehearsed. In my ignorance about the Middle East, the information I'm receiving is in a vacuum and I haven't yet learned to trust my own impressions.

From the deputy director of the General

Federation of Iraqi Women, for example, we are told that the sanctions are interrupting children's education: Lead pencils can't be imported because the tops could be used to make bombs. While this incredible statement may be true, I mentally noted that her translator was taking notes with a lead pencil.

Yet, I haven't seen the widespread oppression our government uses to justify a new war. Although armed soldiers police busy corners, they smile easily and are friendly to both natives and tourists. (On our last day, they insisted on posing for photographs with us outside our hotel.) People move about freely with unguarded expressions, women call and wave to us and I've had several spontaneous, unscripted conversations with people on the street.

Bombing them doesn't strike me as a way to achieve their political freedom.

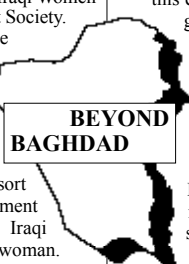
I'm still adjusting from culture shock. It was one week ago today I saw Sting singing "Message in a Bottle" to a global audience during the half time show of our gluttonous Super Bowl. I feel quite isolated — within this country (where the only news I can get is filtered through reporters at the international media center) and within our group.

The "Code Pink" women with whom I am traveling are radically conspicuous, wearing cape-like hot pink signs pinned to their backs that declare "Women for Peace" in English. They hold daily "actions" in crowded squares and call themselves "vigilantes" in their press releases. I compared their demonstrating to a group of North Koreans parading around the streets of L.A. wearing bright neon signs in indecipherable Korean — before I learned how truly upsetting that would be given that country's statements later in the week.

I have distanced myself, packing away my pink and wearing neutrals. I skip the actions and spend my time talking quietly with people and learning what I can about their opinions about the war ("inevitable") and how they are preparing ("praying.")

I have no interest in protesting my government's war anywhere than in my own country. In my limited time here, I am more interested in heart-felt conversations than in headlining sound bites. I'm trying to listen and learn and connect with the individual people my government threatens to bomb.

(Kelly Hayes-Raitt is one of nine American women traveling in Baghdad to meet with Iraqi women about the effects of war on women and children. She returns to Santa Monica on Feb. 12.)



surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Tuesday's rains raised pollution to worrisome levels at our cherished local surf spots. The Department of Public Health has issued a 72-hour rain advisory.

Regardless, surfable waves have proven few and far between lately, though a bit of south wind swell hit some of L.A.'s beaches Tuesday and should continue today.

In the north, expect waist-high surf on average, some chest-highs occasionally with poor to fair conditions.

In the south, wind swell won't matter so much, so those breaks will be smaller; knee- to waist-high for the most part.

With the rain advisory in effect through the weekend, the best thing is to stay out of the water, but if you need to get a wave, head north, and don't swallow.

Today's Tides:

High- 5:40 a.m. 4.91'
Low- 1:26 p.m. -0.15'
High- 8:08 p.m. 3.29'

Location	Wednesday	Thursday	Water Quality
County	1-3'/Poor	1-3'/Poor	N/A
Zuma	2-3'/Poor	2-3'/Poor	N/A
Surfrider	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	N/A
Topanga	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	N/A
Breakwater	1-3'/Poor	1-3'/Poor	N/A
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But, of course, because of the city's budget crisis, the City Council may divert the \$4 million needed to match the federal government's share of the project toward other projects that are more needed.

Some say having a harbor will give Santa Monica another reason for people to come here, which will fuel the economy.

Others say a harbor will add traffic and attract too many people here.

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Prop. A supporters take lead in fundraising race

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preservation organizations. "Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation" — which collected nearly 10,000 signatures to get Prop. A on the ballot and force a special election — has raised \$54,656.60 since Jan. 1, according to campaign disclosures.

There have been 117 donations of more than \$100 to the homeowners' group, with the majority of them ranging between \$100 and \$500 each. Six of the donations were more than \$1,000 — including a donation of \$5,000 from Gregory Poirier, a founding member of the group and an author of the proposition.

Poirier has donated and loaned more than \$17,000 to the group since its inception last year, according to campaign disclosure filings.

Most donors tend to be Santa Monica residents who live in single-family homes, many of whom are located North of Montana Avenue, according to the group's campaign disclosure.

According to those involved in its fundraising, the homeowners' group had another 150 donations that were below \$100, the minimum amount to be disclosed as required by law.

"The ones that touch me the most are the ones that are between five and 10 dollars from those who are retired and living on fixed-incomes," said Tom Larmore, a local land use attorney, a Santa Monica homeowner and an author of Prop. A. "They're giving whatever they can spare to protect their homes."

Save Our Neighborhoods, the committee against Prop. A, has managed to raise \$40,503 since Jan. 1, 2003, according to its campaign disclosure forms.

There were 69 donors who gave more than \$100, including 15 donations of \$1,000 or more to Save Our Neighborhoods. The group received \$5,000 from the National Trust and a \$3,000 donation from the Los Angeles Conservancy. Those organizations manage historic properties in the region and throughout the United States.

"We have a different base to collect from," said Beatrice H. Nemlaha, a spokeswoman for Save Our Neighborhoods. "We don't have a few big donors to draw on like they do."

"People are anxious to help, and there is a lot of support for our position," she added, "but they are little people giving small amounts of money."

Some of the group's donors are Victor Fresco, husband of Landmarks

Commissioner Nina Fresco, who gave \$2,000. Nemlaha, an owner of a home in the Third Street Historic District, gave \$1,000. Landmarks Commissioners Ruthann Lehrer and James Rosenfield gave \$1,000 each, and Landmarks Commissioner Roger Genser donated \$250.

Mayor Richard Bloom, who owns a single-family home in the Sunset Park neighborhood in Santa Monica, donated \$250, while City Councilman Mike Feinstein, a renter of an Ocean Park home, gave \$300. Planning Commission Chairman Darrell Clarke donated \$100.

"It's interesting to me they are trying to influence this election with outside money and tell homeowners here they shouldn't have control over their own homes."

— **TOM LARMORE**
Attorney

"If money is going to determine the outcome of the election then we are way behind," Nemlaha said. "It has nothing to do with the merits, it has to do with who can raise and spend the most."

But Prop. A supporters say because nearly 20 percent of Save Our Neighborhood's funding comes from historic preservation organizations outside of Santa Monica, the group doesn't accurately represent residents' views.

"It's interesting to me they are trying to influence this election with outside money and tell homeowners here they shouldn't have control over their own homes," Larmore said.

Prop. A critics counter that the conservation groups work on projects in cities across the country, including in Los Angeles County, and represent any community concerned about historic preservation.

"The definition of inside and outside the city boundaries isn't an issue," Nemlaha said. "To make an issue out of the most reputable national and local conservancies making a donation toward the work they do is just so mean-spirited. I don't doubt for a minute if there was a comparable property rights group available, that Tom Larmore would be gathering funds from them too."

Resolution outlines negative impacts the war will have

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the resolution states.

