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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ The 3rd Baron Mereworth and dozens of British nobles told reporters in January that they planned to sue Britain in the European Court of Human Rights because the Blair government had ousted most of them in a 1997 reform of the "upper" legislature, the House of Lords (which had long been criticized as a mere social club of aristocrats). (Lord Mereworth, for example, inherited his title last year upon the death of his father, who spent 70 years in the House of Lords without ever participating in a debate.)



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Money can do nothing without brains to direct it.



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SMC to eliminate programs, faculty

No end in sight for school budget woes

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

In the wake of massive state cuts, Santa Monica College now must eliminate 10 academic programs, 13 administrative positions and 13 full-time, tenured professors to stay afloat next year.

The cuts will affect thousands of students who are currently enrolled in the programs. About 1,900 of SMC's 30,000 students concentrated their studies in one of the endangered programs, school officials said.

The 10 school programs to be cut from SMC's roster are architecture, fashion design and merchandising, geographic information systems, interior design, office information systems, public safety, recreation, respiratory therapy, tourism and hospitality and transportation technology.

Santa Monica College's Board of Trustees approved the cuts on Monday. The cuts — which will go into effect July 1 and save the school \$2 million — mark the college's most recent effort to reconcile a loss in state funding, officials said.

Community colleges throughout California are scrambling to make up for a \$288 million shortage in funding this year and

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Local landlord in 'doghouse' with city

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

What's the going rent for a "doghouse" in Santa Monica?

With housing prices what they are in this city by the sea, even human beings may find a 200-square-foot doghouse suitable for \$768 a month.

One man did. But it didn't take long after he moved in for the city to realize the apartment he was renting on the roof of an apartment building located at 651 Grant St. was approved as a doghouse in 1962.

"It's bad enough that the landlord was getting \$768 a month for this unit but altering documents to try to cheat the tenant out of his benefits, that's outrageous."

— ADAM RADINSKY
Deputy City Attorney

City building inspectors in December ordered the landlord, Cassius Blakely, to demolish the converted studio apartment, which was listed as a rent controlled unit. As a result, the tenant who had signed a year lease this past July, was forced to move out.

But Blakely refused to pay the tenant to relocate, which is required under city law, officials said.

Laws require that if an apartment is taken off the rent control

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Panhandler pick-up



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

John Maciaszek, a known panhandler on the Third Street Promenade, was arrested by Santa Monica Police Monday afternoon for interfering with a business through intimidation or obstruction. Maciaszek, who has stationed himself outside of Tommy Hilfiger on the 1400 block of the Promenade for the past month, acts mentally incapacitated in an effort to collect money from people, several merchants allege.

Workers at Tommy Hilfiger called police after Maciaszek allegedly scared customers away on Monday.

Memorial service planned for Santa Monica woman

By Daily Press staff

As the family and friends of Kristine Johnson mourn her death today at a private funeral in Northern California, plans are underway locally to remember the 21-year-old Santa Monica resident.

Johnson, who disappeared on Feb. 15 and whose body was found last week in the Hollywood Hills, will be remembered during a memorial service at St. Augustine's Church by the Sea on Saturday, March 15 at 4 p.m. The community is invited to attend. (See related story, page 3.)

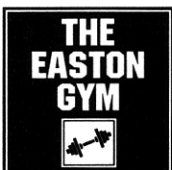
Johnson, who attended Santa Monica College, told her roommates she was going to meet a photographer for a film audition at the Century City Mall. She never returned.

Her car was found more than a week later at the St. Regis Hotel in Century City, where it had been valet parked since Sunday, Feb. 15, the day

after she disappeared. A valet attendant identified the man who dropped off Johnson's car as matching the description of a suspect connected with her disappearance.

Police now believe a 40-year-old man with a long criminal history may have murdered Johnson. The suspect is being held on an unrelated felony charge and parole violation in the Los Angeles County Jail. He was released from state prison on Jan. 20 and is now being held on a \$1.15 million bail.

Charges could be filed as early as this week. Police are waiting for the results from the Los Angeles County crime lab on evidence recovered from 10 searches, including the suspect's West Hollywood residence and several vacant homes in the Hollywood Hills that he may have toured with a real estate agent prior to Johnson's disappearance.



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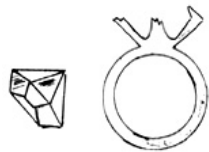


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 12, 2003:

Think about and mull over ideas before you leap in one direction or another. Plenty of thought draws the type of reaction you want. If you're not comfortable making a decision, don't. Others often push you much harder than you like. Be sensitive to your many options this year. You will be unusually successful professionally through August. Your social life soars after September. If single, you're likely to meet someone special in the fall. If attached, your love life will heat up during the fall. Make the most of the moment. CAN-CER tends to be extremely loving.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your fire energy takes you in a new direction. Be careful when dealing with someone close. You discover that many other options can occur if you open up to new ideas. Flow with the moment, staying loose and easy. You gain a lot by just being yourself. Tonight: Veg out.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might want to think before you leap. Consider your options with care about a child or loved one. Be more imaginative at work. A boss comes up with many different ideas. What you consider to be a primary option might no longer be best. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ As you see a change in the near future, you will want to make adjustments. Your financial status could be subject to startling variations because of your career in the next few years. Start thinking about what you really want to happen. Tonight: A must show.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your vision could change considerably with your mood. When someone loses his or her temper, hold back. How you present yourself might have a lot to do with the results. Allow your magnetism to speak. Clearly, others are drawn to you. Tonight: Ask, and expect to receive.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Take your time with present efforts. How you feel could change considerably once you see how a co-worker expresses his or her feelings. Learn to not lose your temper. An even response will get the type of results you might desire. Observe. Tonight: Think "tomorrow."

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep aiming for what you want. What might seem like a dream to you might not be for someone else. Share ideas. Brainstorm with others. You'll like what comes up. Don't allow a child's tantrum to impact you in the least. Tonight: Only where the crowds are.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Take off your rose-colored glasses. Think in terms of gains and growth. Don't let an associate's mood get the best of you. A stronger sense of direction helps you clear the air. Go for what you want, but be realistic. Tonight: Work late.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Do your best dealing with others in your immediate circle. Your sense of direction helps you understand what might be going on with a loved one. Don't lose your temper, or you could feel a bit out of sorts. Let your imagination flow. Tonight: Reach out.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Be careful about acting out and spending funds you don't really have. You might be confused about your choices within this immediate situation. If you're not sure of yourself, the best thing to do is nothing. Associates might be full of ideas. Tonight: Play along with another's wishes.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could lose your temper when you least expect it. You might be uncomfortable. Be careful about financial decisions; you could make a bad choice right now. What seems like a good idea could be less than great. Tonight: Defer to a loved one.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Use your creativity. Think in terms of fun and greater acceptance in the long run, as long as you don't sabotage yourself. Suppressing anger might not be good, but neither would blowing your top. What would be the midpoint? Tonight: Work away stress.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Welcome changes in the near future. A friend presses to have more of what he or she wants. Though you have many ideas and thoughts, you might not choose to share them with those around you. Follow through on what is important. Tonight: Be playful. Be fun.



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LOCAL



In memory of Kristine Johnson

By Daily Press staff

Kristine Louise Johnson, of Santa Monica died suddenly March 3, 2003. She was 21.

She was the beloved daughter of mother Theresa Wark and father Kirk Johnson along with devoted brother Derek Johnson. Private funeral services are being held at St. Lukes Episcopal Church in California.

Memorial services will be held Sat., March 15, 2003, 7 p.m. (EST), at All Saints Episcopal Church, Saugatuck, Mich., and Sat., March 15, 2003, 4 p.m. (PST), at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, located at 1227 Fourth St. in Santa Monica.

The family has asked that any memorial donations be made to: St. Augustine's Church, "The Kristi Johnson Fountain of Joy," which will be erected in the church courtyard as a tribute to Kristi's life and everlasting spirit. Please send donations to 1227 Fourth St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, in memory of Kristine Johnson.

Additional memorial contributions can also be made to the Bread and Roses Cafe, St. Joseph Center, which provides hot meals daily to homeless men, women, and children. The center is an outreach program which reflects Kristi's compassion and care for the homeless. The center is located at 204 Hampton Dr., Venice,



Kristine Louise Johnson

Calif., 90291. Also accepting donations in Kristi's memory is the Laura Recovery Center, which aids a missing child's family, works with law enforcement and prepares citizens to be able to respond immediately in addressing the needs of a missing child. The foundation is located at 307 B-1 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Tex., 77546. Donations also can be made to the Carole Sund Carrington Foundation, whose goal is to bring loved ones back to their homes and to secure the arrest and conviction of the criminal(s) responsible. The foundation is located at 1508 Coffee Dr., Suite H. Modesto, Calif., 95355 or call toll free: 1-888-813-8389.

