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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Motorist B.J. Justin Lundin, 20, stopped his car in the middle of a two-lane road near Weatherford, Texas, in January, got out, and attacked the driver behind him in a fit of road rage over the driver's having earlier objected to Lundin's tailgating; Lundin was then accidentally struck and killed by another car trying to get around the two cars. And retired Belgian engineer Louis Dethy was accidentally blown up in November by one of the 19 deadly booby traps he had rigged in his home near Charleroi to prevent his ex-wife and 14 children (with whom he was feuding) from legally taking ownership of the house.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"I've learned not to put things in my mouth that are bad for me."

— Monica Lewinsky regarding her diet



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Aero Theatre ready to change operator

New film company to occupy historic movie house next month

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

The historic Aero Theatre on Montana Avenue is changing its operation in less than a month.

It has been announced that the American Cinematheque will be taking over on April 14. The Aero's current operator, Chris Allen, was notified on Friday that he must vacate the building by April 13.

The American Cinematheque, a 15-year-old nonprofit arts organization, recently restored the historic 1922 Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood. The theatre, which

was renovated by Santa Monica-based architectural firm, Hodgetts & Fung, is now the American Cinematheque's permanent home.

American Cinematheque presents a diverse year-round film series featuring rare, unusual films and videos from all over the world.

It's unclear what American Cinematheque's plans are but sources said the Aero will continue to operate as a single-screen Theatre. Calls to the company went unreturned Monday.

The owner of the building, James Rosenfeld, who also is a city landmarks commissioner, declined to comment on the Theatre's plans. He owns the building, located on Euclid and Montana avenues, with a business

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SM reacts to idea of war

Residents speak out on confrontation with Iraq

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Area residents responded with mixed emotions Monday to President Bush's call for the removal of Saddam Hussein.

While some voiced support for a U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, others questioned the government's decision to act without the backing of the United Nations.

In a nationwide address Monday evening, President Bush issued an ultimatum to the leader of Iraq, giving him 48 hours to flee the country or face military action "at a time of our choosing."

"These attacks are not inevitable," Bush said. "They are, however, possible. We will not be intimidated by thugs and killers."

Bryan Daly, a 28-year-old media production executive who recently moved to Santa Monica from New York, applauded the President's move.

"It's an unhappy situation," Daly said while sipping green St. Patrick's Day beer as a bagpiper played "God Bless America" at Britannia Pub on Santa Monica

Boulevard. "But what do we do? Do we wait and hope things get better?"

Daly said the U.S. already had waited long enough to act. He dismissed the argument that the U.S. should have secured U.N. support, saying it was unrealistic and a "bad joke."

Others listening to the President's speech weren't so sure.

"It's either the worst or the best thing that's ever happened," said Brad Jones, a 28-year-old graduate student. "We won't know until later. But you have to draw the line in the sand somewhere."

David Mahon, a 46-year-old English teacher who spends the bulk of his time teaching in South America, said the time has come for action.

"I don't support the war," said Mahon over a meal on the Venice Boardwalk. "But in a situation like this there comes a point where you either pull out or get out or do what you have to do."

With 250,000 troops poised for action, Bush on Monday vowed, "The tyrant will soon be gone." The President raised the nation's terror alert to orange — the second-highest level warning that

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John Wood/Daily Press

(Above) Nearly 100 firefighters were on scene of a fire in an apartment and retail complex on the Venice Boardwalk Monday. (Below) Firefighters work from the inside of the building to extinguish the blaze, which took more than an hour to put out. Two firefighters were injured.

Apartment burns in Venice

By The Associated Press

A windblown fire destroyed top-floor units of a three-story apartment and retail building along the Venice Beach Boardwalk on Monday.

Flames moved quickly through the top floor and along the roof of the building on Ocean Front Walk. The building has two retail outlets on the first floor including a tattoo and piercing shop.

Two firefighters suffered burns,

said Fire Department spokesman Bob Collis.

The original force of 55 firefighters dispatched to the blaze at 11:08 a.m. was increased to 95 before the fire was declared out at 12:34 p.m.

"Winds kicking up were creating a problem," Collis said of the ocean-front gusts estimated at 25 mph that spread flames from the front to the rear of the third floor and sent a column of black smoke inland.

The cause of the blaze was not immediately determined.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average
 ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 18, 2003:

You often feel pulled between two different goals, people or options. You also could waver about how much to give or when to pull back. Boundaries continue to be an issue. Your birthday falls on a Full Moon, encouraging you to consider what your limits are. Establishing your limits could be significant. If you are single, you will meet many different people. Someone important enters your life close to your birthday. This person could prove to be significant in your life. If you are attached, you will often discuss your responsibilities within your bond. Be flexible, and your relationship will warm up. Express your nurturing side more often. LIBRA gets down to the basics.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Pace yourself evenly if you want to make a difference to a child or loved one. Various factors, a Full Moon among them, could have your nerves (and others') fried. Your ability to come up with many solutions makes you very popular. Tonight: Say "yes."

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Evaluate your priorities, then start running with the ball. You might need to go through work as if there is no tomorrow. Handle a problem directly within your immediate circle. Family, security and real estate play different roles in what you do. Tonight: Nurture a loved one.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your good nature comes out with others. You find that an early morning upset will pass if you allow it to. Dig into work and get as much completed as possible. Family as well as a loved one demand extra time and attention. Tonight: Express your friskiness.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ How you handle a personal matter could be much different than you thought. Phones ring early in the day, pushing you in a certain direction. Don't go on overload if you can avoid it. Make an effort toward a family member. Check out an expenditure. Tonight: Happy at home.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ By putting your best foot forward, you'll gain. Think in terms of what others need. Open up discussions, and you'll make new friends with ease. Your gregarious style wins friends and loved ones. You get a strong reaction from a close associate. Tonight: Find favorite people at favorite places.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ The Full Moon in your sign might energize you, but at the same time, it could cause you a problem. You find that your hands are full. Your instincts take you in a new direction if you so permit. Allow greater sensitivity to flow from you. Tonight: Pay bills.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might get a jolt early this morning, but it's nothing that you cannot handle. Your charisma peaks, especially if you let go and worry less about a personal problem. Your ability to understand what makes a friend tick can make or break a situation. Tonight: Where the gang is.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Though you could wake up on the right side of the bed, by midday you might wonder exactly what is going on here. Take your time with a boss, even if you feel pushed. Stop. Take a walk or go to lunch and recycle. Use your intuition. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Though you seem to know where you're heading, you might be on overload. Aim for the long term, not forgetting what is important. Allow more sunshine in your life. Let those around you express their caring. Opportunities knock on your door. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Make a call first thing in the morning before you become distracted. Others seek you out because they need advice, leadership or feedback — all of which you do well. Claim your power, but know when to delegate. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with others more directly. Your feedback makes a tremendous difference in how others accept you. Associates want to feel as if you approve of who they are. Be understanding, which is also important to you. Don't rain on another's parade. Tonight: Try something different.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Realize more of what you want by listening. Others often test your limits. You might not agree with a money agreement as a result. Air out different points of view. Understanding mounts to a new level after a talk. Tonight: Work with a partner, friend or loved one.

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LOCAL

A St. Patrick's Day song



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Thomas Allan, a bagpiper for "all occasions" performs to a cheering crowd on Monday outside the Britannia Pub on Santa Monica Boulevard. Although the bar is British, its co-owner Olwyn King, is a native of Dublin, Ireland. Nearly every bar in Santa Monica celebrated St. Patrick's Day, regardless of the owner's heritage.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC students protest at state capitol

By Daily Press staff

Hundreds of protesters, including students from Santa Monica, marched at the Capitol in Sacramento Monday morning to show their displeasure with state lawmakers on pending cuts in higher education.

Statewide and locally, school districts and community colleges are reeling from current and pending cuts in state funding. Students, faculty and administrators from Santa Monica College took four buses on Sunday to Sacramento to join in a massive protest with their counterparts and community college supporters from across the state.

Participants marched for a mile to the Capitol where there were speakers, activities and visits with legislators. They returned to SMC, arriving at about 3 a.m. this morning.