The resolution also says that a war is expected by the CIA to provoke terrorist attacks within the United States, putting Santa Monica lives at risk and generating emergency responses by local hospitals and other emergency personnel that will tax local resources. It goes on to say that a war would likely result in a loss of visitor and tourist dollars, which is important to Santa Monica's city revenues. A war would also result in the death of military casualties, including United States and possibly Santa Monica service men and women, the resolution states.

The resolution calls for the United States to work through the United Nations to renew its arms inspections, assure Iraqi compliance and oppose unprovoked unilateral first-strike military action.



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Celebrating Asian culture



Alice Lee/KSCI-TV

(Top) Miss Los Angeles Chinatown waves to parade goers this past weekend in Hollywood as part of the 2nd Annual Lunar New Year Parade and Festival. (Below) Dragon dancers celebrate the Chinese "Year of the Ram," which kicked off on Feb. 9.

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Green Party donor says money was intended for L.A.

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many of those involved today were in their Green Party diapers."

Feinstein on Tuesday declined to comment to the Daily Press.

National and state Green Party leaders have been asking Feinstein for two years what he did with about \$30,000 in donations he allegedly deposited into a private bank account at a credit union. Specifically, party leaders want to know details surrounding a \$10,000 donation made out to the Los Angeles County Green Party on Jan. 13, 2001.

Feinstein has been asked repeatedly and privately within the party, to provide bank records detailing how the money was spent or if it was properly disclosed under state election laws.

"We have asked him for months and months what's happening with the check," said Bob Morris, an L.A. County Green Party Co-Chair and Treasurer. "And we keep hearing he's going to have a full report in a month. I believe the last time I heard that was three months ago."

In his interview with Surfsantamonica.com, Feinstein said he is following the letter of the law even though he has been "tardy" in turning his political finance forms into California's Fair Political Practices Commission, the state agency that regulates political parties and donations.

A spokesman for the FPPC would not comment whether or not Feinstein is following the state's disclosure laws, but he did say almost all disclosures are required to take place every six to 12 months. The spokesman said he did not know of any campaign laws that permit disclosures to

be made every two years, as in Feinstein's case.

Morris along with other Greens, dismiss Feinstein's claim that a handful of people in the party are out to exact political revenge.

"It's absurd," Morris said. "He's been given every possible opportunity to respond (privately) and he's refused. It's just more and more people are getting more than annoyed at Mike for his refusal to explain anything about the Pico office or the checks."

The money was reportedly used to pay rent and bills for an office at 2809 Pico Blvd. that is used as a local Green Party headquarters, Feinstein has said. However, party leaders say the office has never been recognized by the state Green Party.

Feinstein told Surfsantamonica.com that Silver Lake resident Bill Pietz, the donor of the \$10,000 check, made an "honest mistake" in not realizing that the money was intended to help support the Pico Boulevard office.

"Pietz gave the money to run the office," Feinstein told the Web site. "He gave it to a friend, who gave it to me. He didn't know at the time there was a difference between a (county) council account and (a local) office account. There's all this hoopla because people didn't know where the money went."

Pietz said he wasn't confused at all about where he wanted his donation to go.

"I made out my check and intended it to go to the L.A. County Green Party," Pietz said. "The authorized body to deal with it would have been the county council. While one of us may have been confused, it wasn't me."



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OPINION

LETTERS

Don't be a victim of identity theft

Editor:

I read with great sympathy the article about "Jessica," (Feb. 11, 2003) the identity theft victim. I too have been a victim since 1996. Jessica asked at one point when all this will be over. Unfortunately, it will never be over. Once someone (or a group) has your info it just gets re-circulated over and over again.

The common recommendations from authorities is for the victim to contact all credit reporting agencies and to put a "fraud victim's statement" on his or her account. Let me just warn everyone that this only stops a few types of identity theft. Most "instant credit" companies (i.e. cell phone, department stores, etc.) do what they call a "soft" credit check. This means they will never actually see your victim's statement saying "ALERT — DO NOT OPEN ANY LINES OF CREDIT WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING ME AT MY HOME OR OFFICE."

Thanks to Debra Bowen and others, Senate Bill 168 has a provision that went into effect Jan. 1, 2003 that allows people to "freeze" their credit records at each agency.

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I would strongly recommend that everyone "freeze" his or her account. It's too late for me and Jessica, but it's not too late for you. Trust me, you don't ever want to be in our situation.

For more information go to http://www.fightidentitytheft.com/legislation_california_sb168.html

Scott Bellomo
Los Angeles

U.S. needs to set example for peace

Editor:

The international community is voicing its opposition to war in Iraq through peaceful protests staged throughout the world. International political leaders are urging for a peaceful solution in Iraq. Despite this, the President seems determined to go to war. Everyone agrees that Iraq must disarm, but neither the President nor his cabinet have presented clear evidence that the U.S. is under a clear, imminent threat of violence from Iraq. If the U.S.

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begins pre-emptive strikes against Iraq, is it not condoning a policy in which any country can initiate war against another nation if it feels threatened? Will the U.S. still expect India and Pakistan, China and Taiwan or Jews and Palestinians to resolve their problems peacefully after the U.S. invades Iraq? If we expect other nations to resolve issues peacefully, we must expect the same of ourselves. A unilateral attack against Iraq will only result in increased anti-American sentiments and terrorist-related violence, in the U.S. and abroad.

S.B. Ramaswami
Santa Monica

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Off the fence on Iraq — no more Saddam Hussein



INCITES
By Ed Silverstein

Secretary of State Colin Powell's compelling proof of Saddam Hussein's non-compliance with the U.N.'s resolution to disarm has finally nudged me off the fence. We need to remove this man from power. I did not come to my decision easily. I abhor war in any form and during Vietnam, I marched for peace. But this is a different kind of conflict. Vietnam did not represent a direct threat to us. Iraq does.

There are many powerful arguments against war. We are preemptively attacking a sovereign nation. There will be terrible devastation and the human toll will be great. Bush is opposed to nation building and a stable post-war Iraq would likely require a long-term commitment of U.S. troops. A war could destabilize the region and topple governments in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and other countries friendly to the United States. Saddam, if desperate, could unleash chemical and biological weapons or provide them to terrorists. Any attack on Iraq could precipitate terrorist action against America and/or our overseas interests. And then of course there is the question of President Bush's motives.

Anyone who reads this column will know that I am not a big fan of the President's policies and I, like Sen. McCain, believe that Bush is far too influenced by corporate interests. There is no question that Bush's thinking must include Iraqi oil, revenge for the assassination plot against his father and even concerns about his approval rating and re-election. The "boys with toys" coalition of

Rumsfeld and Cheney also have influenced the President. Both these hawks have been itching for a fight with Saddam since the last Bush presidency and had lobbied to attack Iraq in conjunction with the war in Afghanistan. However, after reading Bob Woodward's book, "Bush At War," I am left with the impression that Bush's key motivation is, what you could almost call, altruistic. He has a vision (possibly grandiose) of being remembered as a President who used the might of the United States to bring about a safer world. If this is true, it is possible that North Korea, Iran or Syria could be next. Though troubling, such action may be ultimately necessary if we ever hope to live without looking over our shoulders.