'Bootlegged' apartment not part of rent control inventory

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inventory list, the landlord must pay the tenant to move elsewhere. Since the apartment — complete with a kitchen and plumbing — was demolished in February, it no longer exists and was removed from the inventory.

Blakely was fined \$500 and forced to pay \$3,400 to the tenant in relocation benefits as part of an out-of-court settlement with the city, officials said.

The city alleges that Blakely refused to speak with the tenant who wanted his security deposit back after he moved out.

But when it came time for Blakely to apply for a demolition permit with the building department and remove the property from the rent control list, he was asked to provide details on his tenant's relocation assistance.

However, Blakely provided documents with a fictitious name of his former ten-

ant, officials allege. The city's investigation revealed that the tenant's last name is "Figueroa," not "Piguono" as Blakely had reported. Blakely also provided altered photocopy documents, including the purported lease for the unit, with the fake name of the tenant, officials said.

"It appears that the documents were altered specifically to make it harder for the city to locate the real tenant and help him get money he was entitled to," said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky. "It's bad enough that the landlord was getting \$768 a month for this unit but altering documents to try to cheat the tenant out of his benefits, that's outrageous."

Blakely couldn't be reached for comment.

The unit, which is classified as a "bootlegged" rent control apartment because it was illegal to begin with, was registered with the city in 1979, according to Rent



Wednesday will have a west to northwest swell. Some breaks will see surf in the 2-3' range, while the best northwest combo breaks will see chest-high sets. In the afternoon, a better south swell will build leading to Thursday and Friday.

On Thursday look for a south swell build up that is coming in from a steep southerly angle that could miss some breaks. The well exposed breaks should see waves in the 3-4' range.

There will be some afternoon blow-out and lots of fog in the mornings. The beaches are as clean as they are going to get and the water temperatures will stay about 60 degrees.

Today's Tides:			
High	3:53 am	4.3'	
Low	12:02pm	0.3'	
High	7:24pm	3.3'	
Low	11:04pm	2.9'	

Location	Wednesday	Thursday	Water Quality
County Line	3-4' Fair	4-5' Good	A
Zuma	2-3' Fair	3-4' Good	A
Surfrider	2-3' Fair	2-3' Fair	A
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What issues here in Santa Monica — other than war and school district

budget woes — are you concerned about?

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print it in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less; it might help to think first about the wording of your response.

Control staff attorney Keith Kresge.

Blakely was initially cited by the building department, which was tipped off by another tenant in the building, because the access to the roof was deemed unsafe, Kresge said. The only way to reach the unit was by an open stairway from the

landing of the second floor, which led to the roof through a hole cut in the ceiling.

"This is a unit on the roof of the building with an unsafe exposed ladder to get up there," he said. "It was for the most part, unsafe. He was never in a position to get what is considered market rent anyway."



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OPINION

LETTERS

Si Se Puede!

Editor:

Re: "War of public opinion waged on Southern California streets" about the anti-war gathering in East Los Angeles (SMDP, March 10, 2003).

The reporter says the protest "organized by Latinos against the War, ended with a rally at Salazar Park, the site of a Chicano protest against the Vietnam War in 1970."

Is that the park named after Ruben Salazar, the LA Times reporter killed in a park riot by a tear gas shell, while covering the UFW? I wish the reporter had mentioned that.

Just by chance, I saw a production of a new musical called "Cesar and Ruben" in North Hollywood the same weekend as the rally. The play, written and directed by Ed Begley, Jr, teaches us the history and stories behind the lives of UFW leader Cesar Chavez and reporter Ruben Salazar. I highly recommend it. Perhaps at the Salazar Park protest Sunday they even shouted the UFW cry, "Si Se Puede!"

Hank Rosenfeld
Santa Monica

Tenants should care about Prop. A

Editor:

Prop. A's supporters and campaign literature have recently cranked up the volume on their claim that Prop. A does not affect tenants (although, ironically, Prop. A's author, real estate attorney Tom Larmore, has advised landlords that Prop. A is important for them by protecting their use of the Ellis Act).

The implication of these claims by Prop. A supporters is that tenants don't need to vote. In fact, in a recent letter to your paper someone even had the audacity to say that tenants should not be allowed to vote on Prop. A since it supposedly only affects homeowners.

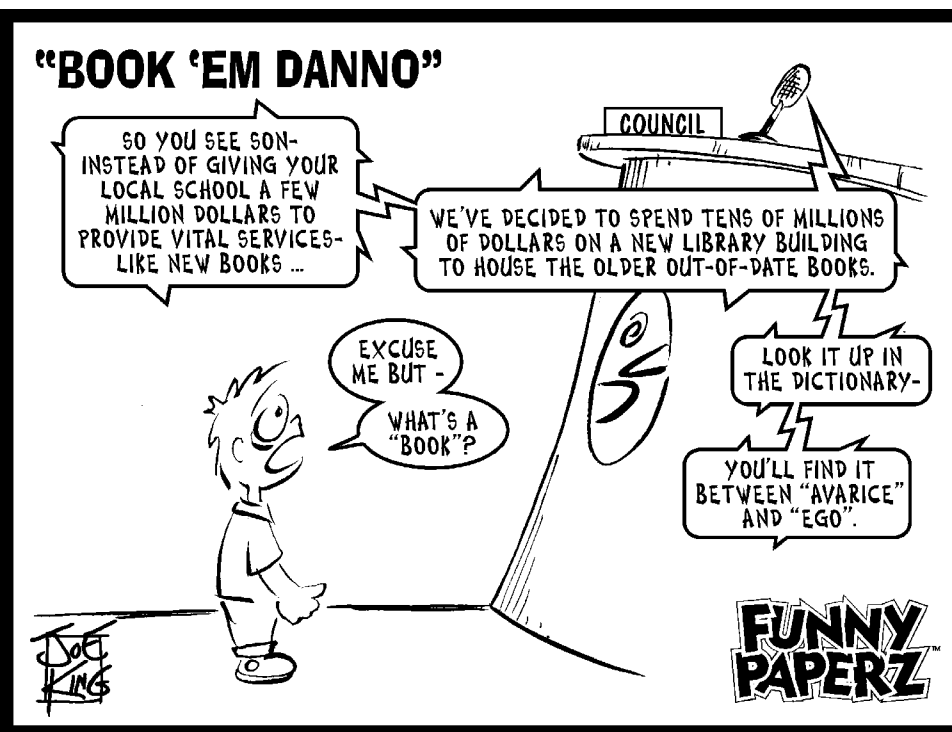
Outrageous! Opposition to Prop. A is about protecting the character and history of the community we all love and choose to make our home. Prop. A does affect tenants. Tenants care about the character of Santa Monica. Tenants have civic pride. Many will become Santa Monica homeowners. Many have.

As for denying the vote to tenants, we decided as a people long ago that lack of property, that race, and that gender were not acceptable reasons to deny any citizen a vote. Santa Monica does not need to revisit those decisions at a local level.

Prop. A affects tenants. Tenants should vote on Prop. A. Tenants should vote NO on Prop. A in order to protect our neighborhoods, our community, our history, and our future.

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Spokesperson for Save Our Neighborhoods



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What would Jesus Christ do with the crisis in Iraq?



TITTINGER'S TAKE

By Michael J. Tittinger

The whole scene is reminiscent of a schoolyard tussle.

The moment of truth fast approaching, the whole situation appears somewhat graver and reality begins to sink in. It seems we are all looking for that someone to judge the rift, let us know we are doing the right thing. A teacher, an advisor, a leader of unchallenged wisdom and judgment to come and weigh judgment on which of the combatants is right.

In the absence of that leader, pretenders emerge — celebrities and politicians, civic leaders and the man on the street, all with their own take on the matter and a two-cent opinion on the best course of action.

Sitting in rush-hour traffic on the 405, one notices the backs of so many cars stopping and starting with a simple metallic outline of a fish on the back. It is a symbol for followers of Jesus Christ, for many, the ultimate teacher and that leader of unchallenged wisdom and judgment.

People like to invoke the teachings and sayings of Jesus at a time like this, with a

population divided over the necessity and morality of a war overseas. People like to invoke the Bible's lessons to further their own causes, and each teaching is open to all sorts of interpretation. Jesus was a pacifist. Jesus was an antagonist. Jesus was a man of the people. Jesus was a master politician. Jesus would turn the other cheek. Jesus would let nothing stand before his beliefs.