In anticipation of Gov. Gray Davis' proposed budget cuts of \$530 million for community colleges next year, the SMC Board of Trustees has reluctantly eliminated 10 academic programs. About 1,900 students are currently enrolled in these programs:

Architecture	Fashion design and merchandising
Geographic information systems	Interior design
Office information systems	Public safety
Recreation	Respiratory therapy
Tourism/hospitality	Transportation technology/auto tech

Thirteen academic administration positions have also been cut.

Davis' budget for this year proposes to cut \$288 million from community colleges, which translates to \$5 million for SMC. To respond to the cuts in the current school year, SMC has cut 7.5 percent of course offerings for spring semester. That has resulted in the elimination of 250 classes, 16 part-time counselors being laid off.

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surf report

Information compiled by Jamie Seborer

Surf today will drop off from Monday, but the 10-20 knot winds remain. Expect blown-out waves that are head-high. The west swell will gradually fade and turn more northerly, shading some breaks.

Wednesday will be shoulder- to head-high with the occasional six-foot-high waves. The northwest winds will continue so expect poor waves.

Please be advised the recent rains have raised the bacteria levels and the beaches are on a 72-hour advisory. On another note, the tides will swing dramatically due to the full moon today.

Today's Tides:	
Low - 2:47am	0.3'
High - 8:54am	5.9'
Low - 3:18pm	-0.6'
High - 9:31pm	5.3'

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	5-8' fair	3-5' poor	NA
Zuma	4-6' fair	3-4' poor	NA
Surfrider	4-6' poor	3-4' poor	NA
Topanga	4-5' fair	3-4' poor	NA
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While the Santa Monica City Council continues to grapple with what else it needs to cut to close a growing \$11 million deficit this year, it's also looking for ways to make money.

Last week, the Council approved increasing parking rates for spots along the beach and downtown from 50-cents an hour to \$1 an hour. Remaining

meters will be raised from between 35-cents and 50-cents to 75-cents an hour in compliance with new parking zones designated by the city.

This week, Q-Line wants to know, "Do you think the increase is fair? Why or why not?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them 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.

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LOCAL

Historic theatre to remain a historic movie house

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partner in Chicago.

Allen told the Daily Press last year that the Theatre has always struggled financially, but over the last several years, fewer and fewer people have come through the doors, while the rent has remained the same. As other forms of entertainment move into the area, there are just too many other things for people to do, Allen said.

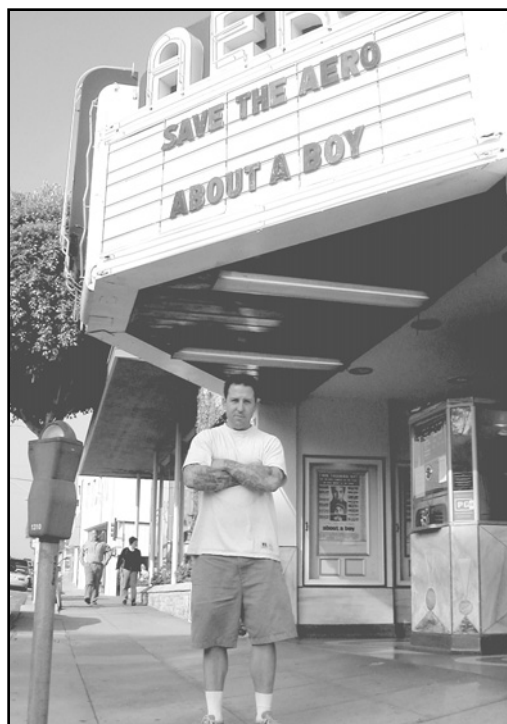
Allen hosted a couple of fundraising events last year which helped him pay tens of thousands of dollars in back rent he owed Rosenfeld. He has been paying \$10,000 a month to rent the space.

Allen has been operating on a month-to-month lease for years and isn't surprised that a new tenant will replace him.

But Allen, who has operated the Aero for 11 years, has been kept in the dark about the Theatre's future plans.

"I need to be out by April 14 but we don't know what's going on," Allen said. "All of a sudden there is a big push to get us out."

In an e-mail sent out to Aero supporters over the weekend, Allen wrote: "This sounds like an exciting prospect for the Aero, but there are many questions that we have asked that have not been answered by the property manager or by American Cinematheque. Therefore, we are turning to you, the friends of the Aero Theatre, to help us insure the future well-being of the Aero Theatre ... The Aero Theatre is part of Santa Monica's history, and as such, we need to make sure that we, as a community, know what its future will be."



File photo

Chris Allen, stands in front of the Aero Theatre. The movie house operator will close his operation on April 13 to make way for a new film company.

Allen said he's concerned about whether the Aero will continue to operate as a Theatre and if it will remain a historic icon on Montana Avenue.

"I think people have a right to know what's going to happen and when they are going to do it," Allen said.

The Aero has never been deemed a landmark by the City of Santa Monica, but Landmarks Commissioner Barbara

Schnitzler said there is no reason to believe that the Theatre won't remain an eclectic movie house.

"The owner has assured us that the use won't change," she said. "It's great for the community to have an operating Theatre there and this is the best possible use of that building."

Allen plans to have a final farewell party, but details haven't been worked out. He said Monday that he might show "Blazing Saddles," which may be fitting for a final film.

"It's no time for tears but it's like a wake," Allen said. "I just hope everybody comes and has a good time."

In Allen's e-mail message, he extended his gratitude to everyone who supported the Aero over the years.

"We feel very fortunate to have been a part of such a great community and it has been a pleasure to have met many of you," he wrote. "Although we are sad that we will no longer be operating this Santa Monica treasure, during our last month at the Theatre, we intend to do everything we can to make sure that its 64-year tradition will be preserved."

The Aero got its name from the Douglas Aircraft Co., which built the Theatre for its workers in 1939. Movies showed 24 hours a day at first to cater to wartime employees who worked in shifts around the clock. Later, the Aero became a popular movie venue among the general public. Patrons sometimes strained to hear the low-tech sound system, but kids always got a free piece of bubble gum on the way out the door.

Today, it shows second-run blockbusters fans might have missed at big-name multiplexes, or independent films they might have missed elsewhere. Only five or six people arrive for most showings.

Like any well-plotted drama, the recent

history of the Aero is filled with twists and turns. In May 2000, a representative of Robert Redford announced to the Santa Monica City Council that the actor/director had plans to buy the Theatre and restore it as part of a planned chain of independent movie houses. Redford frequented the cinema when he was a young boy.

Theater fans were relieved that the Aero, located on a street that is fast becoming the Rodeo Drive of Santa Monica, had been saved from conversion to a clothing store, as so many other small Theatres have become. But Redford's plan later unraveled due to financial problems. Allen thinks patrons would have been more supportive if they knew that.

The Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Association and the North of Montana Association petitioned the city's Landmark Commission to declare the Theatre a historical landmark three years ago. But the associations withdrew the petition in 2000 because landmark status could have hindered the deal with Redford.

Landmark status limits changes to the architecture of a building. Even owners who wish to restore a building to its historical appearance sometimes view the status as a hindrance.

And the status does not preserve a building's historic use, only its appearance. Other Theatres with landmark status have been turned into GAP stores and restaurants that feature old marquees and box offices.

City officials have rallied behind the Theatre, which they see as a link to the past and as symbol for a livable community. City Councilman Kevin McKeown has said he's been working closely with Rosenfeld, who he believes sincerely wants to save the Theatre.

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and nearly all temporary employees, including registration clerks. SMC also has imposed 10 percent cuts across the board in every program on campus. Meanwhile, in Sacramento, the Legislature has sent a bill (SB18X) to Davis that would reduce the proposed \$288 million cut to \$161 million.

Fairview library reopened and seeking contributions

By Daily Press staff

The Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library is seeking donations for the recently refurbished Fairview Branch to fund items such as shelving, chairs, tables and a sound system for the community room. People are asked buy an engraved brick paver. All brick pavers are 8" by 8." Patio bricks sell for \$100 and front entrance bricks are \$200. Checks can be made out to:

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Volunteers to be recognized

By Daily Press staff

A nonprofit organization plans to recognize local tutors who volunteer their time to help Santa Monica students.

The event will be held on Monday, March 31 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center, located at 1527 Fourth Street.