Bush's motivations aside, Iraq is a humanitarian nightmare. Saddam has no regard for human life and has killed and tortured thousands of political dissidents, starved his people, used mustard gas on the Northern Kurds and destroyed their villages. Like Hitler, he has tested chemical and biological weapons on people he has imprisoned. I believe the United States as well as the rest of the world has a moral responsibility to guard against atrocities from whatever quarter. And while any war will result in serious casualties, there is likely to be more innocent lives lost if we do nothing, not to mention the potential for this conflict to escalate dramatically.

Even if you question the evidence presented by Powell concerning al Qaeda's Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, there is no question that Saddam has aided terrorism. His funneling of large cash payments to the family of each suicide bomber targeting Israel has been, in part, responsible for the thousands of innocent deaths on both sides of the conflict, many of them young children.

There is another factor to consider. Although the war could spark further resentment throughout the region, the Middle East

has traditionally respected strength and an attack on Iraq might send a powerful message to other countries that sponsor terrorism. Syria, for example, supports the terrorist group Hizballah. A recent New Republic article reported that Hizballah is more organized and better financed than al Qaeda, and there is evidence that the group is shifting sights from exclusively attacking Israel to including U.S. targets as well.

There are some who believe we can continue to contain Iraq; that his weapons of mass destruction don't represent a threat because he does not have the means to deliver them. This is naive. Our very presence, such as the no-fly zones that have allowed the Kurds to rebuild and begin to prosper, has increased tensions in the region. If Saddam is not removed we will have to patrol those zones indefinitely. Sooner or later this, along with the suffering of the Iraqi people due to sanctions, will cause unrest to boil over. This will take down several friendly governments causing the U.S. a far greater problem. Furthermore, Saddam does have a delivery system for his weapons ... terrorists. Chemical and biological weapons can easily be concealed and deployed. It is even possible for terrorists to infect themselves with deadly viruses and bring them into the country. We cannot ignore the terrifying possibility that a war with Iraq might cause Hussein to unleash the very weapons we are trying to prevent or even, as Scott Layne and Michael Sommer suggest in their *LA Times* editorial, cause a "Bio-Armageddon." But we also have to be aware that, if left unchecked, the weapons will only become more dangerous. Sooner or later Saddam might use them to dominate the region and it is almost certain that they will fall into the hands of terrorists either through Saddam's participation or through a corrupt or extremist Iraqi official.

On a purely practical note, without Saddam, sanctions could be lifted. The Iraqi oil could be used to provide the people of Iraq with a better life and it will help keep the price of oil stable. This will be of particular importance if, (or, as many experts believe, when) Saudi Arabia's leadership is toppled and the U.S. is deprived of 8 percent of its oil. Without Iraqi oil, the United States could face financial devastation from skyrocketing oil prices.

One thing is for sure, the inspections have been a dismal failure and it is pointless to go on with the charade, even in light of a few stalling concessions from Saddam. It would be my sincere hope that any action against Iraq be U.N. ordained and executed by a coalition force, but that seems in doubt. The U.N. appears to be intent on making itself as irrelevant as it is in its handling of the Israel/Palestinian conflict. With its reaction to Powell's speech and obstruction to NATO's preparation of Turkey, France has surrendered its credibility. The motivations of the other dissenters are equally questionable. Sixty-some odd years ago, Europe and the United States were reluctant to confront Hitler's Germany and it resulted in a war that killed millions. If we don't confront Hussein and others like him, it could result in a biological agent that could wipe out a billion.

War in any form is one of man's most deplorable creations and it is never an action that should be entered into lightly. But the world has changed and the potential for present and future horrors has never been so dire. If we don't act now, we might not live to regret it.

(Ed Silverstein is freelance writer (who wants to go on living) in Santa Monica. Comments may be e-mailed to: edsincites@aol.com)

OPINION



Fighting off personal attacks, unfair campaign tactics

Although I've never met Todd Flora, he purports to know a lot about me. I would normally ignore ludicrous statements of the type contained in his Feb. 11 article. However, since these accusations are being rather freely repeated by opponents of Proposition A, I feel compelled to set the record straight.

First, Mr. Flora and others would have you believe that a large part of my law practice involves representing developers engaged in buying and demolishing single-family homes. This is simply and irresponsibly false; however, it has become a campaign mantra.

Almost all of the clients I work for fall into one of two categories: Banks which provide financing for large commercial and multi-family projects, and developers of similar projects. Only once in my 32 years of practice have I advised someone who acquired a house for the purpose of building a new house for sale, and this one contract did not involve land use issues. In fact, in the few occasions in which I have represented clients in con-

nection with single-family homes, the clients were the homeowners who were being abused by local government.

Not only is Mr. Flora grievously incorrect about the nature of my job, he never once made any effort to find out if his assumptions bore any relationship to the truth.

Second, Mr. Flora contends that I participated in manufacturing the issue which gave rise to Proposition A. He obviously wasn't around in late 2001 as Marc Schrobilgen and most of the residents of 18th Street battled the Landmarks Commission and the City Council. The treatment Marc received, all of which took place before I was ever involved in the issue, was as real as it gets. His dilapidated house was nominated by a neighbor as an historic structure and he spent over a year in landmarks hell before finally, after being driven almost to bankruptcy, being allowed to

replace the house. To refer to this experience as "manufactured" is little more than Kafka-esque.

Third, Mr. Flora suggests that my alleged clients' (which, of course, do not exist) desire to "build out to the property line." This accusation raises the dreaded specter of "monster mansions" which opponents of Proposition A contend will start to pop up all over if A passes. Of course, this is inflammatory nonsense. Proposition A has nothing to do with zoning laws and I support the "monster mansion" limitations.

(Among the things that Mr. Flora doesn't know is that I served on the Planning Commission almost 20 years ago and suggested, at that time, that special zoning restrictions be instituted to limit the size of single-family homes.)

If Prop A passes, the city will be as free to regulate development through "monster mansion" laws as it is today.

Proposition A relates only to the operation of the Landmarks Ordinance in R-1 neighborhoods and does nothing more than give individual homeowners the choice whether they wish to accept the burdens and benefits of designation as an historical building.

Vigorous debate over the merits and demerits of Proposition A is welcome; personal attacks on me, which bear no relationship to reality, have no place in this discussion.

Readers can, unfortunately, expect to see these attacks repeated. And when they do, they should recognize them for the lies that they are. It's campaign tactics like this that drive people away from political involvement.

Mr. Flora, I'll give you a suggestion: Next time before you carelessly sling around uninformed accusations, it would be a good idea to find out if they have any relationship to the truth.

(Tom Larmore is a longtime homeowner in Santa Monica and a local attorney.)