There is another symbol of Jesus that has found its way into society's mainstream — the four simple initials W.W.J.D. (What Would Jesus Do?), meant as a reminder that God is paying special attention to the decisions one makes. It also serves as clarification, a self-reminder to take a step back and evaluate a situation from all sides, and not rely so heavily on our own ideas of logic, morality and judicial prowess.

Unfortunately, the answers aren't always cut and dry. It is then we need assistance ... interpretation. It is then we look to those who might be able to answer the unanswerable, who might have the inside track on Jesus' mindset. Because we will never really know what he would do in the Iraqi crisis or the North Korean crisis or whatever other crisis happens our way in the years to come.

Would Jesus side with the French and the Germans and insist Iraq be permitted

more opportunity to come clean, or better yet, turn over a new leaf? Would he advocate a forceful disarmament for the good of the world? Peace activists would have us believe Jesus would never support a war or non-peaceful resolution. Bush supporters would have us believe that Jesus was a man of principle like no other, that he would stand up for what he believed no matter what the costs.

It is in times like these that one might look to their respective faith for answers, for no worldly resolutions appear to be forthcoming. It is in times like this that the Pope in Rome should be quelling our fears, stepping into the fray of the schoolyard fight and offering some sort of direction.

In the absence of true leaders willing to dispel homespun Biblical interpretations and offer solutions in an increasingly complicated world, we are left to fend for ourselves. Thus, God fights for both sides.

While the United Nations continues to debate the best course of action, holding Iraq by the collar and stiff-arming the United States, now is the time for Pope John Paul II to make his presence, and that of Jesus, known.

The Catholic Church has fallen on hard times, especially in the United States following the recent sex abuse scandals. Here is a chance to galvanize followers anew. Jesus' flock is wandering aimlessly,

searching fruitlessly for answers in every nearby pasture, but it is only in the absence of true leadership that they find themselves in such a condition. What is the church's take on all of this? What does the Bible say about the justification of war? If not war, then what?

The Roman Catholic Church is one of the richest organizations in the world. If they have a take on all of this that the rest of us haven't considered, culled directly from the teachings of Jesus, they should be sparing no costs to publicize it, sell it, ingrain it in everybody's minds before we give the "Go" signal to our respective troops.

What Would Jesus Do?

No one knows for certain, but those who have dedicated themselves to a life of the cloth should have a better inclination than the majority of us.

The notorious inaction by Pope Pius XII during the years preceding World War II are well documented. The pontiff's public front of indifference and muted criticisms towards German atrocities severely weakened the papacy's moral influence in the world.

Here is a chance to reverse that trend, and re-instill a little faith in the world, the church and humankind.

(Mike Tittinger is a freelance writer living in Santa Monica.)

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LOCAL

Students at Santa Monica College to find new schools

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another \$530 million next year, if proposed cuts by Gov. Gray Davis are approved.

About 85 percent of SMC's budget is state-funded, according to school officials.

Officials said SMC's goal is to slash its budget by \$5 million this year and another \$15 million for the 2003-2004 school year.

All 13 full-time, tenured professors who currently teach courses under the programs will be laid off, as well as several adjunct faculty members, SMC spokesman Bruce Smith said.

Two of the 13 professors, who currently teach office information systems courses, most likely will be offered positions as business professors, according to Smith.

In a separate cost-cutting measure, the board voted to discontinue 13 academic administrative positions. Most of the administrators, who serve in departments throughout the college, will be reassigned to the classroom, Smith said.

SMC board members voted in February to do away with 250 spring semester courses, lay-off 16 part-time counselors and most of the school's temporary workers.

Smith said selections for the cutbacks were based on a variety of factors, with the final decision resting on the low number of students who were enrolled in the various programs.

Jenny Ortega, who fled an abusive relationship in Boston to study interior design at SMC, said she doesn't understand why the college cut her program.

Ortega, who has a 6-year-old son, said her design classes were always full, with additional students clamoring to sign up.

Ortega, who takes three buses to SMC from an apartment she rents in Inglewood, said she specifically chose SMC because it offered an Associate's degree in design.

She said it took her a long time to apply and be approved for the grants and loans she needed to attend college. Now, the board's latest decision has left her in a tough spot.

"I already had my life planned out for the next three years," Ortega said about her courses and bills, as well as her son's day-care and schooling. "Now I feel like it's the second time that I don't have any stability."

SMC board chairman Herb Roney said he hopes to salvage some programs and positions before the cuts are finalized in 60 days.

"Life isn't very good right now," Roney said. "It's been extremely painful. I just hope the entire SMC family will collaborate on ways we can increase revenue

and curtail spending and salvage some of these programs."

Roney — who encourages people to lobby the legislature on behalf of California's community colleges — said there is a wide variety of ways to recoup money taken by the state.

He said officials are constantly weighing the trade-offs of renting school property, reducing salaries and giving faculty incentives to retire early. He added that travel and equipment expenditures already have been scaled back.

"It ain't fun. I just can't emphasize how much the board agonized over this. It's been a traumatic experience."

— HERB RONEY
SMC Board of Trustees chairman

"It ain't fun," he said. "I just can't emphasize how much the board agonized over this. It's been a traumatic experience."

When and if it becomes necessary, Roney said the school is committed to helping students transfer to new schools.

"We want to make sure these students will be given specific counseling," Roney said. "We will work with them in every way we possibly can, through advisement and counseling."

"The community college really is the open door of the community and it is important to the health and to the progress of this state."

Gordon Dossett, professor of English at SMC and president of the Academic Senate — an organization made up of faculty — said staff members are looking at every available resource and hope to keep alive as many programs as possible. He added that the Academic Senate also is reaching out to community and college supporters, seeking donations for the school.

"We've been advocating that department chairs scrutinize class offerings and see if there are areas where severe cuts can be made for a short period of time," he said. "The administration has said that there are levels that we should not cut beyond, but with all due respect to them, the people best equipped to make those calls are in the departments."

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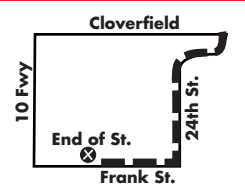
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Glendale fences could come down to foster neighborliness

BY NADA EL SAWY
Associated Press Writer

GLENDALE — In the next few weeks, Paul Cooper expects to get a notice from the city that he's in violation of a 1922 ordinance that prohibits front-yard fences.

"For me, it's a very great problem," said Cooper, who has three young children who are mentally disabled and might wander off if the black iron fence is taken down.

Cooper is caught in the middle of an unusual property rights dispute in which the city is moving to enforce the 80-year-old law as a way to improve aesthetics and promote neighborliness in the foothill city on the northern border of Los Angeles.

"It's open, it's inviting, it's nice and green," Councilman Bob Yousefian said. "You drive down the street, and you go, 'wow, that's a nice neighborhood.'"

Glendale intends to send out more than 1,500 violation notices this month. Those who refuse to respond could face fines.

Though the ordinance has been on the books for decades, no one paid much attention until a wave of newcomers began erecting a hodgepodge of fences of different sizes and styles.

"I just think, with everybody on the street putting a different fence up, it's not the most attractive look," said Carole Lockwood, a fence opponent who has lived in the city for 45 years.

Restrictions on the height and design of fences are common in residential areas throughout the United States but a complete ban is unusual, said Mary Randolph, a lawyer and editor of the book "Neighbor Law: Fences, Trees, Boundaries and Noise."

"I've never heard of anyone banning them outright," she said.

Resident Mahdi Aluzri, who works as

director of planning for the city of Beverly Hills, said Glendale's law is too restrictive. Beverly Hills, known for its luxurious homes with sprawling grounds, has rules on the height and placement of fences but no outright ban.

"Beverly Hills does provide for the open feel and the garden-quality feel on the street but at the same time provides some feeling of security to the property owner," Aluzri said.

In Glendale, concerns about fences began to grow in the mid-1990s, when the city formed a fence-wall committee to examine the issue.

After a lengthy series of studies and public hearings, the City Council agreed on a moratorium in 1999 requiring homeowners to take fences down within five years or when the property was sold — whichever came first.

Certain types of fences, such as barb wire and chicken wire, were subject to immediate removal. Meanwhile, variations were allowed for some homes.

Only about 3 percent of Glendale properties have fences in their front yards. Mary Amara, 63, owns one of them and went to council meetings five years ago to protest the ban. She intends to fight it again if she gets a notice.

"These fences have been there for years and years and years," she said. "There's nothing wrong with them there. We need protection."

Some residents of upscale areas are on the other side of the fence issue.

Roza Edjhuryan, 47, said she voluntarily took down the automatic metal gate in front of her house after neighbors complained.

"This is not North Hollywood," she said of the nearby area of Los Angeles. "We don't need fences."