The event is sponsored by WISE America Reads, an active member of the Santa Monica Tutorial Network. WISE recruits and trains volunteer tutors to work in local schools with struggling students. Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom and other speakers in will participate in the celebration and recognition of volunteer tutors.

Refreshments will be served and RSVPs are required. RSVP by March 24 if you plan to attend. Call (310) 394-9871, ext. 452.

STATE



War protesters block traffic at SF intersection

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — War protesters staged a “die-in” in front of the British Consulate and blocked traffic in San Francisco’s financial district Monday morning.

Police in riot gear cleared the intersection and arrested about 40 people. The protest forced the San Francisco Municipal Railway to reroute some bus lines.

Police estimated about 100 people turned out; organizers said it was more like 150.

It was San Francisco’s third notable war protest in four days.

About a dozen protesters in front of the consulate were shrouded in white body bags and chanted “No killing civilians in our name.”

Lawsuit dismissed by nun who says priest raped her

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A former Catholic nun’s lawsuit accusing a priest of raping and impregnating her in the Philippines 20 years ago was dismissed Monday by a judge who ruled the action had been filed too late.

In her lawsuit, filed last year, Sylvia Arambulo accused the Rev. Ernesto Villaroya of attacking her in December 1983 in a Manila suburb.

According to the complaint, Villaroya moved to California the following year, and Superior Court Judge Judge L. Jeffrey Wiatt ruled that Arambulo had only one year after that in which to file her suit.

When she brought the action last year, Arambulo said she waited as long as she did out of fear of retaliation from church supporters in the Philippines. Her lawyer, George Goldberg, also contended that California’s statute of limitations did not apply because his client did not know where the priest was for periods of time after his arrival in California.

But the judge ruled that Arambulo knew she had a case against Villaroya from the beginning and did not pursue it until 1996 when she arrived in Los Angeles and filed a child support claim against him.

Don Steier, the priest’s lawyer, said the ruling underscored that complaints against Catholic priests should be evaluated on a case by case basis.

“At this moment in time, if you are wearing a clerical collar and allegations of a sexual nature are made against you, you are presumed to be responsible,” Steier said. “This case is an example that not all that is asserted is true.”

Villaroya is currently a priest in the Diocese of Dallas, where he was ordained in 2002. He was placed on administrative leave after the suit was filed in August.

Officials with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles have said that although Villaroya lived in California at various times, he was never granted permission to perform priestly duties in Southern California.

FBI breaks up investment fraud, laundering ring

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The FBI said Monday it had broken up a “cult-like” investment-fraud and money-laundering ring headquartered in San Diego that may have cheated investors from coast-to-coast out of more than \$50 million.

Eight people, including alleged ring-leader John Franklin Harrell, were arrested early Monday on federal charges of fraud, money laundering and conspiracy in the year-old “Operation Good Samaritan” investigation. Search warrants were executed in San Diego, Las Vegas, and Dallas.

Over the course of eight years, Harrell, 69, of Santee and his associates allegedly used religion and promises of philanthropy to lure investors from Florida to Oregon. The money financed their lavish lifestyles, including luxury apartments and corporate jets, according to the FBI.

Dozens of victims lost investments ranging from \$2,000 to several million dollars. Authorities believe more victims may step forward.

Harrell claimed to be in charge of an offshore trust created by Joseph Smith, the founder of the Mormon Church, worth

\$1.6 trillion, according to the FBI. Investors were told that money would be available to them if they gave him enough seed money to start an insurance company called Good Samaritan.

“This is the classic P.T. Barnum case — the bigger the lie, the more people are apt to believe it,” said John R. Kingston, the special agent in charge of the FBI’s San Diego bureau.

The company, based in Texas, was little more than an office and phone-forwarding system, said FBI spokeswoman Jan Caldwell. The trust was pure fiction. The ring conducted most of their dealings out of the back of a black van.

Harrell, described as extremely charismatic, used religion to control his enterprise, Caldwell said. He began investor meetings with a prayer and attendees were told to hug each other.

“It was truly almost cult-like,” Caldwell said. “He did not hesitate to threaten to kill people if he found out they were working for the government.”

Harrell said that anyone who double-crossed him would be dealt with by a powerful shadow government called the Committee of 300, Caldwell said.

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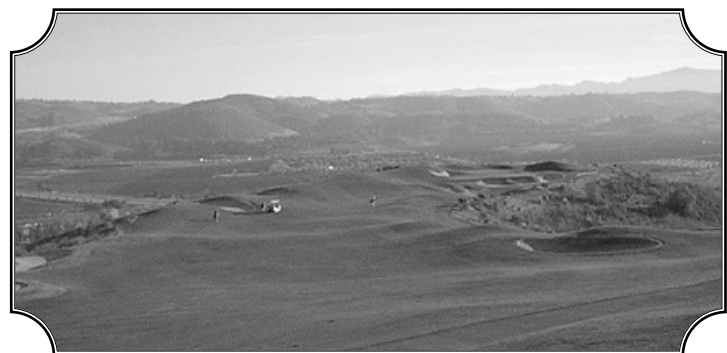
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OPINION

LETTERS

Calling foul ball on Bush

Editor:

Avowing that she does not understand the current U.S. international agenda — finding it lacking in consistency, focus, and compassion — baffled Santa Monica Daily Press letter writer Carole Bailey ("Calling all foreign policy wonks," March 13) requested that someone provide her with an explanation. Precisely articulated, compassionate, with no inconsistencies and exquisitely well-focused, here it is:

Our foreign policy, not only in the Middle East but in Asia, is analogous to a fair fly ball (not including a line drive nor an attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when first and second, or first, second and third bases are occupied, before two are out.

The pitcher, catcher and any outfielder who stations himself in the infield on the play (which means either a majority of the Security Council or, for the purposes of Iraq, any member of the "coalition of the willing") shall be considered infielders for the purpose of this foreign policy.

When it seems apparent that a batted ball will be an infield fly, the umpire (i.e. the president) shall immediately declare "infield fly" for the benefit of the runners (i.e. combatants). If the ball is near the baselines, the umpire shall declare "infield fly, if fair." The ball is alive and runners may advance at the risk of the ball being caught, or retouch and advance after the ball is touched, the same as on any fly ball. If the hit becomes a foul ball, it is treated the same as any foul. If a declared infield fly is allowed to fall untouched to the ground, and bounces foul before passing first or third base, it is a foul ball. If a declared infield fly falls untouched to the ground outside the baseline, and bounces fair before passing first or third base, it is an infield fly.

The above, which in the rules of baseball is known as the "infield fly rule," is perfectly clear to our president, whose brilliance is therefore quite apparent and should not be questioned by lesser minds (i.e. people who do not align themselves with the "religious right" wing of the Republican Party). On his retirement (or removal from office) George W. Bush is on the fast track to become commissioner of major league baseball, a position in which we all will wish him the best, and where he will undoubtedly excel and be much happier than he is today. As will we.

Julian Maltese
Santa Monica

Anti-war protesters are ingrates

Editor:

Now that the anti-war movement is in full force, it is about time that they consider the past efforts of our country's war efforts and ask our country to make amends. Here are a few examples of what the anti-war movement should be demanding:

First, for the American Revolutionary War, the 13 colonies should be returned to Great Britain. Second, for the Civil War, the Confederacy should be restored and they should be allowed to practice slavery and all their slaves should be returned.

Third, for World War I, Germany should be handed to Europe. Fourth, for World War II, Germany should again be allowed to have Europe and all the Jews who escaped the death camps should be returned so that the Germans can finish the job. Further, Japan should be handed over to Hawaii and various Pacific Asian Islands of their choosing. Fifth, for the war in Afghanistan, the Taliban should continue to oppress their population, and sixth, for the Gulf War, we should return Kuwait to Saddam Hussein since we did in fact take it away from him.

While I am not an absolute advocate of war, violence or destruction as a means of achieving political goals, I find it incredibly naive that the anti-war movement fails to grasp that if it was not for the United States committing to war and committing the lives of our brave men and women of the armed forces, our country would be quite different. It might not even exist.

Further, imagine all of the additional evil, destruction and oppression would have occurred if not for our decisions to employ war as a means of protecting our country and our allies.