Guest Commentary

By Tom Larmore

The sky is not falling north of Montana Avenue

China, my sheltie, and I walk the neighborhood every day. On the way we stop to speak with other dog owners, parents of small children, and people working in their front yard gardens. I feel camaraderie with these neighbors. Part of the pleasure of the daily ritual is the friendly people. We discuss gardening, crossword puzzles, dog care, and the beauty and delight of babies and small children. Most days, when we meet, time permitting, we enjoy a polite chat.

Recently, with the advent of the "YES on A" lawn signs, I have been talking with these same neighbors to ask why they favor this ballot measure. Although saddened by the changes and the loss of the character of the neighborhood, they are frightened for their finances. They tell me they are convinced that their property

values will go down if the city continues to have the discretion to landmark a property. They are anxious that all of north of Montana will become an historic district and that every house 40 years or older will lose its property value. The elderly homeowners (my age group) are the most worried. This is their nest egg. I try to alleviate their anxieties by giving them, what I believe to be, truthful answers.

No, the rumor of all of north of Montana becoming an historic district has no basis in fact. No, every house over 40 years old does not warrant landmarking. Very few do. In the 26-year history of the Landmarks Commission, only 16

homes have been chosen. No, our landmark's ordinance is no different in its duties than many other cities' ordinances throughout the United States. No, in the very rare chance that your house could have landmark status, you can change a landmarked home. It can be remodeled, added on to or have a second story built. No, prices of landmarked homes do not go down in value. In 26 years, property values have soared in the city, especially north of Montana. Values in the only residential historic district (Ocean Park) in our city are distinguishably higher than in neighboring areas.

I want to maintain my friendly rela-

tionship with my neighbors, even when we disagree. It is a comfort to have caring, concerned neighbors. I wonder if this is like the nursery tale of "Chicken Little" who thought the sky was falling when an acorn went keplunk upon her head. She told her barnyard friends, "the sky is falling." They all believed her fears and marched to tell the King. On the way, they met a wicked fox. He talked in a smooth, convincing manner, urging them to follow him on a shortcut to the Palace. They went, instead, to his den. Luckily, the king came by and rescued them. In the future, Chicken Little carried an umbrella.

Next time I take my walks, I'll hand out umbrellas.

(Doris Sosin lives north of Montana.)

Guest Commentary

By Doris Sosin

LETTERS

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At least the city is doing something

Editor:

Columnist Bill Bauer lambasted the city government on Feb. 7, 2003 in the Daily Press for being committed to developing mixed-use properties with an affordable housing component.

Bauer apparently did not read a Southern California apartment rent story in the business section of the Feb. 6 edition of the *Los Angeles Times*. That article pointed out that Santa Monica, far from having an adequate supply of affordable apartments, boasts some of the highest rents in the Southland. For example, according to the article an average, two-bedroom apartment for a month here costs \$2,436 versus \$1,366 in Woodland Hills and \$1,143 in Long Beach.

Anyone seeking new apartment housing here soon realizes that high-four-figure rents are commonplace.

If they scanned Bauer's diatribe, they may have smiled to learn that the city is doing something — anything — to mitigate this sorry situation.

Joanne Gamlin
Santa Monica

War is more costly than you think

Editor:

The federal budget just released makes it appear that much more is spent on "entitlements" and "human resources" than on war and war-related matters.

In order to continue this budget illusion — begun under President Johnson in 1968 to make the costs of the U.S.-Vietnam War appear smaller in relation to total spending — Social Security and Medicare funds are counted in total federal receipts and outlays. By

law they are separate trust funds, however, as reflected in distinct deductions for each in payroll checks.

When we exclude Social Security and Medicare funds from the total budget pie — as they should be — and add up all war and war-related items: Official Pentagon funds, interest on the debt related to past wars, homeland security, hidden military funds in NASA and energy areas, and estimated Black Box spending for the CIA and National Security Agency, we have a dramatically different total and percentage.

Minus Social Security and Medicare trust funds, actual spending for war and war-related items is about 50 percent of the total. In the Bush budget for 2004 just submitted to Congress, actual spending for war is at least \$646 billion — the true dollar amount of the imperialist killing machine.

John Marciano
Santa Monica

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Fund raising for venture capital falls to 21-year low

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Still hurting from the dot-com bust, shellshocked venture capitalists in 2002 curtailed their fund raising for future investments to a 21-year low, according to a report.

While 108 venture capital funds raised a total of \$6.9 billion during 2002, another 26 funds refunded \$5 billion to investors, according to data compiled by Thomson Venture Economics for the National Venture Capital Association.

The net fund-raising total of \$1.9 billion represented the smallest inflow of venture capital since \$1.6 billion flowed into the industry in 1981.

The \$1.9 billion that trickled into the venture capital industry last year represented a 95 percent drop from the \$40.7 billion raised in 2001.

Monday's figures provided another sobering reminder of how far venture capitalists have fallen in just a few years.

As investors hungrily poured money into Internet startups promising to change the world, venture capitalists feasted on huge returns and busily set the table for even more riches.

In 2000, venture capitalists raised \$106.8 billion from their limited partners, consisting primarily of institutional investors such as pension funds and university endowments.

The high-tech bust of the past 2 1/2 years has cast a pall over a venture capital industry trying to cope with an unprecedented streak of losses.

"We are really at a standstill," said Martin Pichinson, chief executive for Sherwood Partners, a firm that helps venture capitalists save struggling startups. "I don't think you are going to see much money coming into the industry for three or four years."

With such dim prospects, venture capitalists have had little reason to raise

money, particularly since the industry is sitting on an estimated \$80 billion in funds left over from the boom days.

Meanwhile, wary institutional investors are less inclined to invest in risky venture capital funds. In some cases, investors are demanding refunds, prompting the venture capital industry to return about 73 cents for every dollar raised in 2002.

The refunds continued in the fourth quarter, according to Monday's report. Venture capitalists returned more than \$1 billion during the three months ended Dec. 31, reducing the net total raised during the fourth quarter to \$215 million, the study found.

In some instances, venture capitalists are making refunds because their firms have shrunk and they no longer have the resources to manage as much money, said National Venture Capital Association vice president Jeanne Metzger.

With so many of their previous startups still struggling, venture capitalists also are spending more time trying to salvage their previous investments.

Venture capital raised annually since 1981

By The Associated Press

Note: All dollar figures are in millions

Year: Number of Funds-Net Total Raised

2002: 134-\$1,855	1991: 44-\$2,049
2001: 331-\$40,713	1990: 91-\$3,504
2000: 653-\$106,933	1989: 112-\$5,699
1999: 460-\$61,911	1988: 197-\$4,630
1998: 297-\$31,351	1987: 123-\$4,537
1997: 243-\$18,102	1986: 106-\$3,896
1996: 168-\$12,394	1985: 119-\$3,924
1995: 168-\$9,782	1984: 121-\$3,246
1994: 142-\$8,129	1983: 144-\$4,161
1993: 92-\$3,674	1982: 88-\$3,004
1992: 81-\$5,339	1981: 76-\$1,566

Sources: Thomson Venture Economics; National Venture Capital Association.