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STATE



UCLA report advises raising taxes temporarily

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — As states grapple with a choice between raising taxes or cutting spending to balance budgets, economists at UCLA's Anderson School have some advice — raise taxes.

Temporary tax increases on the wealthiest residents is the best way to keep state economies stable while broader economic forces balance themselves in the next few years, according to the UCLA Anderson Forecast, a widely watched look-ahead on the economy.

States, especially California, are reeling from lower tax revenue as incomes shrink and unemployment rises. Drastic spending cuts eliminate a crucial source of economic growth and would trigger a spiral of higher unemployment and reduced consumer spending, the economists said.

Instead, cuts should be carefully made in areas that don't affect employment and taxes should be raised on those with enough discretionary income to pay.

"Because of the sharp differences between the effects of spending cuts and tax increases on total spending, now is the time to lean strongly toward tax increases," Edward Leamer, director of the Anderson Forecast, wrote in the most recent report, released Wednesday.

At the same time, the report said, the wealthy need to be assured that those tax hikes are temporary and will be followed by an overhaul of the system that relies less on income tax revenue and more on property and sales tax receipts.

"We'll never have a chance like this again," to redesign California's tax system, said Tom Lieser, senior economist at the Anderson Forecast. "California's problems are not just the result of the fact that we had more income generated by the stock market. It was compounded by a tax system that was very reliant on income taxes."

"When you've got a cyclical source of income, it becomes a very volatile source and we didn't adequately reserve against the downturn."

Meanwhile, the nation should experience less than normal growth until the end of this year, when the economy will be helped by an increase in business spending, which will generate more jobs and better incomes and get consumers spending again, Leamer said.

Geopolitical uncertainty will keep the economy shaky for the remainder of the year, Leamer said, although he doesn't expect rising oil prices to have much effect on consumers.

"By now there is very little overall sensitivity to oil prices," Leamer wrote. "We'll just load into our SUV's and cheerfully dump out our wallets at the pump, in the meantime planning to buy a Hummer."

In California, the unemployment rate will remain high, averaging 6.7 percent in 2003 and 6.4 percent in 2004 — higher than the national average both years, Lieser said.

"The second half of this year should look better than the first," he said. "Next year will look like a normal year with unemployment relatively low for where we are in the economic cycle, but higher than where we were."

Part of the slowdown is due to consumers wisely taking advantage of low interest rates last year, Lieser said. That will slow the demand for interest-sensitive items such as cars and homes as the year progresses, he said.

"The recession was very untypical," Lieser said. "We had a consumer boom that emphasized credit sensitive areas. It caused a bunching — it borrowed from the future and at some point we may have this cycle in muted form."

"For the next couple of years, we will buy fewer cars. The turnover in home resales will moderate and price increases will moderate."

The big variable for California is not so much a war with Iraq, but how the state will address its growing budget problems, Lieser said.

The state will have to reduce dependence on income taxes and look seriously at higher taxes on property and services, he said.

Children upgraded to stable condition after suicide crash

By The Associated Press

MERCED — Three children seriously injured when their mother ordered them to unbuckle their seatbelts before she drove off a cliff have been upgraded to stable condition and moved out of intensive care, hospital officials said Tuesday.

All three children are expected to survive.

Police are still investigating the Thursday afternoon crash that killed the children's mother, Corina Reeves, 32, of Clovis.

Authorities said Tuesday it appears Reeves intended to commit suicide. One of the children told police Reeves ordered them to unbuckle their seatbelts, then steered the car off a 40-foot cliff.

"The vehicle has been inspected and there were no mechanical defects," said California Highway Patrol officer Daniel Freeman. "Based on the lack of physical evidence and the statement by one of the passengers, at this point it appears this was probably an intentional act."

Freeman said authorities have interviewed the woman's husband but are not

releasing details until the investigation is completed some time in the next several weeks.

Reeves died at the scene of the crash on Highway 41 about 20 miles north of Fresno. Her 9-year-old daughter was thrown about 100 feet from the car and found lying in a fetal position by a man who stopped to help. An 11-year-old girl and 6-year-old boy were pulled from the wreckage by rescuers.

All three children remained hospitalized Tuesday at Children's Hospital Central California in Madera County.

Police said the woman picked up her children from school and drove directly into the hills south of Yosemite National Park before speeding across a gravel shoulder, over a cliff and through a field of grass and trees. The car crashed against a boulder.

Family members told authorities Reeves suffered from a terminal illness. Police said Tuesday it was still unclear why the woman would want to commit suicide with her children in the car.

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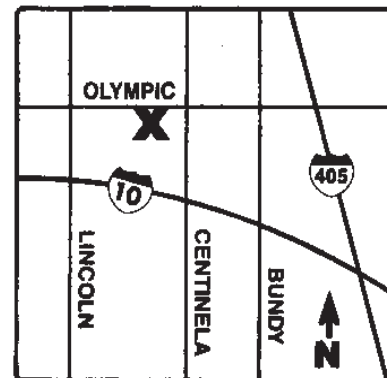
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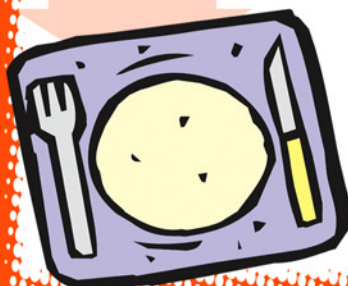
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NATIONAL

Major airlines say a war in Iraq will widen losses

BY LESLIE MILLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The largest U.S. airlines will ask Congress to suspend \$9 billion in annual taxes and extend war-risk insurance to alleviate the potentially crippling impact of a war in Iraq, outlined in a report released Tuesday by the Air Transport Association.

If the worst happens — a major terrorist attack occurs when war breaks out — the biggest airlines could collapse, the industry association said.

The most likely scenario is a war in which passenger traffic falls more sharply than in the 1991 Gulf conflict, according to the report. In that case, airlines would lose \$10.7 billion, nearly 10 percent of daily flights would be canceled and 70,000 airline jobs would be cut.

"We're in a crisis," said James May, the association's president. He said the airlines weren't asking for a bailout, but for help in withstanding the consequences of war.

A relatively short conflict like the first Gulf War would cause \$7.6 billion in losses, the report said.

The report's scenarios were based on recent bookings, data from the last war and assumptions about the economy and passenger behavior.

The government's decision to raise the nation's terror alert status to orange last month produced a 20 percent decline in advance bookings despite fares that are at 15-year lows, according to the association, which represents the largest air carriers. The alert has since been lowered to yellow.

A terrorist attack similar in scope to Sept. 11, 2001, coupled with war, could lead to 100,000 more job cuts and elimination of 3,800 daily flights, many to small and medium communities. That could cost the airlines \$13 billion, the report said.

"The mere prospect of war with Iraq has already further weakened this industry, which is literally struggling to survive," the report said.

The first Gulf War led to the liquidation of Eastern, Pan American, Midway and Markair airlines, the association said. Now, two of the nation's largest airlines are in bankruptcy — United Air Lines and

US Airways — and all others except Southwest Airlines are losing money.

The airlines want a holiday from six taxes they pay into a trust fund, beginning with the start of the war and ending one year after it ends. They also want the government to pay for security improvements at airports, on grounds they are a matter of national defense.

The taxes include user fees on cargo and passengers, a \$2.50-per-passenger security surcharge and a 4.3-cent-a-gallon jet fuel tax.

Congress stepped in after the Sept. 11 attacks, granting airlines \$5 billion in cash and \$10 billion in loan guarantees to offset losses from four days of groundings and passengers' reluctance to fly. The Federal Aviation Administration also issued war risk insurance — which the airlines want extended — after private insurance became too expensive.

Earlier this year, lawmakers and the Bush administration expressed reluctance to grant further relief to the airline industry, saying market forces should be allowed to work.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer was noncommittal on whether the administration would consider new breaks for the industry. "We'll of course continue to talk to the airlines about various issues," he said.

Fleischer reiterated that President Bush is weighing the possibility of a pre-emptive war to head off new terror attacks.

"The president thinks the worst thing that could happen to the airline industry is what happened after Sept. 11, and that's why the president approaches this on how best to protect and defend the country," he said.

Major airlines lost \$7.7 billion in 2001 and more than \$10 billion in 2002. The airlines blamed security requirements for \$4.1 billion of that loss, including indirect costs such as background checks, security equipment, ramp security and aircraft inspections, as well as direct payments to the federal government through the \$2.50 passenger tax and assessments for security.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, major airlines have cut 100,000 jobs, slashed in-flight food service, hedged fuel costs, closed reservation centers, installed automatic check-in kiosks and changed flight schedules at hubs to use planes more efficiently.