At this point, the anti-war movement has chosen to befriend Saddam Hussein, a man who is the equivalent of a modern day Hitler. I strongly suggest that if the anti-war movement is not prepared to apply their movement retroactively and allow for the atrocities listed above to occur, they should rethink their position. In simple terms, members of the anti-war movement who live here and enjoy the benefits of our free society without the appreciation of the blood that was shed in both its creation and preservation of our nation are ingrates at best.

At the present, Bush and Saddam are playing a large scale game of "chicken."

In the meantime, we should support our President and hope that Saddam will blink, concede, and honor his agreement to disarm.

Edward Singer
Santa Monica

Resentful of Midwest stereotype comment

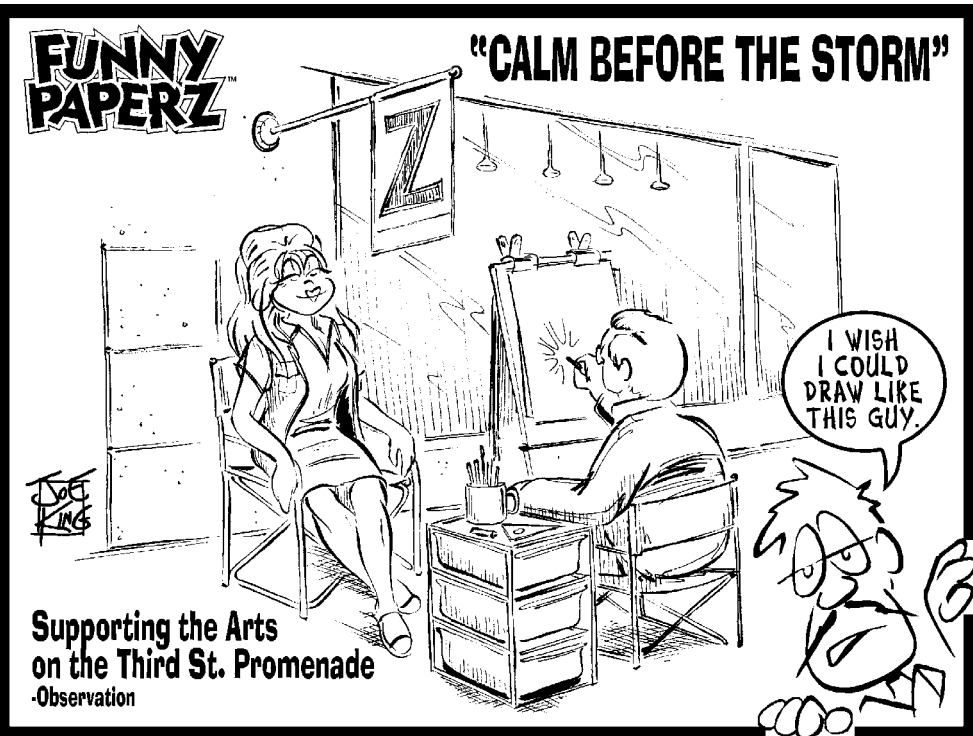
Editor:

I really resent the remark of Marietta Rasmussen quoted on page 16 of the March 15 edition of Santa Monica Daily Press to the effect that the bank customers who returned unexpected money spewed out to them by a faulty ATM did so because they are North Dakotans: "Somebody out East or West may not have had our same values."

I lived on the East Coast from 1922 until 1950 and I now have lived on the West Coast since 1963. I have never lived in North Dakota (I'm not bragging when I say that, it's just a fact). I don't believe I have ever in my life (I'll be 81 on Wednesday) out East or West or elsewhere known personally anyone who would not have returned such money. I am sorry to say that I have known people who share Rasmussen's chauvinistic attitude, that is, Californians and Yankees who look down on North Dakotans. Perhaps we should all travel a bit more and learn that locality does not form character.

I take umbrage, too, at the fact that you reprinted Rasmussen's remarks without comment, thus lending them legitimacy. Please be a bit more thoughtful of your readers!

Frances Dean Smith
Santa Monica



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OPINION



Our governments need spring cleaning



Evelyn Jerome

■ It's spring cleaning time, so here are the cobwebs I've recently swept out of my mind.

There's not much to talk about other than war and budget cuts, right?

The President continues to move us towards war, as many protest his tactic as preemptive. I feel the need to remind the protesters that "preemptive" would apply if Saddam had not already shown a proclivity to torture and murder his own people, as well as build and use weapons of mass destruction, despite continued finger-wagging from the United Nations. If Bush's daddy had done the job

right a decade ago, we wouldn't be in this position. It's time to do more than just wag our fingers now.

And while we're talking about the national political scene, let's not get so wrapped up in the topics of war and the Democratic Presidential hopefuls that we forget that we've been the minority in Congress for 10 years. They'll continue to restrict a woman's right to choose and give a free pass to their corporate polluter friends until we take back the House again.

State and local politics, respectively, consist of nothing but budget cuts. Unless you count that silly recall-Gray-Davis effort by sour-grapes Republicans who have lost control of their party to the right wing.

Color the state budget red, red, red.

There's no money for textbooks, education, social services, environmental protection. Strangely enough, the prison guards got a raise. Everything else is cut, cut, cut. Cut some of the bureaucrats while you're at it.

The state legislature also will raise "fees" (lest they call them "taxes"). They'll ask for more money from automobile owners in the vehicle license fee, which was reduced a few years ago when the state was flush. Community college and state university fees are headed through the roof, levied on a population that can't afford to pay them.

The city of Santa Monica is more than \$11 million in the red this year, on route to more than \$22 million in projected deficits in just four fiscal years. So why, then, did I see a city worker painting trash cans on the

Third Street Promenade the other day? WHY DO TRASH CANS NEED TO BE REPAINTED?

Why did I see a city road crew repainting the already-red sidewalks in my neighborhood last week? Why did we just replace every trash can in town with a brand new one with the city's logo on it?

Santa Monica government seems to be addicted to spending your tax dollars like a bad crack habit. Too bad there's no treatment program for that, except voting the bums out.

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Todd Flora

■ My mental "spring cleaning" would require emptying a supermarket's shelves of supplies. Here are my thoughts on the "biggies."

THE NATION: With most focused on Iraq, I would remind our leaders that there

are plenty of battles to be fought here at home.

While President Bush and his frightening administration move ahead with their 12-year-old agenda, some progressive activists are dangerously close to making the Democratic Party look like a single-issue organization. We have connected the dots well on the war's costs to local bud-

gets, national priorities, and Iraqi children. Keep doing it.

Unfortunately, I see many progressives falling into "condescending mode," assuming that because our "watchdog" role in this war is righteous, everyone must think like us and be with us. They don't, and they aren't. Let's keep making our case without an elitist tone. Aren't we the tolerant ones?

Meanwhile, President Bush already is conducting an all out WAR on the environment (But don't pay attention to that!) Again, those of us concerned must attract the American people by making a case with facts, and not relying exclusively on emotions. To borrow from one of my favorite bumper stickers: Fight SUVs. Not PEOPLE WITH SUVs.

THE STATE: It's all budget. Those

who think spending cuts alone will do it and others who think we can solely tax our way out of the problem are in equal need of counseling. I don't want to see seniors without health care, or kids without textbooks. But we're going to get both unless Democrats and Republicans drop grandstanding and implement both courses of action. As George Skelton argued in his L.A. Times column on Sunday, we're all to blame for our expectations. We want everything without having to pay for it. By the way, what's the vehicle license fee for the thousands of "Nevada" and "Arizona" plates belonging to Californians?

SANTA MONICA: If you haven't yet voted on Proposition A, mail in your NO vote THIS WEEK.. The Landmark's Commission has already gotten the mes-

sage from a group that I call the "well-meaning homeowners." We don't need Prop A. And whether they like to hear it or not, the "well-meaning" have become the unwitting accomplices of the conservative "phantom menace" in Santa Monica whose only care is destroying the progressive nature of our city. Oh, by the way — if Prop. A has nothing to do with rent control, why are building owners frothing at the mouth hoping for its passage?

(Todd Flora is a the former state director of the California Clean Money Campaign, a campaign finance reform effort, and the former western regional director of the Concord Coalition, a fiscal watchdog organization. To respond or to reach Todd, e-mail him at junkfood6@aol.com)

Why do those other countries hate Americans so much?

