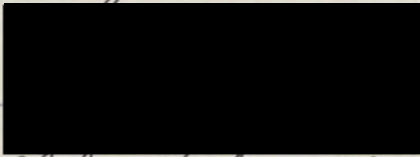


Dear Bryan,

Since you enjoy displaying newspaper articles, I thought you might like to see a couple from the San Diego Union. You may recall that Julie Johnson described the President's trip to the coast as "disastrous", but it certainly wasn't viewed that way here in San Diego. Also enclosed is a follow-up article on Lorne Fleming, the media hero being celebrated this week on various shows, including a clip on your own. Obviously, things are not always what they seem.

  
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Clinton kin wanted job of travel aide

REUTERS and ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's cousin proposed that the White House get rid of career employees of its travel office and put her in charge long before the workers were fired for alleged mismanagement, a memo she co-wrote shows.

The White House said today that the memo had no connection with the firings announced Wednesday and strongly denied that the dismissals were part of an effort to fill the executive branch with Clinton relatives and campaign cronies.

It said seven longtime travel-office employees were dismissed after an independent audit found "gross mismanagement" of the office, which coordinates staff travel and books planes and hotels for the White House press corps.

That audit, the White House said, was part of a Clinton ini-

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Statewide vote to decide fate of special sales tax

Counties can choose to keep levy

By ED MENDEL Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — To offset deep state budget cuts, Gov. Pete Wilson yesterday called a statewide special election for Nov. 2 to give counties the option of reinstating a half-cent sales tax due to expire June 30.

Wilson said counties also could decide whether to raise the sales tax an additional half-cent to make it a full penny on the dollar. The counties approving the tax increase would keep the money for local police, fire and other essential services.

The governor's proposed budget would shift \$2.6 billion from local government to schools, ending a bailout that began after Proposition 13 cut property taxes in 1978. If all 58 counties approved a one-cent

sales tax, that would give local governments \$2.8 billion annually.

"This special election will put the power in the hands of the people," Wilson said. "The residents of each community — not the politicians — will be able to decide if the sales tax should be raised to pay for local programs."

But by calling an unusual statewide special election in an off-year when there usually is none, Wilson also allows measures that have already qualified for the ballot to go before voters this year.

One of them is a controversial initiative that would give parents vouchers so their children could attend the schools of their choice.

The special election could cost \$20 million, Secretary of State March Fong Eu said.

Democrats favor an extension of the temporary half-cent sales tax, which the Republican governor wants to let expire.

"The governor and the Legislature were elected to make tough decisions, not to dodge them, as the governor is trying to do," said Senate President Pro Tempore David Roberti, D-Van Nuys, whose response was typical of what most Democrats were saying.

In a major rewriting of the \$51.2 billion state budget he unveiled in January, the governor also pro-

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Senators' deficit plan under fire

Poor would pay, Clinton counters

By ALAN FRAM Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton and his Democratic allies are skewering an effort by a Senate faction to reshape his deficit-reduction plan as a move that would take from the poor and give to the rich.

Four senators from both parties proposed an alternative budget-cutting package yesterday that would kill Clinton's energy tax, ease his levies on the rich and make extra cuts in Social Security, Medicare and other benefit programs.

"What we're trying to do is make those that can afford it pay for some of these entitlement programs," Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., an architect of the alternative plan, said this morning on CBS. Referring to Clinton's proposed energy tax, he also said, "What we've done is do away with one part of the tax increase that falls on all the consumers of the country."

But Clinton attacked the formula with the same populist theme he employed last year during his White House contest against President Bush.

"When you strip all the rhetoric away, there's \$40 billion worth of burdens on people just above the poverty line, and \$40 billion less on those of us like me who can afford to do a little more for our country," Clinton said.

Though it seemed to have almost no chance of passage, the senators' measure represented the latest complication hindering Clinton's fight to get a skittish Congress to accept his \$500 billion deficit-reduction plan.

The plan was unveiled by Boren and Sens. Bennett Johnston, D-La., John Danforth, R-Mo., and William Cohen, R-Maine.

The senators said their measure would satisfy Americans' appetites for deeper spending cuts and fewer tax increases than the president wants, and eliminate an energy levy that would hurt businesses and the middle class.

"The authors of this package have tried to be very careful to ensure that it protects the economic interest of lower- and middle-income Americans," Boren said.