UMass president Bulger against governor's plan

BY ADAM GORLICK

Associated Press Writer

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. — University of Massachusetts President William Bulger says Gov. Mitt Romney's proposal to reorganize the state's college and university system, which would eliminate his job, is an "attack on public higher education."

The Republican governor, who is trying to bridge a \$3 billion deficit in the next fiscal year without raising taxes, says merging some campuses, increasing tuition and eliminating Bulger's office would save about \$150 million.

Bulger, a powerful Democrat who led the state Senate for 17 years, opposed the plan at a joint legislative Ways and

Means committee meeting Monday.

"There seems to have been no consultation, no in-depth study, no thought given to the proposal," Bulger said in his first public reaction to the proposal. "It is simply an attack on public higher education."

Romney aides have said the plan to nix the president's office was not directed at Bulger, but rather at bringing the UMass system under tighter administrative control.

Romney has taken on Bulger before, saying he was disappointed by Bulger's refusal in December to answer questions from a congressional panel about his brother, fugitive Boston mob figure James "Whitey" Bulger.

NATIONAL



Congressman refuses to quit over comments about Jews

BY CANDACE SMITH

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Virginia Rep. Jim Moran, strongly criticized by colleagues and Jewish leaders, apologized Tuesday for his comments that Jewish support for war with Iraq was helping the administration move toward an attack.

Moran said he didn't blame some critics for urging him to step down, but he said, "I don't intend to resign."

The northern Virginia Democrat apologized for remarks he made at a March 3 forum at a local church. Moran, 57, told a crowd of about 120 people, "If it were not for the strong support of the Jewish community for this war with Iraq we would not be doing this." He added, "The leaders of the Jewish community are influential enough that they could change the direction of where this is going and I think they should."

He said he framed his comments in that way because

he was responding to a questioner who said she was Jewish. "I regret doing that," he said.

The story brought criticism from both friends and foes.

"I don't intend to resign."

— JIM MORAN
Virginia Rep.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said, "These remarks are shocking. They are wrong and they should not have been said."

Within the seven-term congressman's party, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said, "It's a sad day when comments like that are made. They debase the debate and they have no purpose."

Moran's House leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of

California, said, "Congressman Moran's comments were not only inappropriate they were offensive." But she added that he had "properly apologized."

Moran scrambled to mend fences, meeting with at least one northern Virginia rabbi and trying to set up a meeting with others.

"I'm going to make myself available even if it's only to give people an opportunity to scream and yell at me because if it does lead to some constructive dialogue that would be even better," Moran said.

Some Jewish leaders were not impressed. "I do not believe he's fit for public office," said Ronald Halber, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. "His ethical lapses and comments should force him to do some soul searching."

Moran has faced criticism in the past over a string of personal financial problems and ethics controversies over his acceptance of loans from parties with interests before Congress.

French fries get new found 'freedom' in House restaurants

BY JIM ABRAMS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Show the flag and pass the ketchup was the order of the day in House cafeterias Tuesday. Lawmakers struck a lunchtime blow against the French and put "freedom fries" on the menu.

And for breakfast they'll now have "freedom toast."

The name changes follow similar actions by restaurants around the country protesting French opposition to the administration's Iraq war plans.

"Update. Now Serving in All House Office Buildings, 'Freedom Fries,'" read a sign that Republican Reps. Bob Ney of Ohio and Walter Jones of North Carolina placed at the register in the Longworth Office Building food court.

Jones said he was inspired by Cubbie's restaurant in Beaufort, N.C., in his district, one of the first to put "freedom fries" on the menu instead of french fries.

"This action today is a small but symbolic effort to show the strong displeasure of many on Capitol Hill with the actions of our so-called ally, France," said Ney, chairman of the House Administration Committee.

Ney, whose panel oversees House operations, ordered the menu changes.

Officials at the French Embassy pointed out that french fries actually come from Belgium.

"We are at a very serious moment dealing with very serious issues and we are not focusing on the name you

give to potatoes," said Nathalie Loisau, an embassy spokeswoman.

Ney said he was of French descent and "once the French government comes around we can get back to talking about french fries."

On a more serious note, Republican Jim Saxton of New Jersey has proposed a ban on Pentagon participation

in this year's Paris Air Show and restrictions on French participation in any postwar construction projects in Iraq.

But House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said at a news conference that applying legislative sanctions to France was not necessary. "I don't think we have to retaliate against France. They've isolated themselves pretty well," he said.

President signs bill to approve blocking unwanted telemarketing phone calls

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Tuesday signed legislation creating a national "do-not-call" list intended to help consumers block unwanted telemarketing calls.

The bill allows the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees from telemarketers to fund the registry, which will cost about \$16 million in its first year. The do-not-call program should begin operation by summer.

Telemarketers say the registry will devastate their business. The Direct Marketing Association filed a lawsuit against the FTC last month on grounds the registry unlawfully restricts free speech.

Consumer groups and many lawmakers say the reg-

istry has overwhelming support from a public that is fed up with unwanted telemarketing calls.

Consumers could enroll in the free service via the Internet or a toll-free number. Telemarketers would have to check the list every three months to find out who does not want to be called. Those who call listed people could be fined up to \$11,000 for each violation.

Charities, surveys and calls on behalf of politicians would be exempt.

The FTC has limited authority to police telemarketing calls from certain industries, including airlines, banks and telephone companies. The Federal Communications Commission, which oversees calls made by those industries, has been working with the FTC and is considering adding its clout to the program.

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INTERNATIONAL

Annan says new court can facilitate regime change

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH

Associated Press Writer

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Eighteen judges took their seats Tuesday at the world's first permanent war crimes court, a long-awaited body that U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said — without specifically mentioning Iraq — could help “dismantle tyrannies” and replace them with democratic regimes.

With the backing of 89 countries, but boycotted by the United States, the International Criminal Court was inaugurated in a borrowed 13th-century grand hall in the presence of Queen Beatrix. It will be at least five years before the court has a permanent home in The Hague.

The judges are charged with prosecuting war criminals, denying shelter to leaders deemed responsible for criminal acts and deterring others from committing atrocities.

Recalling that it took 50 years to create such a court, Annan called on the 11 men and seven women to “act without fear or

favor” and to demonstrate “unimpeachable integrity and impartiality” in their decisions.

“All your work must shine with moral and legal clarity,” he said.

In a remark that could be directed against precipitous U.S. military action in Iraq, Annan said the creators of the tribunal had considered “the implications such a court might have for the delicate process of dismantling tyrannies and replacing them with more democratic regimes committed to uphold human rights.”

Former President Clinton signed the treaty establishing the International Criminal Court, but President Bush withdrew U.S. support, fearing the tribunal would be used for politically motivated prosecutions of Americans.

U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands, Clifford Sobel, declined an invitation to attend Tuesday's inauguration, but the man who signed the treaty on behalf of the United States, former war crimes ambassador David Scheffer, was there.

Scheffer said he was disappointed the

United States isn't participating in the court, adding that by staying away, it has lost any chance to influence its agenda and strike at dictators like Saddam Hussein.

“International law can be extremely effective in destabilizing tyrannical leaders who have a history of atrocities,” he said.

The court came into existence last July when the 1998 Rome Treaty was ratified by the requisite number of countries.

Since then, about 200 complaints have been filed, but none can be processed or investigated until a chief prosecutor is named.

Neither Russia nor China have endorsed the court, leaving it without the support of three of the five permanent U.N. Security Council members. Of the three, only the United States actively tried to block the court's creation.

Bush secured bilateral treaties with 22 countries granting U.S. citizens immunity from arrest warrants issued by the international court. Congress also adopted legislation empowering the president to use

“all means necessary” to free Americans taken into the court's custody.

The idea of a permanent war crimes court is 125 years old, but only gained force after the Nuremberg trial of Nazis for the Holocaust and the prosecution of Japanese World War II war criminals in Tokyo.

The new court is modeled on the temporary tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Its rules and procedures will be set out in coming months by the judges and, once elected, the prosecutor.

The member states have been unable to find a consensus candidate for prosecutor. An election may be held next month among a handful of candidates.

Those under consideration for the post include Reginald Blanch, chief judge at the New South Wales District Court in Australia and Carla Del Ponte of Switzerland, the chief prosecutor at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal. Canadian, Gambian and Argentine candidates have also been named.

Facing defeat, U.S., Britain agree to short extension

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — Facing almost certain defeat, the United States and Britain signaled Tuesday they would agree to a short extension of a deadline for Saddam Hussein to disarm or face war — but a 45-day delay proposed by six swing council nations appeared out of the question.

The Bush administration had talked of a vote as early as Tuesday, but with France and Russia threatening to veto the current draft resolution, and without the minimum nine “yes” votes, it held up action in the council.