The hostility of the "anti-war" protesters is not toward war, nor even toward war with Iraq but toward America and its philosophy of individualism.

The Sept. 11 attacks on America led many to ask, about the terrorists, "Why do they hate us?" Today, a similar question applies to those who virulently condemn a U.S. war against Iraq. It also has a similar answer.

It is not actually anti-war views that they are expressing — they mount no mass demonstrations against the military aggressions of, say, Bosnia, Russia or Iraq. It is solely America, retaliating against the threat of aggression, that evokes such widespread hostility. Why? Because these are anti-American protests, prompted only by one factor: This country's declaration that it has a categorical, moral right to uphold its self-interest.

An official of the European Union, for example, denounces America for "setting and imposing the rules ... in pursuit of its own national interest." The "Not In Our Name" campaign, headed by such people as Noam Chomsky and Gloria Steinem, complains contemptuously that America has "not only attacked Afghanistan but arrogated to itself and its allies the right to rain down military force anywhere and anytime."

Since the force America is employing in Afghanistan and, imminently perhaps, in Iraq is against those who have already initiated its use, this criticism is simply a repudi-

ation of America's right to decide who its enemies are — the same premise behind the apoplectic reaction to President Bush's unequivocal description of Iraq, Iran and North Korea as an "axis of evil."

The "anti-war" rallies are generated not by any love for Iraq, but by a hatred for America — or, more fundamentally, for the principle America represents. The protesters oppose the individualism that lies at America's foundation.

They despise the idea of a capitalist system, in which the individual is sovereign, free to live his own life and pursue his own values, irrespective of the wishes of "the public." And they therefore despise the derivative idea that, as a free nation, America has the sovereign right to defend its self-interest, irrespective of the wishes of the international community.

In surveying current attitudes toward Americans abroad, USA Today offers an astute observation: "A growing number of foreigners see some of the United States' political decisions (pulling out of the Kyoto Treaty on global emissions) and personal choices (Americans' penchant for gas-loving SUVs) as at best unilateral and at worst selfish. The confrontation over Iraq is just more fuel on a bonfire." At root, these issues are indeed the same.

Guest Commentary

By Peter Schwartz

The "anti-war" forces are not against an invasion of Iraq, if authorized by the U.N.; they just don't want the decision to be made by the United States. It is America's deferral to the U.N. that they frantically seek. It is American "selfishness" — the tenet that one has the moral right to uphold one's self-interest — that triggers anger and fear in them. It is the undercutting of America's sovereignty — the surrender of the principle of individualism to the principle of collectivism — that underlies the malicious glee with which U.N. dignitaries hail attacks on America, that motivates the spiteful cowardice of the "human-

shield" volunteers in Baghdad and that constitutes the ideological goal of the "anti-war" movement.

We are smeared as "unilateralists" if we defend our interests by engaging in military action, or by rejecting a pseudo-scientific international treaty. We are smeared as "isolationists" if we defend our interests by not sending troops on altruistic, "peace-keeping" missions (or by rejecting an international treaty). Every refusal to sacrifice ourselves to the demands of others provokes the same essential response.

The protest leaders are the standard gamut of leftists — from modern environ-

mentalists to old-line Marxists. They are united, not in the superficialities of what they support, but in the fundamentals of what they detest: Americanism, capitalism, individualism. Their one, overwhelming desire is to cut America down by making it defer to some higher authority. They want us to submit.

That is what the Islamic terrorists seek as well. They want us to renounce individualism and bow to their theocratic dictates.

The anti-war activists may invoke a more secular authority, but they want the same kind of capitulation. They want the individual to subordinate his freedom to the collective will of his community, and they want the government of a free people to subordinate the liberty of its citizens to the collective will of the international community.

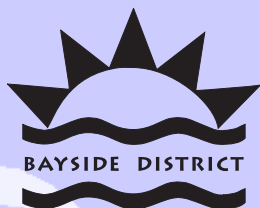
The way to prevail against the anti-American protests, therefore, is not by mollifying the U.N. or bribing our "allies" but by resolutely acting on our moral right to defend ourselves, regardless of the wishes of any other nation.

(Peter Schwartz, editor and contributing author of "Return of the Primitive: The Anti-Industrial Revolution" by Ayn Rand, is chairman of the board of directors of the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine, Calif. The Institute promotes the philosophy of Ayn Rand, author of Atlas Shrugged and The Fountainhead.)

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NATIONAL

Brewery magnate Joseph Coors dies at 85

By The Associated Press

DENVER — Joseph Coors, who used his brewing fortune to support President Reagan and help create the conservative Heritage Foundation, has died at age 85.

Coors, whose grandfather founded Golden-based Adolph Coors Co. in 1873, died Saturday in Rancho Mirage, Calif., after a three-month battle with lymphatic cancer.

In the 1970s, Coors began providing money and his famous name to start the Heritage Foundation, the influential think tank in Washington, D.C. Even earlier, he served as one of Reagan's advisers and backers in the "kitchen Cabinet," which financed Reagan's political career from the governorship of California to the White House. The two first met in Palm Springs, Calif., in 1967.

"Without Joe Coors, the Heritage Foundation wouldn't exist — and the conservative movement it nurtures would be immeasurably poorer," the foundation's president, Edwin Feulner, said in a statement.

In 1988 he retired as chief operating officer. He remained a director until three years ago.

Coors used his chemical engineering background to refine the brewery's cold-filtered beer manufacturing system, which he created with his brother Bill. The brothers also initiated what is believed to have been the first large-scale recycling program by offering a one cent return on Coors' aluminum cans in 1959.

Until the 1970s, Coors beer was sold in 11 just Western states. Aggressive competition from industry giants Anheuser-Busch and Miller Brewing prompted the company to expand. By the early 1990s, Coors was available nationwide. It is the third-largest brewer in the United States.

The company was the object of sometimes bitter criticism from activists who criticized Coors' politics and accused the company of a variety of violations of labor and environmental laws and bias against gays and other minorities.

In 1977, labor unions launched a boycott after a bitter 20-month strike. The boycott ended 10 years later after the company agreed to forgo erecting legal roadblocks often used by management against an attempt to organize its workforce. The following year, Coors employees turned down Teamsters representation.

Born in Golden on Nov. 12, 1917, Coors was educated in public schools. He graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in 1940 with a degree in chemical engineering.

His first job at Coors Co. was with the company's ceramics division, working in the clay pits west of Golden where the raw material for porcelain was mined. The porcelain business, purchased in the early 1900s, helped keep the company afloat during Prohibition, when the brewery produced malted milk and near-beer.

Coors also served a term as a regent of the University of Colorado, confronting what he saw as campus radicalism during the Vietnam War.

Coors and his brother worked in the same office, their desks not more than a foot apart. Bill Coors said their politics were quite different.

"He was very principled and dedicated. But we got along a lot better if we didn't talk politics," Bill Coors said. "He was conservative as they come. I mean he was a little bit right of Attila the Hun."

In addition to his brother, he is survived by his wife, Anne; five sons, Joseph Jr., Jeffrey, Peter, Grover and John, all of the Golden area; 27 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Alaska Legislature debates wildlife visitor viewing tax

By The Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Alaska Gov. Frank Murkowski has proposed a \$15 per head tax on out-of-state vacationers to help balance the state budget, but a spokesman with the Alaska Travel Industry Association says the tax would be another burden on Alaska's tourism industry.

Murkowski would require nonresident vacationers, 16 or older, who take whale-watching or flightseeing tours or any number of nature tours in the state to buy a \$15 "wildlife conservation pass." Alaska residents who take the same tours would be exempt, as would nonresidents who purchase hunting or fishing licenses.

The administration expects about 500,000 of Alaska's 1.5 million annual visitors would pay the fee, raising about \$7.5 million.

House Resources Co-chairman Hugh "Bud" Fate, R-Fairbanks, said the idea was sound, requiring wildlife watchers to help pay state expenses just as out-of-

state hunters and fishers do through license fees.

"I think the governor is on the right approach," Fate said.

But tour operators said the plan is not well thought out and will have unintended consequences for small businesses in Alaska.

Sarah Dunlap, who operates a bear viewing tour in Juneau, said some of her tourists already pay a \$50 federal fee for some tours.

