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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ Joe R. Thompson, 18, was thrown 25 feet into the air in a car crash near Highway 40 and Woods Chapel Road in Blue Springs, Mo., in January, but survived when he landed among, and held onto, live overhead power lines. Thompson remained conscious until rescuers arrived 20 minutes later and the electricity was shut off. He even made a cell phone call. (Fortunately for Thompson, the power lines were insulated.)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

A good man is always a beginner.



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Living wage supporters put opposition on trial

BY ANDY FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

Supporters of Santa Monica's defeated living wage ordinance have called a hearing with high ranking officials to expose what they describe as their opponents intentionally misleading voters in the November election.

More than 17 living wage supporters will testify Saturday before a panel convened by Santa Monicans for Responsible Tourism, also known as SMART, which ran the campaign for the living wage.

The hearing will be held at the Santa Monica Alternative School House, located at 2525 Fifth St. It will consist of statewide elected officials and election experts who will review SMART's allegations. The panel will make recommenda-

tions about how the state and city can make elections more equitable.

"We felt that ... practices in the campaign to defeat the living wage really skirted legality and ethics," said Vivian Rothstein, executive director of SMART. "It demands a public airing and review of these practices."

The living wage ordinance, which was passed by the Santa Monica City Council, would have forced businesses in the coastal zone making more than \$5 million in revenue annually to pay their workers \$10.50 an hour with benefits and \$12.50 an hour without.

Luxury beach hotels, restaurants and other businesses formed a coalition to defeat the living wage ordinance. They appealed the ordinance to a general

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Suspected bank robber being investigated for two hold-ups

Man arrested by SMPD after robbery at US Bank

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

The man arrested on Wednesday minutes after he allegedly robbed US Bank on Wilshire Boulevard also is suspected of robbing another bank in West Hollywood last Friday.

The suspect, identified by Santa Monica Police as James Michael Stevens, a 53-year-old transient, was arrested at about 4:10 p.m. after he allegedly threatened a bank teller with a replica handgun and demanded money. He was booked into Santa Monica Jail and was taken into federal custody. Stevens made his first court

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Ross Furukawa/Daily Press

James Michael Stevens is suspected of robbing two banks in the past week.

Jury clears officer of wrongdoing in fatal shooting

BY DAVE DANFORTH

Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica jury Thursday exonerated a Los Angeles policeman in the fatal shooting of an actor at a Halloween party, finding he acted reasonably in entering the costume party on a night which ended with his mistaking the actor's replica gun for the real thing.

The case was brought by William Frey, 27, and Jeffrey Denton, 36, who were standing with actor Anthony Dwain Lee in a private room when Lee was fatally shot by officer Tarriel Hopper, a three-year LAPD officer who had gone to the Benedict Canyon mansion on a noise complaint. The episode gained national attention after the Oct. 28, 2000 episode. A widely-watched wrongful death case brought

by Lee's family was settled before the trial.

Denton escaped injury, while Frey was hit by glass from the shattered pains through which Hopper fired nine shots in the space of 1.86 seconds at a distance of six feet. Hopper said he acted as his training dictated after he saw the gun pointed at him through the door. Four shots hit Lee in the back — a

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Search is on for missing woman

SMPD issues nationwide APB for woman's car

BY ANDY FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

As police continued their search Thursday for Santa Monica resident Kristine Louise Johnson, friends and family prayed for her safe return.

Johnson, 21, disappeared Saturday afternoon when she was reportedly on her way to meet a Beverly Hills photographer, according to police. Police are unsure what the purpose of the meeting was.

Johnson's mother, Terry Wark, reported her missing to the Santa Monica Police Department after she didn't show up for work on Monday, Feb. 17. Wark said Johnson, a data entry worker at Marina Del Rey-based CNCG Cellular, was supposed to be in her office on President's Day.

"I thought when I filed the report I was making a mistake," Wark said. "I was hoping she would call me and tell me everything was fine. I was hoping it was reckless abandonment of youth and I was hoping she would just turn up."

Wark left messages on Johnson's cell phone Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening, but her calls weren't returned. That struck Wark as odd



Kristine Louise Johnson

since she speaks with her daughter on a daily basis, she said.

"One of the most frustrating things to me is that there is nothing concrete," she said. "It's like she vanished on Saturday afternoon and there's no explanation for it."

Wark said Johnson has not used her cell phone since Saturday, according to phone records.

Johnson's co-workers say she had told them she was going to a party on Saturday. But she never showed. Police officers continue to interview Johnson's friends and co-workers, searching for clues to her whereabouts. Police have put out an all points bulletin nationwide for Johnson's white 1996 Mazda Miata with license plate number 3RSV484.

"We're in contact with several law enforcement agencies throughout the state," said SMPD Lt.

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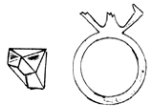
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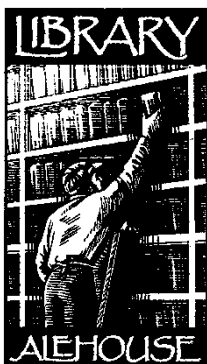
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 21, 2003:

Much that goes on this year could be out of your control. Make this OK, and you just might enjoy what nature has up its sleeve. You often daydream and think about what might be. Staying present in your life is very important to your well-being and sense of direction. Your popularity mounts, especially after August. Network professionally. Be open socially. Eliminate confusion. If you are single, someone special could enter your life this year. Take your time making up your mind about him or her. If you are attached, your relationship flourishes, as long as you don't push your views on your sweetie. SCORPIO helps you understand different styles and ways.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Be sure of yourself when dealing with a key partner. You might feel a bit overwhelmed. Your perspective could change considerably if you're open to a partner or a loved one. You find a child or a risk a bit too much to take on. Tonight: Confirm your plans.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others challenge you, whether it is intentional or not. Take your time dealing with loved ones, family and bosses. You might not be in touch with the mixed messages that you are giving off. Take feedback in stride. Tonight: Go along with a partner's plans.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Let others display their colors. In fact, you could decide that someone is acting like a peacock. Keep conversations open, though you could easily go on overload. Confirm figures and facts at a later date. You might not be sure which way to go. Tonight: Take some personal time.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Don't take any financial matter for granted. You could be overwhelmed or make a bad decision. Enjoy and work with associates. Eliminate pressure, recognizing an element of chaos. You could see a loved one differently because of the words he or she chooses. Tonight: Dance Friday night in.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You wake up with an idea or vision that sets the tone for your day. Follow through. Experiment and try something new. If a problem pops up, trust that the right answer will appear. Your sense of fun emerges with a child or loved one. Let it all hang out. Tonight: Avoid a hot discussion.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Realize more of what you want and expect from those around you. Step No. 1: Start asking. Your instincts head you in a new direction if you simply go with the flow. Understand more of what you expect from those in your immediate circle. Tonight: Don't allow a misunderstanding to get to you.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You sometimes overstep your boundaries. You could feel pushed by a loved one. Trust that you're not reading the situation correctly. You could be deceiving yourself or making a situation appear more to your liking. Take off your rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Your treat.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might often feel challenged by the activities that surround you. Others might challenge you, not meaning to. Remember, you might be the only one who knows all the facts. You make your own choices. Trust your intuition. Tonight: You are the action.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Know when to step back and make different choices. How you handle a child or loved one could change when you deal with new facts and information. You might not be sure what is the best way to deal with an issue that comes to light. Tonight: Take some time off.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might not make sound money decisions, but you certainly have a great time on the way. Others seem to be in the mood to dote on you or to try different ideas. Avoid making major decisions and just work with the present moment. Tonight: Where your friends are.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You take charge in an unusual way, somewhat surprising others. You might be scattered, but at the moment, others remain quite indulgent. Understand what you might need to do to help quiet down someone's upset. Tonight: Don't worry.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Recognize when you have gone overboard when dealing with someone at a distance. An in-law could be a source of problems if you don't relax and take each day as it comes. Don't push others away. Stay together, even when others fall apart. Tonight: Visualize more.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

City unveils Web site for Santa Monica's first roundabout

By Daily Press staff

The City of Santa Monica is providing advanced information on the roundabout to be constructed at the intersection of 26th Street and Washington Avenue so that drivers will be familiar with how to use it. The roundabout will allow pedestrians to cross the street more easily without substantially changing neighborhood traffic patterns. A new Web site allows Internet users to see how the roundabout will work.