The U.S. campaign for votes suffered another blow when a spokesman for Pakistan's ruling party said the country will abstain on the resolution. Azeem Chaudhry made the announcement as Pakistani Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali appealed for Baghdad to be given more time to disarm, saying: “We do not want to see the destruction of the Iraqi people, the destruction of the country.”

But Iraq's U.N. ambassador Mohammed Al-Douri, speaking to Security Council on Tuesday afternoon, insisted that his country has made “the strategic decision to rid itself of its weapons of mass destruction.” Iraq, Al-Douri said, “reiterates its readiness to cooperate,” under the Resolution 1441, authorizing weapons inspections of Iraq. “We will convincingly respond to anyone who has any doubts about Iraq's cooperation.”

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the resolution would be put to a vote this week. He indicated a readiness to compromise, but said a proposal being floated to push back the March 17 deadline by a month was “a non-starter.”

“There is room for diplomacy here,” Fleischer said. “Not much room and not much time.”

He spoke as Cameroon's Ambassador Martin Belinga-Eboutou was announcing that he and five other ambassadors from key council nations — Mexico, Chile, Angola, Guinea and Pakistan — would suggest an even longer deadline of 45 days and the addition of benchmarks that Saddam Hussein would have to meet to avoid war.

But U.S. officials rejected the proposal.

“It's not going anywhere, there's only one resolution on the table,” one U.S. official said.

Both the United States and Britain, which is under intense pressure at home to get U.N. backing for any military action, said they were willing to negotiate the deadline and other changes to the resolution.

“We are busting a gut to see if we can get greater consensus in the council,” Britain's U.N. Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock said late Monday. “We are examining whether a list of tests of Iraqi compliance would be a useful thing for the council. It doesn't mean there are any conclusions.”

Greenstock said Tuesday the March 17 deadline could be extended but not by much.

Britain is “prepared to look at time lines and tests together, but I'm pretty sure we're talking about action in March. Don't look beyond March,” he told CNN.

Under the British proposal, Saddam would have 10 days to prove Iraq has taken a “strategic decision” to disarm, which could be done with a series of tests or “benchmarks,” council diplomats said.

If Iraq makes that decision, a second phase would begin with more time to verify Iraq's full disarmament, the diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Reacting to the possible British compromise, French diplomats said the resolution would still mean authorizing war, which France is unwilling to do. However, the French Foreign Ministry in Paris indicated it was open to new ideas.

“It's a new development and the future will tell us if it is a significant development,” said Foreign Ministry spokesman Francois Rivasseau. “We've indicated we are open to dialogue.”

Nonetheless, he stressed that the “red line” set out by France cannot be crossed: “We want no ultimatum. We want no element of automaticity. And we've said we want what the inspectors say taken into account.”

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Sergey Lavrov was equally adamant.

“We see no reason whatsoever to interrupt the inspections and any resolution which contains ultimatums and which contains automaticity for the use of force is not acceptable to us,” he said.

While Washington and London work on a possible compromise, council members agreed to another open meeting on the Iraq crisis Tuesday and Wednesday at the request of the Non-Aligned Movement, representing about 115 mainly developing countries, most opposed to an Iraq war.

Diplomats said it would likely delay a vote until at least Thursday.

The open meeting gives nations from all parts of the world a chance to voice their views on an issue that has polarized the council. It also will give both sides more time to lobby.

Bush was conducting an urgent phone campaign, seeking support from world leaders.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin insisted to Bush that inspections in Iraq should continue and the standoff should be settled without military action, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. Jiang told Bush there was “no need for any new resolution,” said spokesman Kong Quan.

In the anti-war camp, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin traveled to Africa to meet with the leaders of Angola, Guinea and Cameroon — three important swing votes on the council.

Japan has begun lobbying the undecided council members, such as Mexico, to urge support for the U.S.-backed resolution, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

The current draft resolution — which authorizes war anytime after March 17 unless Iraq proves before then that it has disarmed — requires nine “yes” votes. Approval also requires that France, Russia and China withhold their vetoes — either by abstaining or voting in favor.

The United States has the support of Britain, Spain and Bulgaria, with Cameroon and Mexico reportedly leaning toward the U.S. position. But with Germany, Syria and now Pakistan preparing abstentions or “no” votes, Washington is trying to appeal to Chile, Angola and Guinea.

Sworn into parliament



Burhan Ozbilici/Associated Press

Recep Tayyip Erdogan, center, is applauded in the Turkish parliament by deputies of his Justice and Development Party after being sworn in as a parliament deputy on Tuesday. Erdogan won a parliamentary seat in elections by a huge margin Sunday, opening the way for him to become the Turkish prime minister.

SPORTS



Catching some air



Alessandro Trovati/Associated Press

Bode Miller, of the US, is airborne during practice for the ski World Cup downhill final in Kvitfjell, Norway on Tuesday.

LPGA season gets started with one subject in mind

BY DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

LPGA Tour commissioner Ty Votaw ticked off a list of story lines he believes will make this one of the best seasons ever in women's golf.

He started with Annika Sorenstam. He didn't get much further.

"I hear skepticism," Votaw said.

For good reason.

Is there any LPGA Tour story besides Sorenstam?

After a three-month break from tournament golf (excluding the Skins Game in Hawaii), the LPGA Tour starts Thursday in Tucson, Ariz. Sorenstam will wait one week before making her season debut in Phoenix.

Not that it will matter.

Some might notice that Karrie Webb is in better shape than ever after a strict diet and fitness program. She has won at least one major championship each of the last four years and might be ready to challenge for No. 1 in the world.

Still, she'll be asked: "What do you think of Annika playing against the men?"

Laura Diaz has made huge strides every year since her rookie season, winning twice last year. If the pendulum keeps swinging in her favor, this might be the year she breaks through and wins a major.

"Do you think women's golf will suffer if Annika doesn't make the cut at Colonial?"

Se Ri Pak has been the second-best player the last two years and could become the youngest woman, at 25, to win the LPGA's career Grand Slam.

"Would you like to play a PGA Tour event, like Annika will?"

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Asked if he's concerned the LPGA Tour might turn into a one-woman show, Votaw replied, "Any more than Tiger is a one-man show?"

The men got tired of talking about Tiger Woods, but only until they realized how much he helped their bank accounts grow.

The year Woods turned pro, Tom Lehman won the money list with \$1.7 million. Thanks to two television contracts negotiated since Woods arrived, three players already have earned more than \$1.8 million this year after just 10 tournaments.

"The guy has brought so much into our sport — money, popularity, more people," David Toms said. "How can you get tired of talking about him?"

Sorenstam won't bring the LPGA Tour more money, just more attention, which in some respects is just as valuable.

"Just being in the fray, being noble in her pursuit of testing herself — people will admire her for that and will follow the LPGA like never before," Votaw said.

Will other players get tired of talking about Sorenstam at every stop?

"Some will," Votaw said. "Some will have a harder time seeing the forest through the trees. That happens on any issue."

The LPGA Tour has a dynamic crop of rookies, starting with Lorena Ochoa of Mexico. Beth Baur and Natalie Gulbis, both in their second year on tour, give the tour hope that the brightest young stars won't have to carry a passport.

The Solheim Cup will be played in Sweden. The major championships are played on outstanding courses — Pumpkin Ridge for the U.S. Women's Open, Royal Lytham & St. Annes for the Women's British Open.

Still, the only thing on anyone's calendar is the last week in May, when Sorenstam will become the first woman in 58 years to compete on the PGA Tour.

That has caused more media coverage than when Sorenstam became the first woman to shoot 59 in 2001, or when she won 13 times around the world last season, the most by a golfer in nearly 40 years.

Giants and Angels take other paths in off-season

BY JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Anaheim Angels look almost exactly the way they did when Darin Erstad caught Kenny Lofton's flyball to wrap up their first World Series title.

Besides Barry Bonds, the San Francisco Giants are tough to recognize. The two teams took very different paths after winning pennants last October.

The Giants changed nearly everything from the lineup, to the rotation to the manager and even the bat boy. The Angels lost backup outfielders Orlando Palmeiro and Alex Ochoa and replaced them with Eric Owens.

"It's not that we set out not to make any changes. There just wasn't the opportunity to do anything to make us better," general manager Bill Stoneman said Thursday before the teams played.

"If you look at what we have, what were we going to do to try to improve? There wasn't anything we needed to do. We looked at some things but we're happy with what we have."

San Francisco took a different route.

Half of the Giants' starting lineup will be new in 2003 — the fifth time in the past six years a team has made at least four changes in its regular lineup. None of those other teams made it back to the Series, including last year's Yankees, who also had four new starters.