Boren said today that his budget alternative will actually help Clinton.

"There's an old saying that those who gods would destroy, they sometimes grant their wishes. I think that's the case with the president," Boren said on NBC. He said if Clin-

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"The whole time we were married, he did not pay a dime in taxes. None. Zero."

JODILYN WALLER Divorced Fleming in 1992

Questioning Clinton: Lorne Fleming, who grilled President Clinton about taxes to the astonishment of some of his associates.

Clinton's TV tax questioner has had trouble paying own

By GERRY BRAUN, Staff Writer

Lorne Fleming, the San Diegoan who won national fame for pointedly telling President Clinton on television Monday that federal taxes are too high, has a long history of not paying his own state and federal income taxes.

From 1980 to 1988, Fleming was either delinquent in paying his taxes or simply did not file returns with the California Franchise Tax Board, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or both, according to government documents obtained by The San Diego Union-Tribune.

Fleming also didn't pay his state and federal taxes from 1989 to 1991, according to the San Diego woman, who was married to him at the time. In the

1980s, his wages were periodically garnished by the state for tax delinquency and failure to make court-ordered child-support payments.

"The whole time we were married, he did not pay a dime in taxes. None. Zero," said Jodylyn Waller, who divorced Fleming in early 1992. After Fleming moved out, Waller said, she discovered a box of letters from the Franchise Tax Board, dating back several years, that had never been opened.

Fleming, who was introduced to Clinton as a "a self-employed businessman," also has not paid his business license tax to Coronado, where he said his

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New schools chief says her sights are set on higher pupil standards

By MAURA REYNOLDS Staff Writer

After 35 years of working behind the scenes, eight in the shadow of longtime city schools chief Tom Payzant, Bertha Mae Ousley Pendleton stepped into the public spotlight yesterday to a standing ovation.

San Diego city school trustees named Pendleton to succeed Payzant in the top post of the 125,000-student district, the nation's eighth-largest.

Pendleton, 59, will be the first woman and the first black to head the city school system.

In accepting the job, Pendleton made it clear that while she will continue Payzant's reforms, she intends to chart her own course for the district. Specifically, she said that, despite gains under Payzant, the district must work harder to improve student performance.

"No pride can be completely savored until all of our children have access to the best instruction and are attaining the same high standards," she said. "This must be our priority commitment for the next several years."

To that end, Pendleton said she will soon present the board with a plan to reorganize the district to

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Reforms eyed in malpractice abortion polie

New York Times News Service and Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The health care reform to be proposed by President Clinton will include sweeping changes in handling malpractice lawsuits and will contain some coverage for abortions, it was revealed yesterday.

Under the malpractice-suit proposal, individual doctors would be relieved of legal responsibility for negligence, White House advisers said. Injured patients, instead of suing their doctors, would sue insurance companies and health-maintenance organizations that employ the doctors.

Clinton said yesterday his health care proposal will include some abortion coverage, but he added that Congress could eliminate such a controversial provision.

"My position is this — that services that are traditionally covered in private health insurance policies should be covered in the government's package," Clinton told MTV News. "And some, but not all, abortion services are traditionally covered in private health insurance packages."

"And since they are traditionally covered, I think they should be. Now, the Congress may take it out.

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Smiles: The audience showed its pleasure yesterday when Bertha Pendleton (right) was announced as the new superintendent of the San Diego Unified School district.

Tree-ring study disputes global warming theory

By PAUL RECER Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The climate history embedded in the growth rings of ancient South American trees show no evidence that human activity is causing the Earth to become warmer, researchers reported today.

Growth rings from a 3,613-year-old alerce tree, the second longest-lived tree species known, show that the climate near the west coast of South America warmed and cooled many times over thousands of years, but there has been no warming during the industrial age, they said.

Two scientists, writing in the journal Sci-

ence, said their research does not contradict studies that have suggested warming trends in parts of the Northern Hemisphere. But their results did indicate that any so-called global warming isn't really global — at least not yet.

Ricardo Villalba of the University of Colorado and Antonio Lara of the University of Arizona said they measured the width of tree rings in 95 trunk wedges or corings taken from standing alerce trees or from stumps of harvested trees in Chile and Argentina.

Temperatures experienced by the trees directly affect the amount of seasonal growth and this is reflected in the width of the annual rings created in the trunk, said Villalba. As a

result, it is possible to use the tree rings to reconstruct climatic records for the life of the tree.