The Web site can be found at <http://roundabout.santa-monica.org>

The highlight of the roundabout site is the ability of viewers to "drive the roundabout." Viewers not only read the rules of the road for this increasingly popular type of traffic measure but watch animated cars, large vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians approach the intersection, enter the roundabout and continue on their cyberspace journey.

Information on the Web site also includes:

- Links to current construction updates
- Project contact information
- Maps

Seen in more and more American communities, the roundabout is a circular intersection where vehicles entering the intersection yield to vehicles already in the intersection, keeping traffic from locking up and allowing free flow of movement. A landscaped island in the center of the intersection at the Santa Monica locale, landscaping at the corners and small medians at the intersection's approaches, will add green space to the area.

The roundabout is part of a \$4.7 million pedestrian improvement project which includes enhancements to Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, Broadway, Ocean Park Boulevard and 26th Street. Construction for the entire project is scheduled for completion by summer.

Music to their ears at the school district

By Daily Press staff

The John Adams Middle School instrumental music program has announced that seven band students auditioned and were selected for the premiere California Band Directors Association Jr. High Honor Band.

They are: Michael Cox, 8th grade, trumpet; Melinda Gottesman, 7th grade, clarinet; James Hodges, 7th grade, clarinet; Michael Kim, 7th grade, clarinet; Lena Simon, 7th grade, clarinet; Rebecca Waterhouse, 7th grade, clarinet; Helen Yu, 8th grade, clarinet.

The students performed at the Fresno Convention Center last Sunday.

Six band and orchestra students from John Adams also auditioned and were selected for the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association honor groups.

They are: Devin Barr, 8th grade, trumpet; Ben Bartelt, 7th grade, violin; James Hodges, 7th grade, clarinet; Michael Kim, 7th grade, clarinet; Ryan Lin, 8th grade, violin; and Helen Yu, 8th grade, clarinet. The students will be performing at the Haugh Performing Arts Center at Citrus College in Glendora.

The JAMS choral department sent 12 students to audition for the SCVA Honor choir and are waiting for the results.

The Santa Monica High School choir will be traveling to Boston to perform at a major choral festival April 23-28, 2003. Many Samohi choral students also are expected to participate in honor groups from the state and Southern California.

The Samohi band program had a number of students successfully audition for honor groups. Those students are James Fraracci, Joey Hards, Sean Lundgren, Cassie McGrath, Andres Pichardo-Rosenthal, and Joni Yamashiro.

The Malibu High School choral program will be traveling to London, Paris, and Rome from April 14-24, and will be performing in cathedrals, halls and schools. The Malibu instrumental program will be participating in the Samohi Jazz Festival and Band Orchestra Festival in the spring.



There is a possible chance of showers today, so be prepared for some nasty run-off. The waves are all about 2-3' high, but could possibly be very smooth. The best time seems to be between 10 a.m. and noon with some blowouts in the afternoon. Water temperatures are around 60 degrees and are clear of toxins for now. The waves are better further south; next week will be better.

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Zuma	3-4'	3-4'	2-3'	A
Surfrider	2-3'	3-4'	3-4'	A
Topanga	2-3'	2-3'	2-3'	A
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The Q-Line

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This past week, Q-Line asked,

"What do you hope will happen with the situation in Iraq? Is war inevitable at this stage of the game?"

Here are your responses:

■ "I hope that everyone can support the current administration's effort to look at what is happening there and if there are a number of weapons and that kind of thing in Iraq then we need to take action and make sure those things do not fall in the hands of terrorists. I

think that is the greatest problem with Saddam Hussein, much of his money is used for weapons that ultimately can fall into the hands of terrorists throughout the world. I hope that war does not come

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OPINION

LETTERS

Fix the process, not throw out historic homes

Editor:

I respectfully disagree with Evelyn Jerome's position on property rights. They are not absolute and owners of property have no right to expect that the value of the property will increase or even remain constant. Owning property is a risk and the potential value of the property will rise and decline based on numerous factors. And, there will always be limits to what you can do with your property. Height limits are one example of regulations that reduce the potential value of the property especially since they can change over time.

So, by saying government (the community) does not have the right to designate a home historic without the consent of the owner would mean that government does not have the right to designate private property as a wetland. But the government does — as both are of value to the community as are height restrictions. Unfortunately, we haven't been very good at protecting historic homes or wetlands. Architecturally significant homes are disappearing just like wetlands. Third Street, where I live, lost much of its character in the '60s and '70s. Many craftsman homes were demolished and apartment complexes went up. Most are eyesores including my own. If it wasn't for the change in the laws designating my area an historic district, most of the rest would be gone. I can tell you that if there are voluntary designations, few if any homeowners will designate their homes. It's kind of like the voluntary pollution laws the Bush administration wants to implement for corporations which I am sure most of us know won't work.

It seems to me that the true problem with historic designation in Santa Monica is the process. Something must be done to speed up the process such as mandatory timelines for hearings. It shouldn't take a year for a property owner to know if their home is to be designated historic or what changes, if any, can be made. I'm sure there are more safeguards that could be put in place to reduce the burden on property owners, but voluntary designations would not save homes/buildings of merit in Santa Monica.

Dan Kolhoff
Santa Monica

School budget needs to be reigned in

Editor:

Mary Bergen's venomous response on Feb. 10 to my letter of Feb. 4 clearly illustrates how sensitive the educators are about anyone criticizing or monitoring their activities. Seems to me that schools superintendent John Deasy decided to bring out the big goons early to try to ensure public sentiment for his created tax issue.

It is evident that you have a deep-rooted desire to further entrench taxpayer's beyond the yet-to-be-voted-on and approved (by a full two-thirds majority, not by an educator preferred unauthorized simple majority which legislators are protecting us from) incredibly doubled parcel tax. John "Dreamin'" Deasy created the existing hot controversy without first exhausting any less intrusive digestible remedies for the taxpayers.

I may be wrong, but let me be the first to state openly, that we are in a depression. Wake up to reality, put some lipstick on that Mary, if it's not a pig, you're a dummy. Take the hit with the rest of us. It's not unreasonable to expect your 100,000 dues-paying army of 20-30 something year olds, (the California Federation of Teachers) who pretend to make all the proper decisions for all of us, who too often show their real colors when walking out on strike and leaving children essentially stranded to reduce staff, eliminate unnecessary before and after "baby-sitting" school programs, so-called free computer classes and ESL classes. Taxpayers now pay hundreds of millions of dollars for which they are expected to be forever committed to maintain just because Meathead & Arnold who have political ambitions tossed a little seed money out recently to implement K-College? Get real. Actual state mandates are all taxpayers are required by law to maintain. Any reserve funds in excess of the required 3 percent ought to be used for classroom materials.

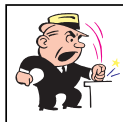
Enacting a severance tax on oil? If Deasy's dreamin' you are really scheming. You and others like Wayne Johnson (president of the California Teachers Association)

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Prop. A: The difference between charming and historic



**MY
WRITE**
By Bill Bauer

The ballot for Proposition A, also known as the Homeowners Freedom of Choice Initiative, is in the mail.

"A" supporters say it gives homeowners in single family neighborhoods the final say on whether their homes could be designated historic. Save Our Neighborhood opponents claim it will open the floodgates for development in single family areas and historical structures will be lost.

Being out front, I was hired and paid by "A" backers, Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation, to produce the "Yes on A" lawn signs. I was pleased to be of service. I've been an ardent preservationist here in Santa Monica.

I became involved in local politics in the mid-1970s when I helped to "Save the Piers" from demolition by a misguided city manager and pro-development City Council. I helped unseat three anti-pier city councilmen and successfully managed the campaign for a ballot initiative, now part of the city charter, that makes it illegal to demolish the piers.

I fought to save the old Spanish-style Main Library at 5th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard — where Cal-Fed now stands. In recent years, I've supported preservation for a number of local structures.

The Landmarks Commission is responsible for determining what structures and geographic features are "historically" significant in the city. However, many of them have limited expertise in what is historically significant and lack the knowledge, or competency to judge what is really "historic" and what isn't.

Landmarks commissioners are citizens appointed by the City Council — as are most other city commissioners and board members. Some suspect that politicians and the renters rights power structure dole out these appointments to extend their influence. Sometimes a commissioner is a relative. Example: Landmarks commissioner Roger Genser and arts commissioner Harriet Beck are cousin and sister of councilman Ken Genser.

Garth Sheriff, a nationally known architect and co-author of the "Pier Preservation Act of 1974" recently said he "doubted if there were more than two or three dozen truly historic structures in the city." Yet, commissioners have compiled lists of many hundreds of potential landmarks.