"Everybody looks at all the changes and asks, 'Why did we break up the team that went to the World Series?'" shortstop Rich Aurilia said. "We didn't just replace the guys, we got better. We brought in some quality players."

Ray Durham, Edgardo Alfonzo, Jose Cruz Jr. and Marquis Grissom give new manager Felipe Alou a lot more versatility and speed in the lineup than Dusty Baker had last year.

The Giants will be able to manufacture runs as well as scoring on Bonds' homers. They hope the new additions will make it more difficult to walk baseball's most dangerous hitter.

"We're going to have an exciting offense," Aurilia said. "We have guys who can get on base and run. With Ray, Jose and me at the top of the lineup, hopefully we'll put a lot of guys on base and make it harder to pitch around Barry."

Bonds walked a major league record 198 times last season as teams shied away from pitching to baseball's most dangerous hitter. Teams still figure to walk Bonds even with a stronger lineup around

him — just maybe not quite as much.

San Francisco also traded Russ Ortiz for Damian Moss, could add rookie Kurt Ainsworth to the rotation, and brought in Andres Galarraga and Neifi Perez to improve the bench.

"It's a little bit different with the all new faces," Bonds said. "It's going to come down to how fast we're going to respond to each other. How fast are we going to become a team? That's the most important thing."

"It's not that we set out not to make any changes. There just wasn't the opportunity to do anything to make us better."

— **BILL STONEMAN**
General manager

Nearly half of the Giants who played in the World Series — 11 out of 24 — aren't back this year, including Ortiz, 2000 MVP Jeff Kent, third baseman David Bell, Reggie Sanders and Lofton.

Baker also left, taking his bat-boy son with him.

"Other than Barry, it's hard to recognize those guys," Angels shortstop David Eckstein said. "They brought in some good guys. They're going to be a tough team."

While the Giants have made wholesale changes, the Angels were the first champion in 15 years to remain this stable.

The 1988 Minnesota Twins were the last team to bring back their entire rotation and lineup from a championship team. The Twins slipped to second in 1988, finishing 13 games behind Oakland.

"It's nice that they showed confidence in us," Eckstein said. "There wasn't much they could do. They locked up a lot of the young guys and we had a good team coming back. I'm very confident in the club we have."

That doesn't mean this Angels team will be entirely the same as the one that played all of last season.

John Lackey, who won Game 7 of the Series, didn't get promoted to the majors until the end of June and is slated to be a key part of the rotation.

Postseason surprise Francisco Rodriguez only pitched 5 2-3 innings during the regular season and will be counted on to make one of the league's toughest bullpens even better.

Chicago 116, Los Angeles 99

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jamal Crawford scored a career-high 24 points with 10 assists, and Eddy Curry added 20 points and six rebounds Tuesday night as the Chicago Bulls stunned the Los Angeles Lakers 116-99.

Jalen Rose added 27, Donyell Marshall had 13 points and nine rebounds, and Tyson Chandler had 12 boards for the Bulls.

Kobe Bryant had 36 and Rick Fox scored a season-high 23, but they didn't get much help. Shaquille O'Neal was held to 13 points and had just 10 rebounds as the Lakers were outrebounded 45-38.

The Bulls grabbed the lead early in the first quarter and didn't look back, going up by as many as 17 in the first half. But Bryant and the Lakers finally got rolling with a 19-7 run that spanned halftime. O'Neal scored on a monster dunk, Fox hit a 3 and Bryant made a free throw to cap the spurt, pulling Los Angeles to 67-64 with 8:07 left in the third.



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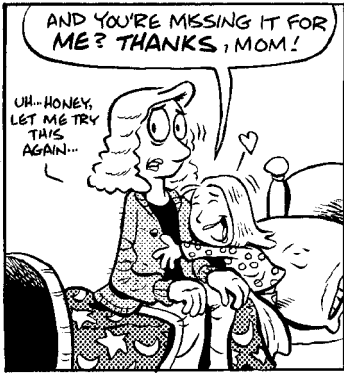
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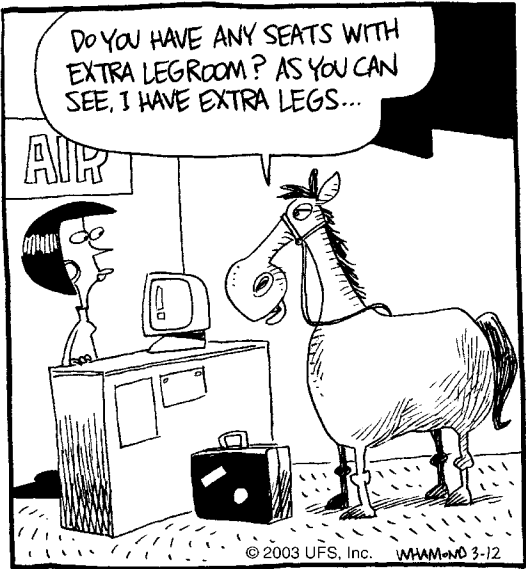
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SANTA MONICA SCENE °CALENDAR EDITION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003

TODAY

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

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!

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.

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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.

Torah readings: Hosted by Rabbi Aaron Shaffier. This popular class examines the text of the Bible verse by verse with explanations. Every Wednesday at 12:15pm, 1111 Montana Ave. Fee is \$7 per class. Gourmet salad lunch is served. (310)488-7151.

Ongoing support groups for people 55 and older. Current openings in Parents of Adult Children. Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:30. Center for Healthy Aging, 2125 Arizona Avenue.

Sliding scale fee. Not drop-in groups. Phone interview required. Call Information and Referral. (310)576-2550.

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.

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.

The O.A.O. T's (pronounced oh ay oh tees) will perform this evening at 14 Below, 1348 14th St. in Santa Monica, 10pm. Don't miss this high energy, powerful pop punk trio!

TOMORROW

Johanna Israel presents Gotham Comedy Night! with top headliners every Thursday. March 13 will feature Lester Barrie. Gotham Hall, 1431 3rd Street Promenade, Santa Monica at 7:30pm. FREE + 2 item min., 21/over. (323)525-5254.

Santa Monica - UCLA Medical Center's Palliative Care Program hosts "Partnering and Planning for End-of-Life Needs," a spirituality and care conference. Today from 8:30am to 3:30pm, in the Tom Bradley International Hall on the UCLA campus. Cost is \$25, which includes lunch and parking. For more information, call Santa Monica-UCLA's Palliative Care office at (310)319-1257.

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The Santa Monica Pier presents "Studio Allegro," a group of young violinists directed by Mr. Scott Tanner. They will be performing on the pier March 13th at 4:00pm as part of their tour of Southern California. Their entertaining show 'Violins Around the World' features music from America, Spain, Ireland, Hungary, Sweden and Japan. A visual treat as well, the performer's costuming will reflect the countries represented by their music.

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.

Dharma at the Clubhouse. A weekly book and multi-media study group, no fee. Applying studies of Buddhism-Dharma into our daily lives. Every Thursday night at the Clubhouse at Douglas Park, 25th & Wilshire. 7:30 to 9pm. Dan (310) 451-4368 www.santamonicaaksg.org

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

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

MOVIE °GUIDE

LOEWS CINIPLEX BROADWAY CINEMA

1441 Third St. at Broadway
About Schmidt (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40. **City of God (R)** 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. **The Hours (PG-13)** 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20. **Poolhall Junkies (R)** 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.

MANN CRITERION

1313 Third St.
Bringing down the House (PG-13) 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:05, 10:30. **How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13)** 12:45, 3:45, 7:20, 10:15. **Tears of the Sun (R)** 12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:25. **Old School (R)** 11:15, 1:35, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30.

AMC THEATRE SM 7

1310 3rd Street
Jungle Book 2 (G) 1:30, 3:15, 5:00, 7:25. **The Recruit (PG-13)** 4:00, 10:15. **Shanghai Knights (PG-13)** 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10. **Chicago (PG-13)** 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55. **Daredevil (PG-13)** 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:00. **Dark Blue (R)** 9:20. **The Life of David Gale (PG-13)** 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05. **Cradle 2 the Grave (R)** 1:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30. **Gangs of New York (R)** 12:30, 6:45.

LANDMARK NU-WILSHIRE

1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Pianist (R) 4:00, 7:00, 10:15. **Laurel Canyon (R)** 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

LAEMMLE MONICA

1332 2nd St.
Irreversible (NR) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50. **The Quiet American (R)** 1:45, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55. **The Safety of Objects (R)** 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50. **Spider (R)** 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10.