"These people are already paying a significant fee for wildlife viewing," Dunlap said.

And the Alaska Travel Industry Association notes the Legislature also is considering a summer-only sales tax to raise another \$35 million. The state's vacation industry could take a "double hit" if both are approved, said ATIA spokesman Mark Morones.

Hearings on the proposal were scheduled to continue Monday before Fate's committee.

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NATIONAL



Court refuses to block execution of Gulf War vet

BY RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press Writer

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — The U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to block the execution of a decorated Gulf War veteran who claims severe brain damage from his exposure to Iraqi nerve gas led him to kill.

Unless President Bush intervenes, Louis Jones Jr. will be executed by injection Tuesday at the U.S. Penitentiary near Terre Haute, Ind.

As the execution neared, Jones met Monday with his 22-year-old daughter, his attorney and two spiritual advisers. Attorney Timothy Floyd said his client was trying to remain hopeful as he awaited word on whether Bush would consider his request to commute his death sentence to life in prison.

"He was really remarkably strong and I think at peace with whatever happens. I attribute that to his deep faith — I think that's sustained him through this," Floyd said.

Jones, 53, admitted kidnapping 19-year-old Pvt. Tracie Joy McBride from a Texas Air Force base, raping her and beating her to death with a tire iron.

His attorneys filed a late appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, but the high court refused Monday to grant a stay blocking the execution. The court did not comment on its decision. Jones' appeal claimed the federal death penalty is unconstitutional under a 2002 court ruling.

In his request for executive clemency, Jones argues he suffered brain damage

from sarin nerve gas wafting from an Iraqi weapons depot destroyed by American troops in March 1991 after the 1991 Gulf War ended.

Floyd said evidence showing that came to light only after Jones' trial. In December 2000, the Pentagon informed Jones that he, along with about 130,000 other soldiers, may have been exposed to low levels of nerve gas.

"He was really remarkably strong and I think at peace with whatever happens."

— TIMOTHY FLOYD
Attorney

During Jones' trial, defense experts testified he suffered brain damage from abuse as a child and post-traumatic stress from his combat tours.

Federal prosecutors oppose Jones' clemency request, pointing to evidence of his aggressive behavior before the Gulf War, including four incidents in which he beat up co-workers or fellow soldiers. He killed McBride on Feb. 18, 1995, two years after his honorable discharge from the Army.

If the execution proceeds, Jones would be the third person — after Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and drug kingpin Juan Garza — put to death by the federal government since 1963.

Brother of late John Gotti found guilty of racketeering

BY TOM HAYS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — In a case featuring the testimony of action-film star Steven Seagal, the brother of late mob boss John Gotti was found guilty Monday of racketeering and other charges accusing him of quietly assuming control of the Gambino crime family.

The jury deliberated six days in federal court in Brooklyn before convicting Peter Gotti and six co-defendants, including two who tried to extort up to \$3 million from Seagal.

Gotti, 63, was the star defendant in the far-reaching mob case alleging a campaign of extortion stretching from the city's waterfront to Hollywood. Prosecutors accused him of pocketing thousands of dollars from various schemes.

In addition to racketeering, Gotti also was found guilty of conspiracy and multiple counts of money laundering. The jury cleared him of two money-laundering counts.

Another brother, Richard V. Gotti, and a nephew, Richard G. Gotti, also were convicted of racketeering and other charges.

Gotti's lawyer, Gerald Shargel, told the jury that the government had "failed completely and utterly and miserably to put any evidence before you that Peter Gotti is the acting boss of anything."

Shargel accused prosecutors of using his unassuming client as a stand-in for his notorious brother, who died of cancer last June.

The case stemmed from an investigation aimed at loosening the Mafia's grip on New York's waterfront. Authorities later learned of the plot against Seagal.

Seagal, the star of such action films as "Under Siege" and "Exit Wounds," testified that the mobsters demanded payoffs during a meeting at a steakhouse arranged by his former business partner who is under indictment in a separate case. Afterward, the partner told him, "If you would have said the wrong thing, they would have killed you," Seagal said.

On Gotti's watch, a violent Gambino crew used threats to assume control of local chapters of the International Longshoremen's Association, prosecutors said. The family then rigged union elections and secured the award of a lucrative union health service contract for a mob-controlled company.

During a six-week trial, prosecutors presented a series of surveillance photos and tapes of known gangsters paying homage and cash to Gotti, a former sanitation worker who allegedly became acting boss of the Gambinos in the late 1990s.

The tapes proved Gotti was "not only a mobster, but a mob leader," Assistant U.S. Attorney Katya Jestin said in closing arguments.

Peter Gotti allegedly became the third Gotti to take charge of the Gambinos, one of the city's oldest crime families, when his brother John fell ill in federal prison. John Gotti's son, John "Junior" Gotti, was convicted of bribery and extortion.

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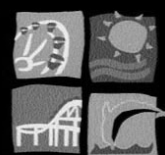
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INTERNATIONAL

President Bush: 'The tyrant will soon be gone'

WAR, from page 1

terrorists may strike U.S. interests at home or abroad in response to action against Iraq.

The President told the Iraqi people, "The day of your liberation is near."

Bush issued his ultimatum after U.N. allies refused to back his bid for a resolution sanctioning military force. The diplomatic defeat forced Bush to move toward war accompanied by Britain, Spain, Australia and a handful of other nations in his self-described "coalition of the willing."

Like many locals who watched the President speak on St. Patrick's Day, Brenda Anderson, a 38-year-old business assistant, said she was against the war and accused the President of "looking over" more pressing concerns to focus on Iraq.

"When is his term up anyway?" the Australian native said of Bush. "I just feel like (President Bush) has been bred — his whole family has been bred — to go to war. Aren't there more important things? It's senseless, just senseless."

Most criticisms were targeted at President Bush, who one woman referred to as "a cowboy who is still on his big bad horse in the wild, wild west."

Teruhisa Miyajima, a 35-year-old Japanese student who is choosing between UCLA, Harvard and Columbia for graduate school, called the Bush regime "arrogant" and said there was "work to be done" before a war should be waged.

"I am against the war," Miyajima said in broken English. "I watch the television and the American people protesting the war. I am delighted by their passion."

"(Bush) loves freedom. I love freedom too," he added. "But he must envision what is freedom and what is not freedom. Sometimes freedom oppresses other people. Freedom is not an infinite thing, it is limited."

Other internationals agree the U.S. is moving too quickly. A group of Puerto Rican students vacationing from the

University of Massachusetts for spring break accused Bush of pursuing oil interests no matter what the cost.

"It's inevitable with that clown in the white house," said Jean-Pierre Carraquillo, 21. "All he wants to do is control the oil. Bush is on a power trip. He wants to go in and control the oil and finish what his father did."

Local residents also voiced opposition to a looming war in the Middle East.

"I hate Saddam Hussein and think he is a terrorist," said a man who referred to himself as "Buck Stimpson," a 29-year-old writer and animator who lives in Venice. "But I don't trust George Bush to come in and take care of this."

Darryl Harding, a 38-year-old filmmaker, agrees.

"Instead of bringing everyone together, they're trying to pull everyone apart," he said of the Bush administration. "The way he talks and the way he acts scares the hell out of people. I don't trust the guy."

Harding dismissed the conjecture that war is the only method of dealing with Hussein.