Last year the Landmarks Commission announced a study of 18th Street from Montana Avenue to San Vicente as a pos-

sible historic district despite the fact that two-thirds of the homes have been extensively remodeled, modernized or rebuilt. Remaining homes built more than 40 years ago are "nice" but hardly significant.

The failure of the landmarks commission to make the distinction between "historic and significant" and "cute and charming" has resulted in the present crisis regarding recognition of potentially significant properties.

Many who run the city view private homes as "community resources." The majority of those on the Disabilities Commission favor requiring that private homes, when remodeled, be handicapped compliant — complete with ramps, extra wide doors and wheelchair accessible bathrooms, for example.

SON's campaign against "A" is being handled by Jasper Communications, a Los Angeles firm whose principals have had a long and close relationship with Santa Monicans for Renters Rights and their co-chair Dennis Zane. Additional resources and financing for the "no" campaign is coming from L.A. county and state preservationist groups.

Now, as in all local elections, the old SMRR lies are trotted out.

White Lie No. 1: Renters will lose their apartments. According to an editorial in a local weekly and mentions by another columnist in this newspaper, "A" will

make it easier for landlords to Ellis and evict tenants and for developers to demolish apartments.

Falsehood No. 2: "Yes on A" was created by landlords, property owners, developers and real estate speculators.

Misrepresentation No. 3: As with those who opposed the "living wage," Proposition "A" supporters are outsiders who are trying to take over our community.

SON knows they must get renters to vote "No" and mail their ballot. Misinforming them with hoary old lies such as "you'll be evicted" is the only way they can defeat "A."

The truth is that the homeowners who created "A" deliberately wrote it so it wouldn't effect renters. Saying that "A" is in any way an "anti-renter" measure is flat out not true and complete BS.

If there is anything wrong with "A," it's that it doesn't cover single-family homes in multi-family or commercial neighborhoods. That's unfortunate because all of our single-family homes should be protected equally from well-meaning preservationists and those who view a person's castle as a community resource.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident and freelance writer.)

OPINION



LETTERS

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insist upon taking away the public's powers and self-appoint yourselves as the "Stewards" of all tax monies in the state, and "Generators" of perpetual proposals for increasingly unpopular tax fundings, grants, one-time gifts, as well as huge bond measures etc. which have so over inflated your unmanageable budgets, an unrealistic 40 percent of ... and demanding more of the general fund to maintain your now traditional, comfortable created lifestyles. Educators by their own admission burn up 90 percent of those monies for their salaries, allotments, prerequisites, and a seemingly endless list of "lesser" included benefits such as car allowances (often with an option to later buy the gently used vehicle dirt cheap) as well as cash payments for certain unused expensive benefits. Did I mention tenure? Who else in the working world enjoys tenure Bergen? And what exactly does it cost to do a nationwide talent search for a superintendent? Is there no such talent already here? Are not all taxpayers and the rest of the patiently waiting-in-line rank and files snubbed by this ludicrous practice? The now standard practice of raking off the top 90 percent of all generated funding for payout to educators and not earmarking most for children's actual education is akin to raping the taxpayers in broad daylight with a smile. Thanks to Mary for allowing that I am entitled to an opinion.

Paula Dryden
Santa Monica

Need clarity on columnist's point

Editor:

I am confused by Todd Flora's assertion that Measure A would hurt renters. If Measure A affects only single-family homes, how does this initiative affect renters? Some clarity would be appreciated.

Joe Weichman
Santa Monica

Being poor is not a crime

Editor:

Once again a homeless person got a \$70 ticket for jaywalking. He safely crossed a quiet and empty street at 6:30 a.m. on Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles. He carried a big blanket in his arms when two police officers appeared as if from nowhere to issue him the ticket.

During the last nine months, I personally encountered 21 people who received jaywalking tickets in Los Angeles and Santa Monica. None have cars. All are poor and several are homeless. In comparison, during the last nine months, my car was almost hit by a reckless SUV driver four times. It was only my alertness that prevented a deadly collision yet the police were never there to issue a ticket to the irresponsible driver who most likely continues to endanger others. According to insurance companies' recent statistics, SUV's are the No. 1 growing cause of accidents in LA County.

Indeed it is much easier to meet quotas by targeting the poor. They don't drive, you don't have to chase them and they don't have the funds to hire a lawyer and defend themselves in court.

But then one wonders, what is the real purpose of enforcing the law? If it is to make us safer, surely targeting people who are safely crossing a street is not an effective use of police resources. On the other hand, if ticketing is meant to raise revenue, this would hardly be a viable tool since most of these individuals can not afford the ticket. So I am left with the notion that police are either (1) not exercising common sense when enforcing the law, and/or (2) systematically and intentionally harassing the poor sending the message that poverty is a crime.

The individual recently stopped at 6:30 a.m. has been trying to get a job for a while. He finally secured a space in a vocational training program which is about to begin. Since he can not afford \$70, he will have to show up in court. As in most cases the judge sides with the police; he will be likely found guilty and if he accepts community service, he will only find out that he has to pay \$60 to the community-based organization for the processing fee. Since he won't be able to do so, he will have to go to jail.

Meanwhile, chances are he may lose the space he worked so hard to secure in the above mentioned training program and may stay trapped by a system which criminalizes him simply for being poor. Unless ... this stops right here. Enough is enough.

Michal Golan
Santa Monica

Don't give developers any more fuel

Editor:

Tourism is the engine that drives the Santa Monica economy. Tourists like to see a few — but only a precious few — homes of historic or architectural significance.

That's one reason why I plan to vote "no" on Proposition A.

Another reason is that the city's Landmark's Commission has always been judicious in its selection of historically significant homes. Last year, for example, it approved the demolition of 96 homes out of a total of 97 reviewed. Moreover, since the Landmark Ordinance was passed in 1976, only 16 homes out of a total 6,500 have been designated landmarks.

A vote in favor of Proposition A could give developers the green light to gut the historic preservation law, probably leading to wild-west development.

A "no" vote, however, will energize the city's tourism industry creating a boom that eventually will help everyone.

Joanne Gamlin
Santa Monica

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REAL ESTATE

The good, bad and ugly of the homeowners's choice



DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

Residents of Santa Monica are rightfully proud of our world-famous seaside community. So is our local government, which is doing its best to preserve Santa Monica's historic charm — whether the owners of landmark homes like it or not.

"Landmarking, like anything that restricts your development of a property, affects value," observes Melissa Macfadyen, who has been selling real estate in Santa Monica for 14 years. "Any additional government regulation over the use of a property impacts its value — whether it's landmark status, low income housing, rent control, etc. The government rarely elects to put regulations on your use of a property that make it more valuable."

Who gets to designate and landmark Santa Monica properties is the reason for the current special election for the Homeowners Freedom of Choice Initiative. If approved, homeowners will be able to choose whether or not their homes are designated a landmark. The Homeowners Freedom of Choice Initiative is Santa Monica's first mail-in election, with voters receiving ballots by mail and returning them either by postal service or via City Hall. The voting period is 29 days, beginning Feb. 20 and ending March 21 at 9 p.m.

If approved, the initiative would prohibit the city from designating any home in a residential district as a "landmark" or a "structure of merit" or including a home within a "historic district" without owner consent.

The existing law states that homes more than 40 years old must have the Landmarks Commission's approval before being demolished.

Currently, changes that can be made to a landmark home's exterior are limited, and require city approval.

If the Freedom of Choice Initiative passes, the benefits of landmarking a property will include tax incentives, fee waivers, streamlined remodeling reviews and limited zoning exemptions. The initiative also gives the commission only 90 days to decide on a historic district and allows homeowners to cancel the proposal if 51 percent of the neighborhood express written opposition.

"They say, 'If you have a landmark status property you get your taxes lowered,'

How does that compensate you for having a useless piece of property?" questions real estate developer Jan Feldman. "The city should stay out of private property rights."

"Landmarking is part of zoning. Leaving it up to individual homeowners gives them unchecked control over something that affects everybody," observed Landmarks Commissioner Nina Fresco. "... No one individual should have the right to determine something that affects the development of an entire neighborhood."

The Landmark committee has helped preserved such noteworthy local sites as the Santa Monica Pier, the Carousel and homes by John Byers, Paul Williams, Frank Lloyd Wright and Frank Gehry, as well as two homes built by founding father Roy Jones. The committee declares that the only reason the Oscar Neimeyer house on La Mesa Drive still stands is because of Santa Monica's authority to designate a landmark property without owner consent.