Villalba said a tree-ring wedge collected from the stump of a tree felled in 1975 showed the tree lived for at least 3,613 years. Other trees studied ranged in age from 325 to 2,248 years, he said.

Temperatures in the area were much higher during periods before the industrial age than now, Villalba said.

"During the last 100 years, the tempera-

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# THE BROADWAY

US West, Time put cable in fast lane

By SKIP WOLLENBERG Associated Press

NEW YORK — A future when people can order movies at any time from their homes, do their banking and even make phone calls though their TV sets came closer to reality yesterday when US West announced a \$2.5 billion investment in Time Warner Inc.'s entertainment unit.

The companies' efforts to put information, entertainment and telephone services at cable customers' fingertips is the largest collaboration so far to deliver what is being called the "information superhighway."

The deal also marks the first alliance between a former regional Bell System company and a media conglomerate that owns cable systems and programming resources.

US West, which operates in 14 Western states, has the telecommunications technology and marketing ability that are expected to speed development of the so-called Full Service Networks and make it successful.

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Salinas seeks autonomy for Bank of Mexico

By S. LYNNE WALKER Copley News Service

MEXICO CITY — President Carlos Salinas de Gortari proposed a constitutional amendment yesterday to grant autonomy to the nation's central bank, a move that would guarantee the chief executive's economic programs remain in place long after Salinas leaves office.

The bill sent to Congress would allow the Bank of Mexico, as the nation's equivalent of the Federal Reserve is known, to control monetary policy without government influence.

The move, made amid growing uncertainty over the passage in the

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Clinton pitches tax plan



Facing questioners: President Clinton answers a question from the audience at the Channel 10 studios last night. The president's stop in San Diego was part of a two-day trip to California to sell his economic programs to the American people.

And answers TV audience during visit to San Diego

By JOHN MARELIS Staff Writer

President Clinton visited San Diego yesterday to make a hard-sell appeal for his deficit-reduction program — massive tax increases and all.

Clinton returned to campaign form as he employed techniques that served him well as a candidate for president, a wide-ranging televised town hall meeting and a campaign-style airport rally where he was more aggressive than usual in promoting his economic programs.

"We've got to put our house in order, folks. And if we don't do it,

President did what he does best: He charmed. —A-13

TV review: Electronic town meetings may be losing some of their appeal. —A-13

we're going to be paying for it from now on," Clinton said upon his arrival at North Island Naval Air Station in Coronado.

Last night, at the start of an hourlong question-and-answer session on San Diego television station KGTV, Channel 10, Clinton immediately found himself on the defensive about his tax policies when self-employed businessman Lorne Fleming complained that the middle-class tax cut Clinton promised in the campaign had given way to more taxes and more spending.

"You can't fairly characterize my program as that," Clinton insisted. "I have cut more spending than my predecessor did."

He said that while the "prudent revenue increases" he has proposed will raise \$250 billion over five years, tax incentives he has targeted toward small business will cut taxes for many.

"Give me four years to try to deliver on that middle-class tax cut," he said.

At the late-afternoon airport rally attended by an estimated 4,000 people, the Democratic president's

Clinton's a hit at town hall meeting

By RONALD W. POWELL and GREG MORAN Staff Writers

After firing questions at President Clinton in a town hall meeting last night, several participants said they were impressed with the Democrat who wore a sedate blue suit and a tie dotted with happy faces.

"He was compassionate and sensitive," said Daniel E. Eaton, an attorney who asked Clinton how to improve the public image of the courts as an even-handed arbiter of justice. "But the proof is in the pudding. There is no question, however, about his commitment to justice."

Others who participated in the hourlong session said Clinton exuded the warm, personal

style that helped him win the White House. One woman, a welfare mother, said she felt the president was listening to her plea for help in getting off public aid.

"I hope I shook him," said Beverly McDonald, a welfare mother who lives in La Mesa with her 17-month-old child. "There's a lot of people out here who are really trying. I really hope he looks into it."

But Ariel Zuniga, a self-described gang member from Chula Vista who said he is trying to get out of the gang, asked Clinton about economic incentives to get kids out of gangs. Afterward he was skeptical.

"I don't think he's taking the gang violence really seriously," Zuniga said. "There are al-

ready summer jobs out there, and things like that." Zuniga said the real problem is finding long-term jobs to lure young people away from gangs.