State court judgment could cost credit card firms \$500M

By The Associated Press

OAKLAND — Visa and MasterCard customers could get \$500 million if a state judge holds firm that the credit card companies must refund a fee they tack on to foreign-currency transactions.

In a preliminary decision that remains under seal, Alameda County Judge Ronald Sabraw ruled that the companies have not properly disclosed the 1 percent fee, according to parties on both sides of the dispute.

Though Sabraw said the fee — which credit card companies say covers the cost of providing service overseas — is legal, he ruled that it must be better explained and disclosed. He also ruled that because it had not been properly disclosed, the companies should refund the fee dating to 1996, four years before the suit was filed.

The suit is in state court, but because Visa International Inc. and Visa USA Inc. are based in Foster City, any judgment could apply to Visa cardholders nationwide. MasterCard is based in New York, so any final ruling could only apply to

cardholders in California.

"It's important that consumers know what they're being charged," said lawyer Patrick Coughlin, who sued the credit card firms on behalf of a customer.

The total refund could hover around \$500 million, based on estimates by Coughlin's law firm. MasterCard would be responsible for up to 20 percent of that payment.

The two companies earned a total of at least \$240 million last year from foreign-exchange fees from cards issued in the United States, according to the industry newsletter the Nilson Report.

Officials with both MasterCard and Visa have lambasted the preliminary ruling and said they would appeal.

"Visa pioneered today's currency conversion system that protects consumers from exorbitant rates when traveling abroad," said Stephen C. Theoharis, a senior vice president with Visa USA. "In essence, the court is penalizing Visa for offering consumers the best deal in town."

Sabraw issued his decision last week. The case is next scheduled for his court March 4.

NATIONAL



Ron Edmonds/Associated Press
CIA Director George Tenet, left, testifies, as and FBI Director Robert Mueller, background, watches Tuesday before the Senate Intelligence Committee in Washington. Tenet and Mueller say al-Qaida still poses the greatest terror threat to America, but that their agencies are far better prepared to detect and head off attacks than they were before Sept. 11, 2001.

Threats of terrorism on minds of many Americans

By The Associated Press

Intelligence information suggests al-Qaida attacks may occur as early as this week in both the United States and on the Arabian peninsula, CIA Director George J. Tenet told Congress on Tuesday.

The information led to last week's raising of the national terror alert level to "orange," the second highest level of five. The information came from "multiple sources with strong al-Qaida ties," Tenet said without providing details.

"The intelligence is not idle chatter on the part of terrorists and their associates," Tenet said. "It is the most specific we have seen, and it is consistent with both our knowledge of al-Qaida's doctrine and our knowledge of plots this network — and particularly its senior leadership — has been working on for years."

The information pointing to imminent attacks was gathered both in the United

States and overseas, said FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III, who joined Tenet and other intelligence chiefs to brief the Senate Intelligence Committee in an annual public session on threats to national security.

The CIA director said the information suggests the attack may involve a "dirty bomb" — a weapon that spreads radioactive material over a wide area — or chemical or poison weapons. Officials last week worried the attack was timed to coincide with the hajj, a Muslim holy period this week.

But Mueller and Tenet said the U.S. government has no specific information pointing conclusively to where, when, or how terrorists would strike. They said raising the national alert level — and taking security measures at government and business centers — makes it more difficult for the terrorists to carry out an attack.

Actor Steven Seagal takes witness stand at mob trial

BY TOM HAYS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Action film star Steven Seagal testified Tuesday that a crew of alleged mobsters demanded that he make movies with them — or else.

As he left a 2000 meeting with the men, Seagal claimed one told him, "If you would have said the wrong thing, they would have killed you."

Seagal was called as a government witness at the racketeering trial of Peter Gotti, brother of the late crime boss John Gotti, and other reputed gangsters.

Authorities say Seagal — known for his martial-arts moves in films like "Under Siege" and "Exit Wounds" — was a victim of a bid by the Gambino crime family to infiltrate the film industry for profit.

Prosecutors say Seagal, 50, was extorted after a falling-out with his former business partner, Julius Nasso, an alleged Gambino associate.

Wearing an Asian jacket and blue jeans, the actor testified that he was menaced by defendant Anthony "Sonny" Ciccone, who allegedly demanded the actor pay the Gambinos \$150,000 for each movie he made with Nasso.

"Look at me when I talk to you," Seagal quoted Ciccone as saying during one shakedown. "We're proud people. ... Work with Jules and we'll split the pie."

**"I didn't want to go to jail.
I have six kids."**

— STEVEN SEAGAL
Actor

He testified he tried to "buy time" by agreeing to reunite with Nasso: "These were people who were not going to let it go."

Prosecutors say wire-taps caught Nasso being instructed to demand money from the actor. In a bugged VIP room at a Brooklyn restaurant in 2001, the suspects could be overheard chuckling over how "petrified" Seagal looked at a meeting, prosecutors said.

The actor told jurors he has a license to carry a handgun and had gone to the meeting armed.

"In New York, I always carry a gun," he said.

Defense attorneys deny any threats were made, saying Nasso was always businesslike in seeking to get Seagal to repay \$500,000 he loaned the actor for taxes. In his opening statement last month,

defense attorney George Santangelo called Seagal "a pathological liar."

On Tuesday, Santangelo asked Seagal if he once tried to hire a former CIA operative to kill someone.

"This is insane," Seagal shot back before the judge struck the question. "I'm not on trial here."

Seagal also testified that he never asked authorities to protect him from the mob.

"I'm a movie star," he said. "If you want to keep making movies, you don't want to start a war with these people."

In a brief interview outside court Tuesday, Seagal said he was forced by prosecutors to testify.

"I don't think I accomplished anything other than to comply with a government order to testify or go to jail," he said. "I didn't want to go to jail. I have six kids."

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INTERNATIONAL

Osama bin Laden urges suicide attacks on Americans

BY ROBERT H. REID

Associated Press Writer

DOHA, Qatar — A raspy voice believed to be Osama bin Laden's urged Iraqis to carry out suicide attacks against Americans and draw U.S. troops into combat in Iraqi cities. U.S. officials said the call broadcast Tuesday proves the world must fear Saddam Hussein's ties to the al-Qaida terror network.

The appeal was made in a voice tape aired by the Al-Jazeera satellite television station throughout the Arab world and believed by U.S. officials to be authentic. It was broadcast as U.S. officials warned of devastating attacks within the United States and the Persian Gulf, where U.S. forces are massing for a possible attack against Iraq.

"This nexus between terrorists and states that are developing weapons of mass destruction can no longer be looked away from and ignored," Secretary of State Colin Powell told the Senate Budget Committee.

Some analysts wondered at bin Laden's motives for issuing a statement supporting Iraq, given many countries' skepticism of U.S. allegations of Iraqi-al-Qaida links. Others worried the recording would inflame Muslims against U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region.

On the tape, broadcast on the first day of the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha, the speaker advised Iraqis how to fight the Americans, based on al-Qaida's experience in Afghanistan.