Santa Monica, like 20 other California cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Oakland, Oceanside, Santa Barbara, and Long Beach does NOT have a voluntary ordinance. Nor do Ann Arbor, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, El Paso, New York, Nashville, Orlando, Philadelphia or Portland require owner consent to confer landmark status.

"If an alteration is proposed, the changes are evaluated through the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, which are nationally accepted. This research is standard and impartial," Fresco noted.

According to the city, there are 6,586 parcels zoned R-1 in Santa Monica. Of those, 5,302 were constructed in or prior to 1952, making them eligible to be landmarked. Currently there are 400 residential properties listed in the city's historic resources inventory, 348 of which are north of Montana Avenue — 42 are official landmarks. Recently, the owners of the Merle Norman building on Main Street and a home on Georgina Avenue requested landmark designation.

"Many Santa Monica homeowners are just regular people that were lucky enough to buy homes when the area was affordable," Feldman said. "The last group of people that the city should be picking on is the homeowners."

(Jodi Summers is a real estate agent at Boardwalk Realty. If you have local real estate questions or opinions you'd like to share, e-mail them to Jodi Summers at jodis@boardwalkrealty.com.)

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LOCAL



Living wage backers say money corrupts elections

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election which was narrowly defeated.

In three years, the group spent more than \$2 million to convince voters to shoot down the ordinance, according to SMART officials.

Living wage opponents said the hearing is nothing more than "sour grapes" and a continued backlash by the Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees union for losing the Nov. 5, 2002 election.

"It's over. Let's be constructive. Let's stop being negative," said Seth Jacobson, spokesman for a group opposed to the living wage ordinance. "We have been willing to talk and we have been open to talking since the election. We hope together we can develop a real living wage law that can benefit both employees and employers."

Rothstein said opponents of the defeated ordinance have made no offer to meet. She said the hearing won't debate the merits of the living wage ordinance, but rather focus on the campaign's tactics and elections in general.

"This is really the domination of the system by money and it really threatens the integrity of the whole system," Rothstein said. "People are not voting and these practices have something to do with that."

Witnesses at the hearing include Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante; State Sen. Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica); Paul Ryan, Center for Governmental Studies;

Roy Ulrich, Common Cause; Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board President Maria Leon-Vazquez, and Santa Monica Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown.

The panel will include Cruz Reynoso, former California Supreme Court Justice; Dan Tokaji, board chair of California Common Cause; Xandra Kayden, a UCLA public policy professor; Erwin Chermersky, USC law professor; and Bishop Gabino Zavala, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Opponents of the living wage ordinance were invited to participate in the hearing, but no one from the group accepted the invitation, Rothstein said.

But opponents of the living wage law don't believe they had to defend their campaign, according to Jacobson.

"There were no lies in any of the material we did," Jacobson said. "We ran a straight-up ethical campaign. We sent out pieces in the mail, and they sent out pieces in the mail. Everybody had an opinion in their pieces, but we never sent anything that was factually inaccurate."

Rothstein said she couldn't disagree more. She said the campaign to kill the living wage ordinance is symbolic of everything that's wrong with politics.

"If we're not careful we're not going to have a democracy anymore," she said. "It'll just be a big money system."

Alleged bank robber faces charges by FBI in court

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appearance in federal court on Thursday to answer charges of bank robbery, said FBI spokeswoman Laura Bosley.

Stevens, known by the FBI as the "Gun and Newspaper Bandit," also is suspected of robbing a Wells Fargo branch located at 8061 Santa Monica Boulevard on Valentines Day.

The FBI suspects Stevens, who may be using that name as an alias, in at least two bank robberies based on his description and method of operation. In both robberies, Stevens allegedly used a replica handgun wrapped in newspaper to intimidate tellers into giving him money.

In Wednesday's hold-up at US Bank, located at 400 Wilshire Blvd., Stevens allegedly approached a teller, displayed the gun and demanded money. Apparently the teller was so frightened that she ran away, Bosley said. Stevens then allegedly approached a second teller with the wrapped gun and said, "It's no joke, this is a robbery, give me what you got." He then proceeded to a third teller and said, "Come on ladies, I've got a gun, open your drawer," according to Bosley.

A US Bank employee called Santa Monica Police at 4:08 p.m. to report that the bank was being robbed. Santa Monica police officers responded in less than two minutes. Witnesses identified Stevens who was walking away from a parked car in the 1200 block of Court Four, the alley between Fourth and Fifth streets. Officers arrested the man and witnesses positively identified Stevens as the suspect.

Police searched his car and found a replica handgun in a jacket that witnesses told police Stevens was wearing in the bank. Officers also recovered a sack of money, however the amount is not being disclosed.

At Wells Fargo last week, Stevens allegedly approached a bank teller at 5:40 p.m., opened the newspaper, displayed the fake gun and said, "Give me the money and I'll be gone," according to Bosley.

Stevens wrote on a deposit slip and handed it to the teller that read, "This is a robbery, I have a gun, put the money in the envelope," according to Bosley. The teller complied and Stevens allegedly left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash.

"The investigation is still ongoing," Bosley said. "We don't rule out that he committed more bank robberies."

Local Sports

Samohi heads into play-offs

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica High School boy's soccer team, who finished second in the Bay League, learned that they will play Newport Harbor in the playoffs this week. Samohi will host Newport Harbor on

Saturday in the first round of C.I.F. Division II playoffs. Newport Harbor plays in the Sea View league and finished second. Kick-off is scheduled for 3 p.m. and the game will be played at John Adams Middle School.

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LOCAL

Co-workers join search for missing S.M. woman

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Frank Fabrega.

Johnson was last seen on Saturday afternoon at her Santa Monica apartment, which she shares with two roommates on the 2200 block of 29th Street.

Wark said she spoke to her daughter Saturday morning and she didn't mention an appointment with a photographer. She said her daughter was focused on enrolling into a spring semester course at Santa Monica College, where she has been taking night courses with the hope of attending UCLA in the future.

Johnson was born in Northern California but soon moved with her family to Saugatuck, Mich., a small town about 140 miles northeast of Chicago nestled on the banks of Lake Michigan.

Her parents divorced while Johnson was in high school, but the family remained in Michigan. After graduating from Saugatuck High School in 1999 in a senior class of 62 students, Johnson attended Western Michigan University for one year before dropping out to move back to California to live with her grandmother in Santa Maria.

"She always wanted to go back to California, where there's more opportunities and better weather," Wark said.

Wark said she moved back to California shortly after her daughter in 2000, settling in Los Gatos, a small suburb about 50 miles south of San Francisco. For now, Wark is staying put, but she may travel to Santa Monica if her daughter isn't found soon.

Johnson worked on a movie being shot in San Luis Obispo starring Sandra Bullock. Johnson fell in love with the entertainment industry and decided to move to Los Angeles to study at the

Make-up Designory in Burbank.

"She was working as a make up artist living in West Hollywood, but it was a tough life and it was hard finding work," Wark said. "About that time she decided a four-year degree was something she wanted."

Johnson found a full-time job at CNCG Cellular and she moved to Santa Monica to take classes at SMC. CNCG, located at 13453 Beach Ave. in Marina Del Rey, is a small company with about eight employees, said James LaPointe, the company's warehouse manager.

"Her co-workers are her family out here," LaPointe said. "She didn't have any family out here and as I understand it, she didn't have many friends here either."

LaPointe described Johnson as a "very vibrant person" who was "always smiling." He said Johnson, who had been working at the company since November 2002, was a very dependable employee.

"She would never not call in," he said. "Even when she's late, she calls in."

CNCG workers distributed missing person fliers on Thursday in Johnson's neighborhood.

Wark said she is thankful for the media attention on the search for her daughter. She urges anyone with information about her daughter to call the police department's tip line.

"She's just so beautiful inside and out," said Wark, choking back tears. "When she comes into a room the whole room lights up. She's just a wonderful spirit. I love and adore Kristi so much. I just want to hear that she's all right."

Anyone with information about Johnson's disappearance is encouraged to call the SMPD's tip line at (310) 458-8449. Or anyone interested in helping Johnson's co-workers post fliers can call James LaPointe at (310) 822-4321.

The Q-Line

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about, but if it does, that's Saddam Hussein's problem."

■ "I think war is inevitable at this stage in the game. But I think we should send Bush and his cronies to the front line and our military in front of them. They are in charge of the whole thing. They should be there first. Generals go first, captains go first. Truthfully there should not be any war."