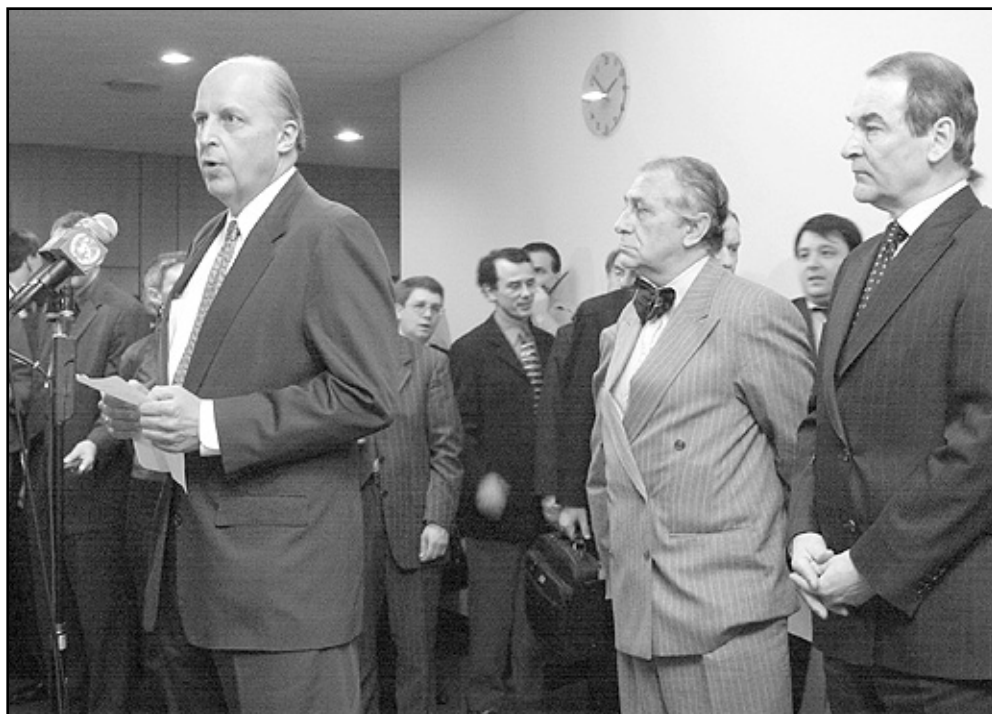
"There's a daisy cutter with his name on it somewhere in the U.S. arsenal if they really want to use it," he said. "(Hussein) is a lunatic and he does need to be deposed. But I question Bush's methods. He should try harder to rally support."

For the first time since Bush drew the nation's attention to Iraq last fall, he focused on the questions most asked by Americans: Why war? And why now?

Making the case for war, the President said Saddam has weapons of mass destruction he might share with terrorists, has a history of hating America and is a destabilizing force in the Middle East.

"The United States did nothing to deserve or invite this threat, but we will do everything to defeat it. Instead of drifting along toward tragedy, we will set a course toward safety," the president said from the White House.

"The tyrant will soon be gone," he said.



Gregory Bull/Associated Press

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Negroponte, left, addresses the media as ambassadors Jeremy Greenstock of Britain, right, and Inocencio Arias of Spain, second right, wait in the background on Monday at U.N. headquarters. The U.S., Britain and Spain withdrew their resolution Monday, abandoning efforts to win U.N. backing for a war with Iraq.

He expressed disappointment that the United Nations had failed to stand beside the United States.

"The United Nations Security Council has not lived up to its responsibilities so we will rise to ours," he said.

An intense White House debate over whether to establish a timetable was settled hours before the President's speech. Some argued that Bush should not set a deadline because Saddam could use the notice to build opposition to the President's case or even launch a pre-emptive strike against U.S. interests.

Bush said that after 12 years of diplomacy and weapons inspections, "Our good faith has not been returned. The Iraqi regime has used diplomacy as a ploy to gain time and advantage."

"We are not dealing with peaceful men," he said.

Bush also addressed Iraqi troops.

"If war comes, do not fight for a dying regime that is not worth your own life," Bush said. He told soldiers to listen carefully to his warning that they should not destroy oil wells or use weapons of mass destruction.

To civilians in Iraq he said, "If we must begin a military campaign it will be directed to lawless men who direct your country and not at you."

He pledged the United States would provide food, medicine and other assistance as Iraq recovers from war.

The address came 24 hours after Bush's return from an Atlantic island summit, where he joined with allies from Britain and Spain to give the U.N. Security Council one day consent to disarming Saddam with force.

A quick round of telephone calls Sunday night and Monday morning confirmed what aides said Bush had concluded before the summit: The allies' U.N. resolution was doomed to fail.

He ordered the measure withdrawn to avoid an embarrassing defeat, then gave the go-ahead for a long-planned ultimatum address.

The American public, by a 2-1 margin, generally supports military action against Iraq to remove Saddam, a slight increase from recent weeks, according to a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll out Monday. Opinion was evenly divided when people were asked about an attack without an attempt to gain U.N. backing.

White House and congressional sources said Bush intends to send Congress a bill seeking more than \$70 billion to pay for the war.

Back in the pub, Daly said the reactions against Bush were all just part of the equation with any war.

"Bush is going to flex a certain amount of muscle," he said, "and that is going to cause a backlash no matter what."

Daly balked at the argument that oil was the real motive behind the war.

"If we wanted the oil, we'd buy it," he said. "Just end the embargo and buy it."

(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)

Public support for U.S. invasion of Iraq depends on level of international backing

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The American public supports military action against Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power, but the level of backing depends on administration efforts to win international help, according to a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll.

According to the poll, released Monday:

■ Eight in 10 supported a U.S. invasion if it was backed by a United Nations resolution.

■ Just over half, 54 percent, supported an invasion of Iraq if the U.S. offered a resolution but the U.N. didn't pass it. Forty-three percent were opposed.

■ People were just about evenly split on an invasion if the United States did not offer a U.N. resolution and said it would proceed with military action without any new vote. In that case, 47 percent supported such an action and 50 percent opposed it.

The poll of 1,007 adults was taken Friday and Saturday and had an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points. A resolution offered by the United States, Britain and Spain was withdrawn Monday on grounds that it was sure to fail.

Preparing for battle



Jean-Marc Bouju/Associated Press

Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion of the 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne practice cramming 16 men with full gear into a Blackhawk helicopter at Camp New Jersey in the Kuwaiti desert on Monday. The specialty of the battalion is for deep airborne incursion into enemy territory.

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To make sure your baby is getting enough nourishment, it's important to make sure the baby is nursing approximately eight to 12 times within a 24-hour period. Your baby will give you a cue when he or she is ready to nurse and you will soon recognize what that cue is. However, on average most babies will want to nurse every two hours or so.

During the first few days, they will also wet as many diapers as how old they are. In other words, a 3-day-old baby will wet three diapers in a 24-hour period.

By day four or five, nursing mothers also will begin to notice significant changes in their breasts. Your breasts should feel bigger, fuller and warmer. This is a normal physiological change.

After the baby is 5 to 6 days old, you will want to make sure that he or she is wetting six to eight diapers within a 24-hour period. Several of the diapers should also be soiled. By day six, the baby should be making six to eight wet diapers per day. If not, this may be an indication they are not receiving enough milk and you should consult your pediatrician or lactation specialist.

By the time he or she is 2 weeks old, the baby should be back at his or her birth weight or beyond. However, babies normally lose a little weight immediately after birth.

Elaine Robertson, I.B.C.L.C., is an international board certified lactation consultant for Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. Robertson also teaches childbirth classes and prenatal breastfeeding classes to expectant parents. Please call (310) 829-8944 for further information or visit Saint John's Web site at www.stjohns.org.

Guest Commentary

By Elaine Robertson

SCHEDULES:

TUESDAY

Storytelling

Main Library - Toddler Story Time at 10:00 and 10:45am - Reed Park/West Auditorium/7th and Wilshire - 2 yr-olds with parent. 310-458-8922

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443, Lap Time - 11am - Mar 4-April 8 - 6-wk series for parents & children up to 24 months. Twilight Story Time - 7pm - an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds. Cuentos Para Pequenos - 10am - Mar 4-April 8 - a 6-wk program of stories in Spanish for 24-36 months old.

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081 Family Story Time - 7pm Stories for the entire family
Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804, Toddler Story Time - Feb. 25-April 1, 24-36 months, series, registration required, call for info.

Breastfeeding Group

the Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 - 2:30pm

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga - 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) - 10-11am, \$9
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150, Pre/Postnatal - 12:15 - 1:45pm, \$15, Mommy and Me - 1:45-3pm, \$15

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443, Preschool Story Time - 10:30am - March 5-April 9, 3-5 year olds able to be on their own

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081, Lap Time - 10 and 10:30am - 6 week series for children up to 24months, current series ends April 2. Toddler Story Time - 11:15 am - 6 week series for 2 year olds with adult
Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804 Twilight Story Time - 7:00 to 7:30pm - for working parents with 3-5 year olds.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 7pm - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood - 11am - 310-475-3444

Breastfeeding Group

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Yoga Garden - 310-450-0133, Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal - 6:30pm - www.yogagardenstudios.com.