"We stress the importance of martyrdom operations against the enemy, these attacks that have scared Americans and Israelis like never before," the man identified as bin Laden said.

"We advise about the importance of drawing the enemy into long, close and exhausting fighting, taking advantage of camouflaged positions in plains, farms, mountains and cities," he said.

The speaker urged the Iraqis to draw the Americans into urban combat, saying "the thing that the enemy fears the most is

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Secretary of State

to fight a city war."

U.S. military planners fear Saddam might ring Baghdad with his best troops of the elite Republican Guard and draw U.S. forces into bloody street fighting where they could not use their high-tech weapons for fear of causing massive civilian casualties.

The speaker also told Iraqis not to worry about American smart bombs and laser-guided weapons because "they work on only the clear, obvious targets." He encouraged Iraqis to use deception techniques to neutralize American technological superiority.

Some Middle East experts have questioned ties between bin Laden's Islamic extremists and Saddam's government, which nominally adheres to a Pan-Arab socialist doctrine called Baathism.

In the tape, however, the speaker said it was acceptable for Muslims to fight on behalf of Iraqi "socialists" because "in these circumstances" their interests "intersect in fighting against the Crusaders," or Christians.

U.S. counterterrorism officials in Washington said the audio message was probably a real recording of bin Laden, and that a technical analysis was planned to authenticate it. The officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said it was unclear when the recording was made but said it was probably recent, given all the attention the speaker gave to Iraq.

Yasser Thabet, a broadcast editor at Al-Jazeera, said the station received the tape by the same channels as previous bin Laden statements, but he did not give

details.

Bin Laden often used Al-Jazeera to broadcast statements during the Afghanistan war until the elusive terrorist leader vanished after the battle at Tora Bora in December 2001.

Al-Jazeera is not widely seen in Iraq because few Iraqis are permitted to have satellite dishes. However, many of them listen to foreign Arabic language broadcasts which relayed details of the broadcast.

There was no immediate comment from the Iraqi government, which has repeatedly denied links with al-Qaida.

Bin Laden's previous statements have not gone nearly as far in expressing solidarity with Iraq, counterterrorism officials in Washington said.

In Washington, CIA Director George J. Tenet said intelligence information suggests al-Qaida may launch attacks as early as this week in both the United States and on the Arabian peninsula.

"The intelligence is not idle chatter on the part of terrorists and their associates," Tenet told Congress. "It is the most specific we have seen, and it is consistent with both our knowledge of al-Qaida's doctrine and our knowledge of plots this network — and particularly its senior leadership — has been working on for years."

Tenet said the information suggests the attack may involve a "dirty bomb" — a weapon that spreads radioactive material over a wide area — or chemical or poison weapons.

On the tape, the speaker urged other

Muslims not to cooperate with the United States in a showdown against Iraq. He criticized Arab governments that support U.N. efforts to rid Iraq of alleged weapons of mass destruction.

"Anyone who helps America, from the Iraqi hypocrites (opposition) or Arab rulers ... whoever fights with them or offers them bases or administrative assistance, or any kind of support or help, even if only with words, to kill Muslims in Iraq, should know that he is an apostate," the speaker said.

The speaker also called on Muslims to rise up and "break free from the slavery of these tyrannic and apostate regimes, which is enslaved by America." He singled out Jordan, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the tape shows that Saddam and bin Laden, the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, are "bound by a common hatred" of America and its Arab allies.

"He threatens everybody in the Arab world except Saddam Hussein," Boucher said of bin Laden in an interview broadcast by Al-Jazeera with an Arabic voiceover. "I think it threatens not only the U.S. but half a dozen Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Jordan and others and the whole world."

Hours before the tape was broadcast, Powell told a Senate panel that he had learned of the new statement "where once again" bin Laden "speaks to the people of Iraq and talks about their struggle and how he is in partnership with Iraq."

In remarks to the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday, Powell accused Iraq of harboring al-Qaida fugitive Abu Musaab Zarqawi, who has been linked to the murder of a U.S. diplomat in Jordan and poison plots in a half-dozen European countries.

"We are not surprised that Iraq is harboring Zarqawi and his subordinates," Powell said. "Ambition and hatred are enough to bring Iraq and al-Qaida together."

A South African plea



Associated Press

South African Deputy Foreign Minister Aziz Pahad, left, meets with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad. Pahad on Monday delivered a letter from South African President Thabo Mbeki asking the Iraqi leader to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Zeta-Jones-Douglas wedding planner says tight security failed to keep out paparazzi

By The Associated Press

LONDON — The wedding planner for Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas testified Tuesday that three security companies and New York City police were on hand to keep paparazzi from infiltrating the ceremony.

The couple are suing the celebrity magazine Hello! for publishing covert and unflattering photographs of their nuptials, three days before an authorized photo spread appeared in rival tabloid OK!

Zeta-Jones and Douglas sold OK! the rights to publish wedding photos of their choosing for \$1.6 million, a deal they said was not about money but an effort to protect their privacy and control what images got out in the public.

Speaking to the High Court via video link from New York, wedding planner Simone Martel described the security set up for the couple's November 2000 ceremony at the Plaza Hotel, designed to keep out people like the photographers who

sold their pictures to Hello!

"We worked on the basis that paranoia is the mother of survival and tried to plan for as many contingencies as possible," she told the court.

Three security companies, the New York Police Department and the city's fire department were all involved in security, Martel said.

On Monday, Zeta-Jones and Douglas testified before a packed courtroom that the Hello! photographs were "tacky" and that having them published was a distressing violation of their privacy.

The celebrity pair is suing Hello!; its Spanish counterpart, Hola!; the magazine's proprietor, Eduardo Sanchez Junco; media consultant the Marquesa De Varela; her company Neneta Overseas Ltd.; and freelance photographer Philip Ramey, who allegedly helped arrange the sale of the snatched photos.

Zeta-Jones and Douglas seek \$800,000 from Hello!

OK! publisher Northern & Shell PLC is asking for \$2.7 million.

SPORTS



Oregon State's Dennis Erickson hired by S.F. 49ers

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA — Dennis Erickson was hired Tuesday by the San Francisco 49ers to replace Steve Mariucci as coach in a surprising end to a search that stretched nearly four weeks.

Erickson will be introduced as the 49ers' 14th head coach at a news conference on Wednesday. The former Seattle Seahawks coach leaves Oregon State, where he went 31-17 over the last four seasons.

Mariucci, who was fired by owner John York on Jan. 15 despite leading San Francisco to four playoff berths in six seasons, signed a five-year contract with the Detroit Lions last week.

Erickson, who will turn 56 next month, is an unexpected choice for San Francisco, which had concentrated its search on NFL defensive coaches since York surprised his front office by firing Mariucci.

The search was praised by the candidates as deliberate and thorough, though

Pro Bowl quarterback Jeff Garcia called it "embarrassing" for its apparent lack of direction.