■ "I hope that Saddam is ousted by his own people. However, I believe war is our only option at this present time. Saddam is laughing at us as he hides biological, chemical and nuclear weapons from the inspectors. He is a mad man and will unleash his weapons on neighboring countries and soon in our country if we don't stop him. He cuts off the ears and tongues of anyone who opposes him. If our country's protesters were to protest Saddam's policies in Iraq they would all be shot. America is a wonderful country and we must fight to protect it. God Bless America."

■ "I remember the events of 9/11 that destroyed 3,000 lives in a world class business center in NYC. This to me demonstrated a new 21st Century theorem: That danger is not necessarily determined by the size of an enemy's country, but by the depth of their hatred and personal ability to wage inhumane

attacks on humanity. Saddam Hussein is a small dictator, with a big potential to do world damage if even the slightest opportunity presents itself. To keep him in power is insane. To go after him with military action is courageous and very risky. I would choose the latter. Our 227 years of democracy was not created or sustained by passivity. Much effort and many lives have been given up to ensure our country's survival. The protests of last weekend sadly showed the frivolous indifference some people have for supporting safety and freedom that others before have so bravely passed on."

■ "The problem of America attacking Iraq is the size of America and the size of Iraq. In my opinion, it would be very much like the state of California attacking Catalina. I am also the old school who would like to have the enemy fire the first shot. If Iraq had anything to do with the demolition of the World Trade Center, I would agree that the first shot was fired. Still, there is no hard evidence indicating Iraq had anyone more than intrinsic interests in those destructions. Also, the news media has not been specific regarding the weapons of mass destruction Iraq intends to use on the bombardment of America. The weapons inspectors sent to Iraq say that Iraq does not have any weapons of mass destruction. In the final analysis any excuse will do simply because the oil company whores wanting it to be done for one form of greed to another form of greed. When oil company whores speak, all company lackeys respond with a resounding YES SIR!"

LOCAL



Jurors follow parameters of law, rule in favor of officer

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fact LAPD critics have stressed. Hopper has said that Lee may have turned quickly during the incident, but that he was concentrating on the gun pointed at him.

Frey and Denton, both at the time aspiring actors, claimed Hopper never had permission to enter the mansion grounds. They sued for negligence, civil rights violations, and assault and battery. They claimed they were devastated emotionally by the shooting. But the case was an uphill battle from the start, with attorney Josh Haffner conceding it has been difficult to sue police, particularly in the post-Sept. 11 environment.

The jury split 10-2 in Hopper's favor on the key question of whether he was negligent by failing to gain clear permission to enter the mansion from a security guard at the party. The panel was split on the civil rights question, but was unanimous in Hopper's favor in the assault and battery allegations arising from the shooting. It would have taken at least a 9-3 vote against Hopper for the plaintiffs to win damages.

Several jurors told lawyers for both sides that they wondered why security guard Tremaine Webster didn't testify at the trial, although he gave a deposition — a statement under questioning — in the case.

"If someone had said to Hopper 'stop,' that would have completely changed the issue," one juror said. Hopper's partner, Natalie Humpherys, said she didn't hear Webster consent to police entering the costume party. Hopper, however, said Webster shrugged and gestured at the party when asked where he could find the home's owner.

"A wave-up could have implied consent," said one juror in noting that Frey and Denton hadn't proven their case. "It was unclear if he had permission." The juror said the right to privacy — a key issue for Frey and Denton — didn't figure heavily into the panel's thinking.

The juror suggested Lee's estate could have been sued because Lee's waving the gun sparked the episode — an argument made by LAPD lawyer Cory Brente at the trial. That juror also pointed out that the gun, a movie prop for

"It was a very finely detailed black plastic replica. You could tell it wasn't real if you got close, like three feet, but not from (the six feet) where the officer was."

- JUROR

a Magnum .357, could easily have fooled Hopper from a distance of six feet.

"It was a very finely detailed black plastic replica," said the juror. "You could tell it wasn't real if you got close, like three feet, but not from (the six feet) where the officer was."

Still, that juror, groping for a lesson from the tragedy, suggested that party hosts leave clear instructions denying police entry on a noise complaint, and handle matters outside — a procedure suggested by a police report subsequent to the episode.

"This security guard probably makes minimum wage. He's out there on a cold October night in a jacket stamped 'Security.' He's not going to say 'no' to the police. That's not really security. That's like a scarecrow," he said.

Another juror sympathized with Frey and Denton, telling their lawyers, "We really wished we could have given them something. We really did. But we couldn't do it under the framework of the law the judge gave us."

The jurors, who deliberated five hours after getting the case from Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Jacqueline Connor, first re-read the jury instructions aloud in the jury room. That led them immediately to the civil rights question — and whether Hopper was properly inside the party when the shooting happened.

Hopper said following the trial that it was difficult for him to talk about the episode, the only case in his six

years on the force in which he's shot someone.

"If you have never been in that situation, there are really no words you can put to it. It's there forever. You go from fear, thinking someone's going to kill you to somebody's dead. We go out there every day and any day we may not come home. It's tough," Hopper said.

Hopper said the juror's suggestion that police be explicitly told to wait outside was a good one.

"I've had that happen. It's their right to have an agent," he said. "We have to be able to contact them. We knock at the door, so we need a contact to do our job. Someone needs to take responsibility."

But Hopper was less clear on what would happen if nobody responded to a noise complaint.

"We do what we have to do," he said. "We don't go around bullying people. We're just there to do our job."

Hopper's cause was clearly helped by his demeanor on the witness stand. A large black man, he appeared quiet by nature and was described by Brente, his lawyer, as a "teddy bear."

Lee, who was 39 at the time and also black, had played small television and film roles.

One relative of the plaintiffs who declined to give her name insisted the case was less about money than about reform.

"We're not done," she said. "There'll be an appeal. L.A. needs to know."

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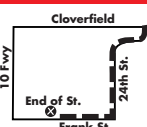
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INTERNATIONAL

U-2 makes second flight; Iraq government submits list

BY NIKO PRICE
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq allowed another flight by an American U-2 spy plane Thursday as President Saddam Hussein's government sought to convince the world that it is cooperating with U.N. weapons inspectors.

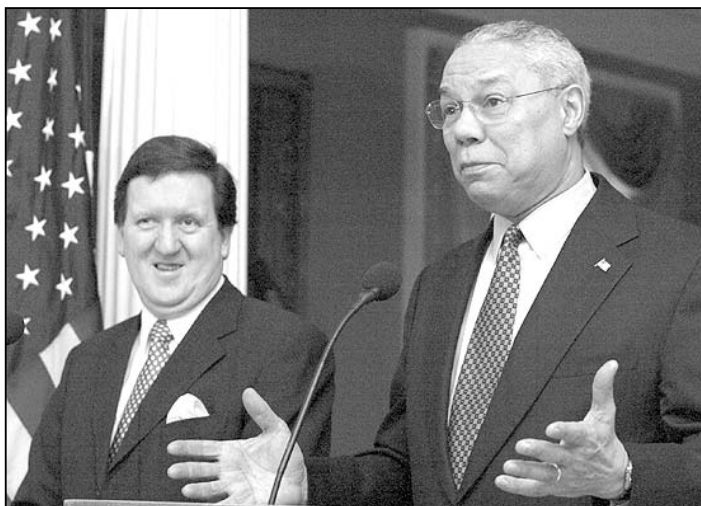
In New York, a U.N. spokesman said Baghdad had also submitted a list of people reportedly involved in the destruction of banned weapons — fulfilling a key demand by chief weapons inspector Hans Blix.

It was the second flight this week by a U-2 in support of the U.N. inspection program. The Iraqi Foreign Ministry said the plane spent six hours and 20 minutes over Iraq's territory, searching for evidence of banned weapons.

Iraq allowed the first U-2 flight Monday after resisting such flights since the inspection program resumed in November. Iraq had insisted that U.S. and British planes suspend patrols in the "no-fly" zones during U-2 missions but relented as pressure mounted on Baghdad to display more cooperation with the inspection program.

The United States and Britain have disputed Iraq's claims that it no longer holds weapons of mass destruction or long-range missiles, which were banned under a U.N. resolution approved after Baghdad's defeat in the 1991 Gulf War.

President Bush has threatened military action to disarm the Iraqis. The United



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Secretary of State Colin Powell, right, and Secretary General of NATO Lord Robertson react to a reporter's question at a news conference at the State Department in Washington on Thursday. Powell and Robertson discussed, among other things, NATO's measures to protect Turkey from the threat of attack from Iraq.