Other

Puppetolio - 1:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443 WILDLIFE WENDY'S TROPICAL BIRD SHOW - 3:30pm, ages 4 & up

THURSDAY

Storytelling

Main Library - Preschool Story Time - 10:15am - Reed Park/West Auditorium/7th & Wilshire, Stories for ages 3-5 able to be on their own. 310-458-8922

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443, Toddler Story Time - 10:30am - March 6-April 10 - 6 week series for 24-36 month olds with adult. La Hora Del Cuento - 7:00pm - Stories in Spanish for all ages.

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081, Toddler Story Time - 10:15am - 6 week series for 2 year olds with adult. Preschool Story Time - 11:15am - for 3-5 year olds.

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804, Lap Time - 9:20 and 10:20am - stories and songs for 0-2 year olds.

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Classes

the Pump Station - 2415 Wilshire Blvd, SM, 310-826-5774, HOT TOPICS FOR MOMS with babies 6-12 months - 1:00 - 2:30pm, \$15, no registration required, space is limited.

SATURDAY

Storytelling

Children's Book World, 10580 W. Pico Blvd, LA, 310-559-B00K, 10:30 am, ages 3-8 (March 8, 15, 22)

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade - Toddler Story Time - 10am - 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 10am - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144

Yoga

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Santa Monica Yoga - 1640 Ocean Park Blvd. - 310-396-4040, Prenatal yoga - 12:30 - 2:00pm, \$14

Other

Puppetolio - 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

Santa Monica Playhouse - "Dorothy's Adventures in Oz", 12:30 and 3:00pm, 310-394-9779 (thru March 30)

Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) - Griffith Park Bird Sanctuary (LA) - 10am, Topanga St. Park - 10am, Reservations required - 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

Storytelling

Main Library (programs for the Main Library are being presented in off-site locations during renovation) Lap Time for parents and children up to 24 months, 9:30am, Joslyn Park/Craft Room/633 Kensington - 310-452-6132

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804 Cuentos Para Pequenos - 11:15 am, March 24 - April 28 - Stories in Spanish for toddlers and pre-schoolers. No registration required.

Barnes and Noble - 3rd St. Promenade - Toddler Story Time - 10am - 310-260-9110

Breastfeeding Group

the Pump Station - 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 11am - 12:30pm Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 - 2:30pm

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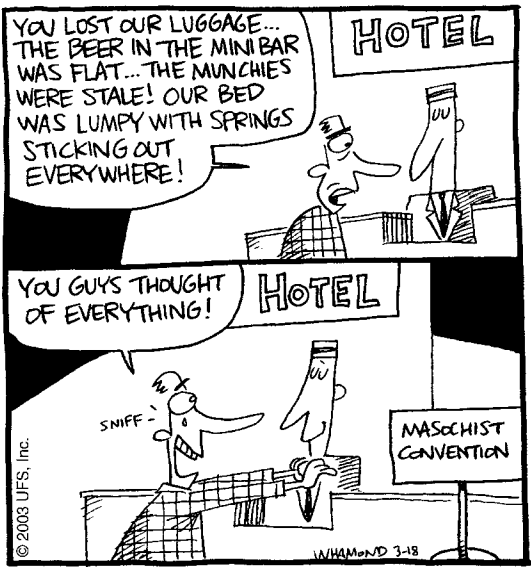
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your guide to dining, entertainment and events

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(PG-13) 1:55, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55. The Hunted (R) 2:20,
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BACK PAGE

Breakfast on a carrier can take up to 110,400 eggs a month

BY GEORGE JAHN

Associated Press Writer

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT — Take 110,400 eggs a month and fry, scramble, or boil gently. Add 18,648 strips of bacon. Serve hot — and start worrying about lunch.

It's breakfast time aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, and when its 4,300 sailors and airmen belly up to the galleys, the going is hot and heavy for the kitchen crews.

But as Master Chief R.C. Jio moves past servers dishing up breakfast, the vegetable dicers, the four giant soup cauldrons and then toward a young sailor kneading dough, she's already thinking about lunch.

"This goes on 24 hours a day," said Jio, who feeds the ship's enlisted personnel. "I seldom sleep more than four hours at night."

Feeding the crews aboard the U.S. Navy's five aircraft carriers in the eastern Mediterranean and Gulf is a logistical — and culinary — marvel, requiring helicopter and ship replenishing runs and as many as five kitchens to get the food out.

There's a bakery on board the USS Kitty Hawk — currently in the Gulf — that supplies around 900 loaves of bread a day. And soda machines spit out drinks at an average rate of more than 5,000 cans a day.

Jio, a certified executive chef from Memphis, Tenn., sometimes does the cooking herself in the Roosevelt's galley. But she's normally too busy making sure the salad is fresh, the juice cold, the burgers hot and the chicken tender.

Her dedication has paid off. For the second year running, the Navy has voted the Roosevelt the best among all six carriers in the Atlantic Fleet in serving, cooking and presenting food.

The effort is welcomed by those with low-profile, but important, jobs on a ship whose image is defined by its glory-hound combat pilots. Good food contributes to good fighting morale, the theory goes.

Now at sea for 2 1/2 months, crews on the Roosevelt

rarely miss chow time. Beyond needing to eat, it's a chance to sit with friends in a welcome break from 12-plus hour days or nights.

The two freezers hold 26 semitrailer loads of meat and other perishables but have to be replenished monthly by supply ships. Hundreds of pallets of fruits and vegetables arrive every two weeks. When fully stocked, the ship carries food worth about \$3.5 million, including premium items for birthdays and other special meals, like lobster at \$23 a pound.

In 30 days, thirsty sailors down 22,000 gallons of orange juice and 8,095 gallons of milk and eat nearly a ton of hamburgers, plus huge quantities of steak, chicken, pasta and other favorites. That doesn't include what's eaten by the 1,200 officers and noncommissioned officers, who have their own galleys.

Aboard the Kitty Hawk, the officers definitely get better fare. In the two wardrooms set aside for their meals and off limits to enlisted sailors, pilots and other officers can order a cheeseburger or select from daily specials such as veal parmigiano, boiled crab claws and corned beef. Tuna

salad, egg salad and cut fresh vegetables are staples.

For officers there's also a special menu on Sundays: Brunch of scrambled eggs, french toast and fresh waffles with maple or strawberry syrup. Dinner one recent Sunday was grilled lobster tails with melted butter.

For the enlisted ranks on the Roosevelt, food is available nearly nonstop at two galleys — shutting down from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. No wonder Jio has little time off the job.

"I taste the food," she said. "I help prepare the food. I supervise how the food's supposed to look, smell, taste; how it's presented — even the right utensil to serve the food."

Dozens work in the kitchens, where the demands are exhausting.

"I don't like doing carrots, they're very time-consuming," said Seaman Javier Duran, 23, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., as he cuts peppers into strips for the 21-item lunchtime veggie trays. After 11 hours of chopping, he said, "You get a sore arm once in a while."

Old salts — who remember past chow times of soy-aburgers — praise the kitchen crew's efforts. But you can't please them all.

Snowboarder hits class of young skiers

By The Associated Press

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. — A 20-year-old snowboarder who allegedly slammed into a youngsters' ski class while drunk is facing charges of felony child abuse and reckless endangerment.

Michael Wolff, of Killeen, Texas, was being held on \$20,650 bond in the Garfield County Jail on Monday after the crash Saturday at Sunlight Mountain Resort.

Wolff was arrested on suspicion of felony child abuse, reckless

endangerment, underage drinking and skiing under the influence.

"This was not just an honest accident," said sheriff's Sgt. Steve Hardesty.

The snowboarder crashed into the class of children ages 5 through 7 about 2:30 p.m. Saturday, said Jeff Bader, whose daughter was not seriously injured in the crash.

Bader said he came upon the accident scene about 15 to 20 minutes after the crash. By that time, ski patrollers and other adult skiers —

about 20 to 30 people altogether — had stopped to help the ski instructor and the four children in the class.

One child, whose name was not immediately available, suffered a broken leg.

Bader said he plans to get his daughter back in a ski lesson. She loved skiing after her second lesson, he said.

"We're not going to let one person's terrible decisions affect our love of skiing. We're going to get her back out there," he said.



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