AERO THEATRE

1328 Montana Ave.
Far From Heaven (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

A MESSAGE TO SANTA MONICA RENTERS FROM YOUR HOMEOWNER NEIGHBORS WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

The opposition to Proposition A, the Homeowners Freedom of Choice Initiative, has been actively campaigning to split the people of this city apart. They have been working hard to frighten renters into voting against Prop A by telling you that we, the city’s homeowners, are somehow out to hurt you.

This is not only false, it is divisive and unfair to you, to us, and to the city we all love.

We are not your enemy. *We are you.* We are your neighbors, parents of your children’s school friends, members of your churches and synagogues. We happen to own our homes instead of renting them, but this does not make us any different. We all live here together, and we must not allow a nasty political campaign to drive a wedge between us. There has never been a rift between homeowners and renters, and there is no reason for one now, in spite of what the opposition is telling you.

Prop A does not in any way endanger your security in your home. Prop A applies only in single family (R-1) districts and cannot, by any legal means, spread to other neighborhoods. This was deliberate on our part, because we respect renters, and have stood by you in the past when the city has grappled with renter issues.

Now we need your help. We truly believe that Proposition A is vital to our

security in our homes, to freedom from government bureaucracy in our daily lives, and to our maintaining control over our personal housing choices. In a way, this is *our* rent control issue.

The suggestion that our initiative is sponsored by developers is plain nonsense. Below, you see a partial list of the homeowners in the city who endorse Prop A (we wouldn’t all fit on this page). It is ridiculous to suggest that all of these hard working, decent Santa Monica people are somehow in the pockets of big developers.

Obviously we hope you will vote yes on Prop A, because it means a great deal to each of us. But please vote because you believe it is the right thing to do, not because someone has convinced you that your neighbors are somehow your enemy. This would be as tragic an outcome as could be imagined. Whatever the result of this election, as citizens we must resist the odious campaign to pit us against one another.

The motto of our beloved city roughly translates as, “Happy people in a happy city”. Allowing a negative political campaign to polarize us for no reason other than victory at the polls would make a mockery of that motto.

Thank you,

Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation

<i>A partial list of your friends and neighbors endorsing Prop A:</i> Daniel Abrams, Page Ackerman, Esther Adams, Althea Adkins, William Allen, David Alper, Howard Alphson, Donna Alvarez, Carol Anderson, Stephan Andre, Arthur Antin, Al Ataide, Frank Ballantyne, Peter Barker, Jim Barrall, Alice Bauer, Otto Bauer, Carolyn Behar, Jane Bensussen, Michael Berns, John Black, J. Bernard Blake, Maria Blase, Ellen Boag, Wallace Boag, John Bohn, Mary Booth, Tom Bost, Ann Bowman, Berton Bradley, Jackie Bral, Donald Brand, George Braun, Albert Bresnick, Elizabeth Brewer, James Brewer, David Brisbin, Jack Brown, Jerry Brown, Samantha Brown, Phila Caldwell, Alan Chemtob, Julie Christensen, June Coleman, Donald Condit, Lois Condit, Evelyn Conti, Bryan Cooke, Hope Copeland, Julie Corman, George R. Crane, Carole Currey, Shahin Dardashty, Stanley Davidson, James Dean, Daniel Di Sipio, Ralph DiMeglio, John Dishman, Peter Doerken, Loretta Dunbar, Kalman Eisenberg, Deborah Estes, James Farrand, Laura Farrand, Savannah Finch, Harriet Finebaum, Jessica Fourticq, Harley Frankel, Joseph Friedlander, Albert Ganjian, Jay Garacochea, John Garacochea, Marjorie Garacochea, Richard Garber, John Garcia, Jordan Garcia, Lynne Garcia, Gertrude Garonzi, Paul Gerstley, Harry Gewertz, Daniel Giagni, Tanya Gilbert, Michael Gisser, Aimee Goldberg, Roger Golden, Bernard Goldfarb, Barbara Goldman, Charles Goldsmith, Harry Goodman, Jill Gotlieb, Madeleine Grafton, Catherine Green, David Griffey, Dorsey Griffey, Kenneth Gross, Gerald Grossman, Linda Grossman, Beth Grunland, Philip Grunland, Carolyn Guillot, Ruth Habanek, Anita Haddad, Walter Haddad, Natalie Hagan, Lynda Halfyard, Marty Hamaluk, Louise Hannum, Chris Harding, Wayne Harding, Charles Haynes, Eleanor Haynes, Marc Hayutin, Ruby Hicks, Stevan Hill, Elizabeth Hine, Tonian Hohberg, Bob Holbrook, Darlyne Holliday, Margaret Horst, Richard Horst, Daryl Hosta, Jean Hott, Orrin Hubbell, Isabel Igoa, Nina Irwin, Gail Jennings, Stan Johnson, Chia Mei Jui, Herb Katz, Philip Kaufman, Rose Kaufman, Paula Kayton, Charlotte Kelemen, Bahram Khorram, Farah Khorram, Barbara Klausner, Patricia Klowden, Marion Knowles, William Knowles, Merlee Konecki, Robert Konecki, Wayne Konecki, Barbara Korbin, Dorothy Koutouratsas, N.I. Koutouratsas, Glen Kraemer, Gilbert Kuhn, Marion Labarbera, Clay Landrum, Leonard LaPorte, Karon Larmore, Tom Larmore, Nathan Lavian, Gerald Lee, Marty Libuser, Richard Lindenbaum, John Linfesty, Marianna Linfesty, Barbara Lui, Richard Lutomirski, Grant Lyddon, Craig Mallery, Jean Maloney, Bill Maloney, Patricia Malonga, Michele Manzella, Doug Mayers, Grant McCully, Kevin McWethy, Danny Mejia, Leah Mendelsohn, Eleanor Meyer, Gail Milanesi, Richard Milanesi, Matt Millen, Tom Miller, Doris Minter, Robert Moline, Phil Morrell, Natalie Morris, Stanley Morris, Craig Moritz, Jim Mount, Ann Mulally, Lawrence Myers, Luz Needleman, Marc Needleman, Christine Nelson, Chris Newman, Dick Newman, Friedel Okada, Mary Olivier, Brian Ouzounian, Debra Ouzonian, Tom Overmire, Wendy Overmire, Ruth Parkison, Eric Parlee, Nancy Parrott, Anna Patterson, Kerry Patterson, Lowell Patton, Lee Ann Paynter, Linda Pence, Joan Peter, Melvin Plutsky, Susan Plutsky, Greg Poirier, Johanna Poirier, Helen Pongoski, Jason Powell, Fred Rassey, Avi Raz, James Reidy, Virginia Reidy, David Reznick, Florence Ridley, Vera Rink, Sarelle R. Rive, Barbara Robbins, Herb Roney, Dave Roper, Cathie Ross, Rob Ross, Mark Rossen, Ted Roth, Ken Rowe, Ernie Ryavec, Andy Sachs, Adel Salawy, Leila Salawy, Michael Salter, Marla Saltzer, Caroline Saltzman, Philip Saltzman, Joseph Samuels, Rebecca Samuels, Setha Schlang, Amanda Schmid, Fred Schmid, Madlyn Schmidt, Reynold Schmidt, Linda Schrobilgen, Marc Schrobilgen, Michelle Schrobilgen, Michael Shamberg, Gertrude Shinbane, Brian Shirken, David Shoenfeld, Roben Shokry, Adrian Shymko, Shirley Skinner, Adela Smith, Duncan Smith, Helen Smith, Robert Smithson, Roberta Smithson, Milton Snyder, Ruth Snyder, Pandro Sokolow, Arthur Southam, Cheryl Sparti, Helen Spaulding, Richard St. Clair, Richard Stearns, Douglas Steinberg, Christopher Stern, Gretchen Stipeck, Jane Storer, Bob Sullivan, Kathy Sullivan, Maria Susko, Amr Tannir, Rosalind Templeman, Simon Templeman, David Thomsen, Carrie Tilton, Peter Tilton, Michael Tinger, Mary Ann Todd, Mike Todd, Cynthia Torres, Abbas Towfish, John Trahey, Steffan Treff, Cedric Tuck-Sherman, Jane Turner, Sue Twyman, Jim Van Winkle, Dixie Vanderloop, Aldona Venckus, Dalia Venckus, John Venckus, Abraham Wacht, Rhona Wacht, Carol Wade, Patrick Walsh, Carol Walton, David Ward, Richard Weinstein, Cal Weisberger, Julie Weitz, Philip Whiting, Russell Whittenberg, Diana Wilding, David Williams, Elizabeth Wilson, John Wilson, Katrina Wilson, Margaret Wilson, David Wirtschafter, Dominique Wirtschafter, Betty Wisda, Robert Wisda, Annette Wolfe, Marie Workman, Michio Yanai, Mimi Yu, Walt Zambas, Jeff Zangrilli	
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