States and Britain have massed nearly 200,000 troops in the region to reinforce that warning, despite widespread international opposition to war.

The United States and Britain plan to offer a new Iraq-war resolution to the Security Council next week, a senior Bush administration official said. But they cur-

rently lack the nine votes for approval.

With pressure mounting, Iraq has complied with a long-standing U.N. demand and turned over the names of people who took part in the destruction of banned material from its biological and missile programs, a U.N. spokesman said Thursday.

Iraq had already submitted a list of 83

people who it said took part in the destruction of banned chemical weapons and materials.

"Since then, the Iraqis have provided lists of individuals involved in unilateral destruction of biological and missile items in the early 1990s," Ewen Buchanan, spokesman for chief inspector Blix, said. "Those lists are being studied, and clearly might be potential names for interviews."

Iraq has claimed to have destroyed chemical and biological weapons as well as long-range missiles but lacks documents to prove it. Blix had said that if the documents are unavailable, the inspectors want to talk to people who carried out the destruction.

With the threat of war hanging over the country, President Saddam Hussein met Thursday with top aides and military commanders to discuss "the preparations of our courageous armed forces and of the Iraqi people to confront the U.S. threats of aggression," the Iraqi News Agency reported.

"They also discussed ways to enhance Iraqis' capabilities ... enabling them to inflict defeat on the evil aggressors," the agency said.

For the sixth straight month, Iraqis drew double rations on Thursday, part of an expanded rations system designed to prepare citizens for a long war. Iraq has been handing out food rations to its people since 1990, when the United Nations imposed sanctions on the oil-rich country for its occupation of neighboring Kuwait.

Key developments concerning the Iraq crisis unfold

By The Associated Press

Developments in the Iraq crisis:

■ Secretary of State Colin Powell said "there may be some creative things we can do" to gain acceptance of a proposed U.S. aid package meant to pave the way for Turkey to help in a war against Iraq. Another U.S. official said one approach under consideration was to seek a \$1 billion congressional appropriation that would then permit Turkey to obtain loans at low U.S.-government levels for many times that amount.

■ The United States and Britain will offer a new Iraq-war resolution to the U.N. Security Council next week, a senior administration official said. The official indicated the resolution would be pushed forward whether the

United States had the votes or not.

■ Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said U.N. weapons inspectors were being pressured to provide a pretext for war on Iraq. He said Russia had not ruled out using its Security Council veto against a resolution calling for force against Iraq.

■ President Bush sought to keep the pressure on the Security Council, telling a suburban Atlanta audience, "Denial and endless delay in the face of growing danger is not an option."

■ Iraq allowed another flight by an American U-2 spy plane as President Saddam Hussein's government sought to convince the world that it is cooperating with U.N. weapons inspectors. It was the second flight this week by a U-2 in support of the U.N. inspection program.

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■ Saddam convened his top aides and military commanders to prepare for a possible war with the United States and to discuss how to "inflict defeat on the evil aggressors."

■ Former Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Patrick Regan was convicted of offering to sell U.S. intelligence information to Iraq and China. He was acquitted of attempted spying for Libya.

Russian space chief urges Washington to help fund spacecraft

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — Russia's space chief exhorted Washington on Thursday to help finance the construction of extra Russian spacecraft needed to run the international space station during a break in U.S. shuttle flights.

Pending an inquiry into the Columbia shuttle disaster, Russia's Soyuz crew capsules and Progress cargo ships are the only links to the space station. Russian space officials said they were ready to build extra ships.

NASA has said potential funding to Russia is constrained by U.S. legislation, which Russian Aerospace Agency director Yuri Koptev urged the Bush administration to overlook.

"We expect that the spirit of our relationship that has emerged from our nations' fight against international terrorism ... will be applied to this specific and very important area," he said Thursday at a news conference.

The Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 bars "extraordinary payments" to Russia's space agency for the station unless the United States confirms Russia has not transferred missile technology or nuclear, chemical or biological weapons to Iran in the previous year.

The legislation reflects strong U.S. concerns that Russia's ties with Iran are helping the Islamic republic advance its nuclear and missile programs. Russia says its nuclear cooperation with Iran is strictly limited to a contract for building a civil-

ian nuclear power plant in Bushehr and denies any leaks of missile technology.

On Thursday, the space chief dismissed U.S. accusations of cooperation with Iran as "political myths" and urged the Bush administration to seek a waiver of the nonproliferation act.

Koptev said his agency and NASA were also talking to European participants in the space station about possible funding for extra Russian ships.

The space station usually has a permanent staff of three — currently, two American astronauts and a Russian cosmonaut. But Koptev said a replacement crew to be sent in May aboard a Russian Soyuz would most likely be only two people, which would reduce the number of trips to the station needed to sustain them.

Space officials had discussed sending a replacement crew in late April, but Koptev said the Soyuz would not be ready until early May.

Russia has budgeted \$130 million to fulfill its obligation to send two Soyuz and three Progress ships to the station this year. But it needs an additional \$85 million to finish construction of two Soyuz capsules and six Progress ships needed because of the break in shuttle flights.

Koptev warned that Russia cannot finance the project alone, and that Russia's partners must move quickly to help.

"If we don't make a decision today on building a certain number of ships and provide the necessary funds, we can say for sure that we won't have the necessary number of ships next year," he said.

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SPORTS



Kobe Bryant joins Wilt, MJ in NBA record book

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — One minute, Kobe Bryant dragged his aching right knee behind him. The next, he dunked over 7-foot-6 Yao Ming.

All in a night's work for Bryant, whose seven-game streak of scoring at least 40 points is the NBA's longest since Michael Jordan did it in nine consecutive games in the 1986-87 season.

"I'm just going from game-to-game," Bryant said. "I'm just trying to stay healthy and help us win."

Despite battling a bad knee, he's on the kind of roll that comes along once in a generation. Before Jordan's streak, Wilt Chamberlain scored 40 or more in 14 straight games in 1961-62.

It all began three weeks ago for Bryant. That's when coach Phil Jackson told him the slumping Los Angeles Lakers needed him to score more.

Bryant began shooting more — and the points just kept coming.

"I don't really know what it is," Bryant said after getting exactly 40 in a 93-87 victory over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night. "All this has done is help us win games. Maybe when I retire I can look back and see what an accomplishment it was."

Bryant has at least 35 points in his last 11 games, a span in which the Lakers have improved from 19-23 to 28-25 and climbed into a tie with the Houston Rockets for the Western Conference's final playoff berth. His average of 42.8 points in that span raised Bryant's season average to 30.4, second in the NBA to Orlando's Tracy McGrady (30.6 ppg).

Bryant's 35- and 40-point streaks are both franchise records, eclipsing marks set by Hall of Famer Elgin Baylor. And Bryant's runs both rank fourth in league history entering Friday night's game against Portland.

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Chamberlain scored 35 or more points in 33 straight games in 1961-62, and also had streaks of 23 and 20. Jordan's best streak of 35 or more was 10 for Chicago in 1986-87 (the Bulls went just 3-7).

After Bryant dropped 52 points on Yao's Rockets in a double overtime victory Tuesday night, Jackson said: "There's nothing more to say. It was a great effort. It was almost too much."

Wearing a black sleeve on his ailing knee, Bryant scored all nine of his team's points in the first overtime and eight in the second extra period, leaving him one shy of the NBA season-high of 53 (by New York's Allan Houston).

"I can't really grasp it," Bryant said. "I go out every game and just play."

Bryant also had eight rebounds, seven assists and three blocked shots while playing a career-high 54 minutes against Houston. He shot 19-of-38, including 3-of-9 from 3-point range, and made all 11 of his free throws.

And he did it in a game Jackson called the most

important of the season to date.

"My teammates are really looking for me to carry a lot of the load offensively because of the way I've been playing," Bryant said.

And because Shaquille O'Neal is sidelined with a sore knee and pain in a surgically repaired toe. He missed his third straight game Wednesday.

Bryant, meanwhile, keeps scoring in bunches.

"Hurting," Bryant said when asked how his knee felt. "Oh, it was killing me. I play around it. I just try to be a little creative."

He has been bothered on and off all season by tendonitis in the knee.

"Kobe is digging deep," teammate Mark Madsen said. "Kobe fights through pain a lot and never talks about it."

Despite the pain, Bryant whipped the Staples Center crowd into a frenzy late in the third quarter when he drove along the baseline and slammed the ball in over Yao.

"My eyes got real big," Bryant said. "It feels good to climb the tall guys. He's a big dude, man."