General manager Terry Donahue always said he planned to consider college head coaches in his search, which he conducted largely from his home in Newport Beach, Calif. Earlier, several college coaches said they weren't interested, including Washington coach Rick Neuheisel and Southern California coach Pete Carroll.

Donahue and Erickson didn't immediately return calls on Tuesday.

Erickson is just the 49ers' fourth coach since 1979, following Bill Walsh and George Seifert — who both won Super Bowls — and Mariucci. Erickson also is the first coach with prior NFL head coaching experience to take over the 49ers since Norman "Red" Strader in 1955.

Erickson coached the Seahawks from 1995-98, going 31-33 — the same record of current Seattle coach Mike Holmgren,

who briefly was thought to be a candidate for the 49ers' job.

Many thought Erickson deserved better in his native Seattle, where he rebuilt the Seahawks but couldn't make the playoffs. The Seahawks were denied a playoff berth in 1998 only by a season-ending loss to the New York Jets in which Vinny Testaverde was infamously awarded a touchdown when he never crossed the goal line — a play that helped spur the NFL to reintroduce instant replay.

Erickson's greatest success has been in

college, where he has turned four schools into winners. Before resurrecting a formerly moribund program at Oregon State, Erickson won national titles at the University of Miami in 1989 and 1991, going 63-9 over six seasons. He also has coached at Idaho, Wyoming and Washington State.

Erickson said upon his hiring in 1999 that he wanted to retire at Oregon State, but he is the second straight coach to leave Corvallis for an NFL job. Mike Riley left for the San Diego Chargers four years ago.

Professional golf at a glance

By The Associated Press

PGA TOUR

Buick Invitational
Site: San Diego.

Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.

Courses: Torrey Pines Golf Course, South Course (7,208 yards, par 72) and North Course (6,874 yards, par 72).

Purse: \$4.5 million. Winner's share: \$810,000.

Television: USA (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

Last year: Spain's Jose Maria Olazabal won his sixth PGA Tour title, finishing with a 65 to beat J.L. Lewis by a stroke. Lewis three-putted the 18th hole for a bogey.

Last week: Davis Love III won the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am for the second time in three years, closing with a 68 to hold off Tom Lehman by a stroke.

On the Net: <http://www.pgatour.com>

CHAMPIONS TOUR

ACE Group Classic
Site: Naples, Fla.

Schedule: Friday-Sunday.

Course: The Club at TwinEagles (7,134 yards, par 72).

Purse: \$1.6 million. Winner's share: \$240,000.

Television: The Golf Channel (Friday-Sunday, 1:30-4 p.m., 8-10:30 p.m.).

Last year: Hale Irwin won the first of four 2002 titles, taking advantage of Tom Watson's 17th-hole bogey for a one-stroke victory.

Last week: Dave Barr became the first Canadian winner in Champions Tour history, birdieing the final four holes for a one-stroke victory in the Royal Caribbean Classic.

On the Net: <http://www.pgatour.com>

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR AUSTRALASIAN PGA TOUR ASIAN PGA TOUR

Johnnie Walker Classic
Site: Perth, Australia.

Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.

Course: Lake Karrinyup Country Club (6,971 yards, par 72).

Purse: \$1.68 million. Winner's share: \$215,000.

Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 1-5 a.m., 9 a.m.-noon; Friday, 1-5 a.m., 9 a.m.-noon, 11 p.m.-3 a.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon, 11 p.m.-3 a.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon).

Last year: South Africa's Retief Goosen matched the course record with a third-round 63 en route to an eight-stroke victory.

Last week: England's Paul Casey won the ANZ Championship in Sydney, beating Australians Stuart Appleby and Nick



Lenny Ignelzi/Associated Press

Tiger Woods follows through with his tee shot while playing a practice round for the Buick Invitational in a rain storm on the North Course at Torrey Pines on Tuesday in San Diego.

O'Hern by four points in the modified Stableford event.

On the Net: <http://www.johnniewalker-classic.com>

PGA European Tour site: <http://www.europeantour.com>

Australasian PGA Tour site: <http://www.pgatour.com.au>

Asian PGA Tour site: <http://www.asianpgatour.com>

LPGA TOUR

Next event: Welch's/Fry's Championship, March 13-16, Randolph Park Dell Urich Course, Tucson, Ariz.

Last event: Karrie Webb won the LPGA Skins Game in Hawaii on Jan. 26, taking 12 skins for an event-record \$470,000.

On the Net: <http://www.lpga.com>

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On the Net: <http://www.cantour.com>

PGA EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR/TOUR OF THE AMERICAS: Los Encinos Open, Thursday-Sunday, Los Encinos Golf Club, Toluca, Mexico. On the Net: <http://www.europeantour.com> and <http://www.tourdelasamericas.com>

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AUSTRALIAN LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR: ALPG Players Championship, Thursday-Sunday, Horizons Golf Club, Nelson Bay, Australia. On the Net: <http://www.alpgtour.com>

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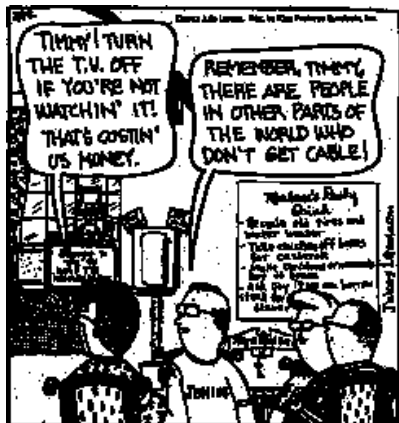
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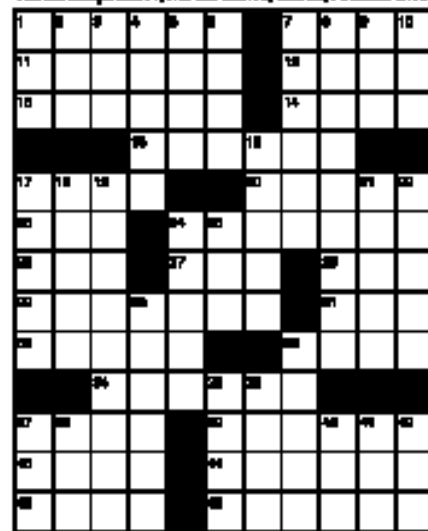
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SANTA MONICA SCENE °CALENDAR EDITION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2003

TODAY

Farmer's Market every Wednesday. 9am to 2pm, Arizona between Second and Fourth Streets. Come and enjoy one of the largest and best farmer's markets in California!

Artful Science: The Social-Cultural Relationship Between Built and Natural Environments. Sam Francis Gallery at Crossroads School in Santa Monica presents an exhibition of drawings, paintings, photographs, and sculpture. Mon-Fri, 10am to 4pm through February 14. 1714 Twenty-First St., 2nd Floor, Peter Boxenbaum Arts Building. For more information please call (310) 829-7391 ext. 425.