It wasn't clear whether Bryant would play Wednesday against Utah until he took the court. Then he made his first six shots, including two 3-pointers, for 14 points in seven minutes.

Not bad for a guy getting electric stimulation on the knee when he was out of the game.

"I got treatment all night long and all day today," he said. "We got it to a point where I could really run."

Bryant was booed by Utah's fans throughout the game until the end, when the sellout crowd of 19,911 realized he was about to continue his 40-point streak.

With the crowd chanting "KO-BE! KO-BE!" Bryant got his 40th point on a free throw with 8.2 seconds left.

"He's the best player in the game right now," said Jazz guard Mark Jackson, a 16-year NBA veteran. "He's playing as good basketball as I've seen in my career."

A shorter hitter uses the short stick to take the lead

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LOS ANGELES — Fred Funk, one of the shortest hitters on the PGA Tour, proved Thursday that the shortest club in the bag can make all the difference.

Funk had 11 one-putts and made one from off the green on his way to a 6-under 65 on Thursday that gave him an early three-stroke lead in the Nissan Open.

Tiger Woods, coming off a victory last week in San Diego, was among the late starters when Riviera Country Club was at its toughest in increasing winds.

Funk not only was hitting it short — an average of 263.5 yards off the tee — but at times he was crooked, hardly living up to his reputation as the straightest driver in golf.

No matter.

"The putter was really hot," said Funk, who had only 23 putts. "I didn't drive it particularly well, but over the first 11 holes, that's as good as I can putt."

They weren't all for birdies. He also saved par from 8 and 15 feet in the middle of his round, then really turned it on with three straight birdies starting at No. 6. He bogeyed his final hole, No. 9, but had no complaints with a 65.

Steve Elkington, who won the '95 PGA Championship at Riviera, three-time major winner Nick Price and Cameron Beckman were three strokes behind at 68.

Even though only half the round had been completed, it is rare for anyone on the PGA Tour get that much separation on the field over 18 holes.

Riviera is a classic design, one of the best courses on the PGA Tour. Despite advances in technology, the 72-hole scoring record — 264 by Lanny Wadkins — has stood since 1985.

The course has added some length, particularly on the par-3 sixth hole with a bunker in the middle of the green and the 12th, which can stretch some 464 yards into the breeze.

Funk overcame his equipment issues with putting, but



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Canadian golfer Mike Weir chips to the 18th green of Riviera Country Club in the Pro-Am round of the Nissan Open in Los Angeles on Wednesday. The Nissan Open started on Thursday.

even he wonders how long that can hold up over the next three days.

No, he is not Tiger Woods.

"I don't even pretend to have the game Tiger has," Funk said. "I've got to be doing a lot of things good and really putting to do well on a course like this."

Funk, 46, still manages.

He finished 13th on the PGA Tour money list last year, his best ever. Despite not winning, he was runner-up four times and tied for fourth in the PGA Championship.

Still, he fears the game is becoming one-dimensional, favoring only the big hitters.

That wasn't a factor Thursday. Riviera hasn't been in this kind of condition in years, with greens that already were firm and fast and fairways so dry that several players — Funk not included — opted for 3-woods and 2-irons off the tee.

With no rain in the forecast, it only figures to get tougher.

"If the greens don't get any water on them, it's going to bring the guys that hit the ball farther up to the top of the leaderboard," Funk said. "I would have to have three more days of 23, 25, 26 putts to be up there."

"Not that I can't do it — but I'm realistic about my game."

For others, the first round was quite a jolt.

Paul Azinger, who needs to play well the next month to qualify for the Masters, had two double bogeys and a triple bogey for an 83. Davis Love III, playing for the first time since his victory at Pebble Beach two weeks ago, had a 76.

Among the early starters, only nine players managed to break par.

Woods and David Duval, playing in the same group, faced even tougher conditions as the wind swirled through the tree-lined fairways on a warm, sunny afternoon. Divots: Craig Perks, who last year became the first player to make The Players Championship his first tour victory, was named New Zealand's sportsman of the year. Perks was the first golfer to win the award since the 1992 Eisenhower Cup team won a premier amateur event. ... David Duval had a remarkable start to his round. He missed the first fairway by 50 yards, hit back toward the fairway and caught the lip of a bunker. He chipped out, flew the green, then chipped in for par. No wonder Duval, who has missed his first two cuts this year, is leading the PGA Tour in putting.

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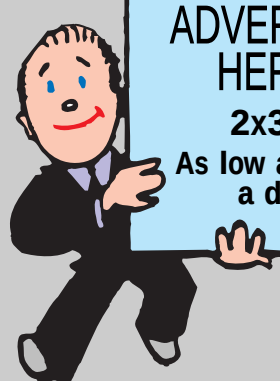
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(310) 395-5255

Attorney for Petitioner Newlon Rouge, L.L.C.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

In the Matter of the Petition)
of Newlon Rouge, L.L.C. To Have The)
Standing of the SANTA MONICA DAILY)
PRESS as a Newspaper of General)
Circulation Ascertained and)
Established.)

Case No. S0011597

**VERIFIED PETITION TO
ESTABLISH STANDING AS A
NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL
CIRCULATION FOR THE COUNTY
OF LOS ANGELES AND STATE OF
CALIFORNIA**
[Gov. Code §§6000, 6020]

Petitioner, Newlon Rouge, L.L.C., alleges: **TERRY B. FRIEDMAN**

1. Petitioner is the California limited liability corporation which owns the newspaper known as the Santa Monica Daily Press, hereinafter referred to as the "Newspaper".

2. The Newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation published for the dissemination of local news and intelligence of a general character in Santa Monica, California. The business address of the Newspaper is 1427 1/2 Street Promenade, Suite 202, PO Box 1380 Santa Monica, CA 90406-1380.

3. The Newspaper has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers in Santa Monica. It is published every day except Sundays. The Newspaper has an average daily circulation of 15,000 copies.

VERIFIED PETITION: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

4. For more than one year proceeding the filing of this petition the Newspaper has been established under the name of Santa Monica Daily Press. The Newspaper has been printed and published regularly six days per week (Sundays excluded) by the use of off-net internet "web" publishing in the County of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica.

5. During the whole of the one year period preceding the filing of this petition, the mechanical work of producing the newspaper through the use of off-set internet "web" printing has been performed in the County of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica. The Newspaper has been issued from the same city and county where it is published, namely the County of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica. The Newspaper has been published as a daily newspaper, Sundays excluded.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for judgement ascertaining and establishing the Santa Monica Daily Press as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in Section 6000 of the Government Code, for the County of Los Angeles and State of California.

DATED: February 5, 2003

Nicholas Tepper
Nicholas Tepper
Attorney for Petitioner
Newlon Rouge, L.L.C.

VERIFIED PETITION: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

VERIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I, the undersigned, being a resident qualified person, do hereby certify that I am a party to the foregoing VERIFIED PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AN ESTABLISH STANDING AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA, and know its contents.

☐ I am a party to this action. The matters stated in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

☒ I am an Officer ☐ a partner ☐ a director of the PETITIONER NEWLON ROUGE, L.L.C.

☐ I am one of the attorneys for a party to this action, and am authorized to make this verification for and on behalf, and I make this verification for that reason. ☒ I am informed and believe and on that ground allege that the matters stated in the foregoing document are true. ☐ The matters stated in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

☐ I am one of the attorneys for a party to this action. Such party is absent from the County of Los Angeles where such attorneys have their offices, and I make this verification for and on behalf of that party for that reason. I am informed and believe and on that ground allege that the matters stated in the foregoing document are true.

Executed on 2/5/03 at SANTA MONICA, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

ROSS FURUKANA (Type or Print Name) *Ross Furukana* (Signature)

PROOF OF SERVICE
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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☐ (State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

☐ (Federal) I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

Type or Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

"I, the undersigned, being a resident qualified person, do hereby certify that I am a party to the foregoing VERIFIED PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AN ESTABLISH STANDING AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA, and know its contents."

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Obituaries

LOUISE SIGONA

Louise Yvonne Sigona of Thousand Oaks passed away peacefully in her sleep on Valentine's Day. She was born on October 21, 1934 to Yvonne and Nicholas Frank of Santa Monica, CA. Louise is survived by her loving husband of 46 years, Frank John Sigona, her siblings: Leon, Suzanne, Robert and Judith, her children: John, Julie, Michael & Gina and her grandchildren: Kyle, Angelina, Johnnie, Micheil, Kiyomi, Cassandra and Christopher.

Services will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church, 32032 Linder Canyon Road in Westlake Village.

Donations can be made to the American Heart Association or the Cancer Society in her name.

SANTA MONICA SCENE °CALENDAR EDITION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2003

TODAY

Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, 7-9 pm -- Los Angeles WEST-SIDE Genealogical Society meets at the Community Room, Burton Chace Park, Marina del Rey, to hear Elaine Alexander tell about the 101 U.S. Ports of Arrival, the wheres and whens. Admission is free. For more information, call Carolyn Rosenberg at (310) 396-6698.

MAGICOPOLIS presents HOCUS POCUS! (Fish Bones Choke Us). The stage explodes with a colorful mix of Magic, Special Effects, Sleight of Hand, Comedy and Music that's sure to delight audiences of all ages. At MAGICOPOLIS, 1418 Fourth Street, Santa Monica. Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm, \$20. Saturday & Sundays at 2pm, \$15. For tickets call 310-451-2241.

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

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.

Pulse - Through kinesthesia, sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell, pathways clear for your deeper embodiment and wider expression. Each session is supported by live music with Christo Pellani of Soundformation Music and/or by recorded music. Altars devoted to the senses, spirit and play enrich the environment and amplify your awareness. Third Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m. To 9:30 p.m., Continuum Studio, 1629 18th Street #7, (North of Olympic in Santa Monica) Cost \$12.00. For more information please call Kara Masters (310)455-2743.

SATURDAY

Organic Farmer's Market every Saturday. 8:30am to 1pm, Arizona and Third Street. (310)458-8712

Blue 7 presents 'Near and Far - Photographic Images of Nature.' The featured photographers are Scott Connell, Michael Gordon and Gavin Launcheauer. Exhibit ends April 5th. Blue 7, 3129 Pico Blvd. (310)449-1444

Weekly Storytime, 11:00 a.m. Come to Barnes & Noble for Saturday readings with the kids! Call 310-260-9110 for more information.

The Santa Monica Playhouse's Main Stage presents

"Dorothy's Adventures in OZ," a musical matinee for kids from 2-92! Now extended through March 30th! Saturdays and Sundays 12:30pm and 3:00pm. Kids (12 and under) pay \$9.00; Adults \$10.00. Reservations are necessary. Call (310)394-9779 ext. 2 or visit SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com. The Playhouse is located at 1211 4th St. (between Wilshire & Arizona) in Santa Monica.

Cat & Kitten Adoption Fair: Every Sat & Sun, 12pm to 4pm @ Centinella Feed, 1448 Lincoln Blvd in Santa Monica. Donations include spay/neuter, 1st vaccines, flea/worm treatment as needed. Knowledgeable support for new adopters. Rescue Me Pet Foundation. (310)452-9568.

Money, Deception and Democracy: A Public Hearing On Charges of Electoral Improprieties in The Santa Monica Living Wage Campaign. Today from 1pm to 4pm at the Santa Monica Alternative School Auditorium, 2525 5th Street. (Corner of 5th & Ocean Park Blvd., SM)

The Red Ribbon Squares, Santa Monica's official square dance club, invites you to enjoy an evening of plus level square dancing, alternating with round dancing, with an A-1 tip during break time. We dance every Saturday at Marine Park from 7:45pm to 10:30pm. Pre-rounds begin at 7:15pm. Admission is \$5 for dancers, including refreshments. Spectators are free. For more information, please call (310)395-3383

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About Schmidt (R) 6:30, 9:30. Biker Boyz (PG-13) 9:15. The Hours (PG-13) 7:15, 10:00. The Guru (R) 7:45, 10:15. Kangaroo Jack (PG) 7:00.

MANN CRITERION

1313 Third St.
How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13) 5:00, 7:10, 8:00, 10:05, 10:50. The Recruit (PG-13) 7:05, 10:00. Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) 7:15, 10:15. Gangs of New York (R) 7:00, 10:30. The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 7:00, 10:45.

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1310 3rd Street
Shanghai Knights (PG-13) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20. Chicago (PG-13) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15. Final Destination 2 (R) 5:35, 7:50, 10:00. Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) 6:50, 9:50. Daredevil (PG-13) 5:25, 6:45, 7:50, 9:15, 10:05. The Jungle Book 2 (G) 5:20, 7:10, 9:05.

LANDMARK NU-WILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Pianist (R) 7:00, 10:15. Bowling for Columbine (R) 7:30. Russian Ark (NR) 10:30.

LAEMMLE MONICA

1332 2nd St.
City of God (R) 7:10, 10:05. The Quiet American (R) 7:20, 9:55. All the Real Girls (R) 7:15, 10:00.

AERO THEATER

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



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Lost pets may be trekking across northern Nevada

By The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Smokey and Red probably don't know it, but they've become much sought-after celebrities during a five-month trek across northern Nevada.

If they hold their course, the black Labrador retriever and an Irish setter-border collie mix could show up in the Reno-Sparks area any day, their owner said.

Bill Havens of Fairfield, Ill., has been searching for his pets since Sept. 21, when he lost them in a traffic accident on Interstate 80 near West Wendover on the Nevada-Utah line.

Since then, he's been tracking the dogs with help from strangers in Elko and motorists along the I-80 corridor.

Havens believes the dogs may heading to their old home in northern California.

"I need eyes out there," Havens told the Reno Gazette-Journal. "They should be reaching Sparks."

Jennifer Slavin of Battle Mountain said she spotted

the dogs Sunday near I-80 outside Fernley, 30 miles east of Reno.

"I know they're the dogs," said Slavin, who has seen pictures of Smokey and Red. "The red one was resting, and the black one was standing up. They should be in Reno now."

Steve Murphy in Elko, who is coordinating the search and updating Havens, said the dogs now are probably following the Truckee River.

"If they get found, this is going to be one of those unbelievable stories," Murphy said.

Havens said he was driving a sport utility vehicle and pulling a trailer when the accident involving large truck occurred.

There were six dogs in the trailer. Havens, his wife, Kim, and their children found four, but not Smokey and Red.

The family spent the next week searching before giving up and moving on.

But they left word with animal shelters and sent out

flyers and photographs. The Nevada Highway Patrol in Elko County alerted other law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout.

The insurance company that covered the other truck involved in the accident paid for a professional tracker to look for the dogs.

When the Havens family reached Illinois, they started getting calls from people who thought they'd seen the dogs, first in Elko, then Carlin, then Battle Mountain and, finally, Fernley.

At one point, the trail was hot in Elko, where police say there were several reports in mid-December of two dogs running loose that fit the description left by Bill Havens.

Excited by the news, Bill Havens and his oldest son, Justin, left southern Illinois on Dec. 16, drove straight through and arrived in Elko the next afternoon.

Havens and his son picked up the trail outside of town. "There had been snow," Bill Havens said. "We followed their tracks as best we could."

Poll: Majority doesn't think U.S. has enough support for war

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A solid majority of Americans supports military action against Iraq, but the concern that the United States doesn't have enough international support for such military action is growing, says a new poll.

Nearly six in 10 Americans, 57 percent, say the United States should get a second U.N. resolution before attacking Iraq, and about the same number, 58 percent, say this country does not currently have enough international support for such an attack. These are the findings of a poll released Thursday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Pew Research Center Director Andrew Kohut said the most important findings of the poll are that the debate with longtime allies in the United Nations, the report by U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix and overseas peace protests "have affected public opinion."

"The number of people who are basically backing support hasn't changed," Kohut said, "but concerns about the big qualification of international support have."

General support for military action against Iraq was at 66 percent, but that tends to drop in polls when people are asked about attacking without allied backing. Polls show a majority approves of military action as long as this country has the support of major allies.

But recent events are raising public concerns about the need for international backing. The Pew poll found public sentiment shifting significantly between early February and after the United Nations heard from weapons inspector Blix.

The poll found that public opinion shifted away from quick military action on several questions. Those include whether the United States has enough international support, whether Iraq will disarm peacefully and whether U.N. inspectors have found proof that Iraq is hiding weapons of mass destruction.

Kohut said the poll suggests that failing to get backing from the United Nations and a broad alliance before attacking could mean the war effort would not have

as much widespread public support in this country in the long run.

Six in 10 said they believe the weapons inspection efforts showed that Iraq will not cooperate and cannot be peacefully disarmed. But the number of people who believe Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had any connection with terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 dropped from 66 percent in October to 57 percent now.

The Pew poll of 1,254 adults conducted with the Council on Foreign Relations was conducted in waves Feb. 12-13 and Feb. 14-18. It has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points, slightly larger for subgroups.

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