Puppetolio! presented by the Santa Monica Puppet & Magic Center. All ages, 3 and up. This musical revue features marionettes, ventriloquism, magic and more. Shows are always followed by a demonstration, Q & A, and a tour of the Puppet workshop and Museum. Saturdays and Sundays at 1pm and 3pm. Wednesdays and Holidays at 1pm. Seats are \$6.50. 1255 2nd Street in Santa Monica. Reservations/Information (310)656-0483. www.puppetmagic.com

Santa Monica Public Library presents Preschool Story Time, every Wednesday at 11:15am, 1343 Sixth Street. Stories for children between the ages of three and five who are ready to participate on their own. (310)458-8600

Free Meditation Workshops sponsored by Sahaja Yoga. Every Wednesday night at 7pm in the Community Room at the Wilshire

Wild Oats, 500 Wilshire Blvd. At 5th St. Open to all. (310)395-6443

Unurban Coffee House presents Poetry and Spoken Word every Wednesday evening. Hosted by Tony Perez. 8pm, 3301 Pico Blvd. (310)315-0056

THURSDAY

Johanna Israel presents **Gotham Comedy Night!** with top headliners every Thursday. February 13 will feature Ken X. Gotham Hall, 1431 3rd Street Promenade, Santa Monica at 7pm. \$5 + 2 item min., 21/over. (323)525-5254.

Ongoing support groups for people 55 and older. Current openings in Men's Group. Thursdays, 11:15 to 12:45. Center for Healthy Aging, 2125 Arizona Avenue. Sliding scale fee. Not drop-in groups. Phone interview required. Call Information and Referral. (310)576-2550.

O'Briens Irish Pub, 2941 Main St., Santa Monica, pours A Pint of Funny, every Thurs., 8 p.m. FREE! (310)396-4725.

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.

Unurban Coffee House presents Comedy Crunch every Thursday evening. Showtime is 7pm. 3301 Pico Blvd. (310)315-0056.

MOVIE °GUIDE

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1441 Third St. at Broadway
About Schmidt (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30. **Biker Boyz (PG-13)** 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. **The Hours (PG-13)** 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15. **The Guru (R)** 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

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1313 Third St.
How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13) 11:00, 12:45, 1:50, 3:45, 4:45, 7:10, 7:45, 10:05, 10:45. **The Recruit (PG-13)** 12:15, 3:30, 7:05, 10:00, 12:50. **Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R)** 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15. **Gangs of New York (R)** 11:30, 3:15, 7:00, 10:30. **Darkness Falls (PG-13)** 12:00, 2:20, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45.

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1310 3rd Street
Shanghai Knights (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50. **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13)** 1:35, 5:15, 8:45. **Deliver Us From Eva (R)** 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05. **Chicago (PG-13)** 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00. **Kangaroo Jack (PG)** 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30. **Final Destination 2 (R)** 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30. **Catch Me If You Can (PG-13)** 2:00, 5:15, 8:30.

LANDMARK NU-WILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Pianist (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15.

LAEMMLE MONICA

1332 2nd St.
City of God (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. **Frida (R)** 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05. **The Quiet American (R)** 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. **Shanghai Ghetto (NR)** 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20.

AERO THEATER

1328 Montana Ave.
Far From Heaven (PG) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.



BACK PAGE

The truth about cats, dogs: Dogs rule in America

BY GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Here's the truth about cats and dogs: Canines rule in American households, though just barely.

About 36 percent of homes have dogs, while 32 percent have cats. Feline fanatics can take heart with this statistic: your pet sees the vet less often.

Those are just two examples from hundreds of pages of facts and figures about America found in the new Statistical Abstract of the United States, being released Tuesday by the Census Bureau.

The nearly 1,000 pages in the 122nd edition are light on words but heavy on numbers detailing life for Americans.

"We got all kinds of tidbits in here," said Glenn King, director of the staff that assembles the abstract. "It's America in numbers."

Here are some of them:

■ The average cell phone call in 2001 lasted just under three minutes, and the average monthly bill ran \$47.37.

■ In 2000, 44 percent of adults did volunteer work, contributing an average of 15 hours per month.

■ U.S. residents spent over \$38 billion on lottery tickets in 2001, with about \$2 of every \$5 going toward instant scratch-off games.

■ Cat owners are slightly more likely to have more than one pet roaming the home. Dogs, meanwhile, are more likely to visit the animal doctor — 85 percent of dog households took the pet to the vet in 2001, compared with 67 percent of cat homes.

■ Nearly one in 20 pet-owning homes had a bird, and one in 50 owned a horse. Households that made at least \$55,000 a year were more likely to have a dog, cat or horse, while homes that made less than \$20,000 were more likely to have a bird.

■ The larger the family, the more likely it was to own a pet, no matter what the animal.

The government puts together the fat fact book each year, compiling statistics collected by the Census Bureau as well as from private sources. For instance, the American Veterinary Medical Association supplied the data on pets.

It's not all fun and games, of course. This year's compendium includes a summary of recently released data from the 2000 census, covering income, education and poverty.

Target pulls Valentine cards with word 'Jihad'

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PITTSBURGH — Target Corp. pulled boxes of Valentine's Day cards from its shelves after one contained the word "Jihad" and a parent interpreted the message as a veiled terrorist threat.

A spokesman for the retail chain said Monday the company was removing "I Spy" box sets of Valentine's Day trading cards from its stores after a parent in Pittsburgh contacted the store and law enforcement.

Among several other items, the card contained the word "Jihad" and the message, "It's Time to Be Mine." The FBI said

it was looking into the origin of the card. "Jihad" refers to the Islamic concept of the struggle to do good. In particular situations, that can include the waging of holy war, and extremist Muslims often employ the term with that meaning.

The publisher, Scholastic Inc. in New York City, said any association with terrorism was unintended. The company said it regretted causing any distress.

Aimee Spengler Dolan, a spokeswoman for the publisher, said the card in question was a portion of a photo and riddle from "I Spy School Days," published in 1995.

"Jihad" was the name of a child in a class the author visited, the publisher said.

who were not self-employed in 2001 said they had flexible work hours; and home schooling — 2 percent of kids age 5 to 17 with an educational level equivalent to between kindergarten and 12th grade were taught at home in 1999.

Outdated tables are expunged, with this year's deletions including "Commercial Buildings-Energy Consumption and Expenditures: 1995" and "Civil Flying-Summary: 1970 to 1997."

The statistical abstract is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office (\$51 for a hard-bound version, \$41 for paperback) by calling 202-512-1800.

It is also available from the National Technical Information Service (\$47 for hardcover, \$39 for paperback) by calling 800-553-6847.

Scholastic said it changed the name in subsequent reprints of the book to Jared in 2001 but that the valentines used original artwork.

Nick Poillucci, 37, said he purchased the set at a Target on Saturday for his 3-year-old daughter to give out in her preschool class. He said he noticed the word "Jihad" upon opening the box at home.

"At first, we just thought it was in really bad taste or maybe some radical in the art department of this company or something," Poillucci said.

He said he became more concerned because a drawing of a clock in the picture had red lines emanating from it, as if it might suggest an explosion.

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