Barbara Lowerison asked about her brother, Col. Charles Scharf, who had been shot down over Vietnam and is still unaccounted for.

Clinton asked her to give him information on her brother after the program. She said, "Hopefully, the president will call me," adding she hopes Clinton will follow through on his answer about trying to get all the information from Vietnam on missing military personnel.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Primary concern: Give public schools chance to improve

By MAURA REYNOLDS Staff Writer

California residents, educators and business leaders now share a deep and growing sense of dissatisfaction with the state's public schools and universities, once hailed as the most comprehensive and highest-quality public education system in the country.

But while expressing dismay that academic quality has suffered in recent years, most are not prepared to give up on the ailing system.

Rather, while many say they would like to increase parental choice and local school autonomy, most also remain dedicated to continuing or increasing public funding for education.

"Schools require a lot of money, but they are our future," said Patrick Cledes, 33, of Rancho Peñasquitos. "If you shortcut your future, you're going to be in trouble."

In an extensive statewide public poll combined with a canvass of state government and business leaders, 72 percent of the public rated the quality of public education in California as poor or fair.

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SOLVING THE CALIFORNIA CRISIS



THIRD OF FIVE PARTS

A scream for help: Citizens desperate for justice reform

By LORIE HEARI Staff Writer

Crime has stranglehold on California, and people will try almost anything to loosen the grip.

That's the image that emerges from a statewide poll of people living in the nation's largest state, where crime is pervasive, prisons are bulging and budgets run in the red.

Although the conclusions are not new, the strong consensus of opinion indicates an especially high level of concern and disillusionment.

Not only do the vast majority of the 704 adult Californians surveyed see crime as a worsening problem, but they also express little confidence in the weapon used to fight the war: the criminal justice system.

Most see the system as ineffective, and nearly half say it is unfair to minorities.

As for solutions, Californians appear to be willing to try a battery of hard-line and social suggestions — but not legalizing drugs.

The California Project, a poll sponsored by a



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Making news: Dan Rather and Connie Chung will co-anchor "The CBS Evening News" starting June 1. "But this has nothing to do with ratings," he says. Story, E-7.

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THE PRESIDENT'S SAN DIEGO VISIT

With camera on, president is master of charm, empathy

By GERRY BRAUN Staff Writer

President Clinton did last night what he does best: He charmed. He empathized. He led us carefully through the issues. He bit his lower lip and he furrowed his brow. He felt our pain.

doesn't make documentaries. When Beverly McDonald, a single mother on welfare, explained to the president that she had returned to school to make "a better life for my child and myself," Clinton transformed her question into a poignant moment that overshadowed the issue of child-care availability.

ANALYSIS

"I'm glad just to hear you say a lot of people want to get out," Clinton said. Later, Clinton found a way to illustrate Zuniga's plight to the millions of Americans who, in addition to never meeting a welfare mother, live in utter terror of gang members with goatees.

for Border Enforcement, who wondered why her taxes were subsidizing the health care and education of undocumented migrants. Both questions — tough, polite and aiming at the heart of problem of great concern to many Americans — were bestowed a Clinton seal of approval.

all our problems can be managed if handled one at a time, person to person. "You told me something I didn't know. I'll get to work on it," the leader of the free world told Frank Panarisi of the Construction Industry Federation, who complained that gnatcatcher sightings were holding up construction jobs.

"I hope it works," Clinton told restaurateur Joyce Henderson-Geller after he explained his plan for community development banks. "Write me in a year and tell me if it does."



Warm reception: President Clinton talks with Navy musicians after his speech on the tarmac at North Island.

Clinton Uses visit to San Diego to tout anti-deficit plan

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remarks took on a more partisan edge as he described himself as forced to undo the fiscal damage of his Republican predecessors. "When you hear people say, 'No, no, no,' ask them where they were the last 12 years," he said.

cluded money to hire more Border Patrol agents in his unsuccessful economic stimulus package, and that he has budgeted funds to offset some of California's costs. Acknowledging that illegal immigration places a high burden on social services in California and other border states, he said, "Given our financial difficulties, we're doing as much as we can to change that."



Greeting the crowd: President Clinton, accompanied by Reps. Bob Filner and Lynn Schenk, arrives at North Island Naval Air Station yesterday.

Clinton fielded questions from young people, among them Ariel Zuniga, who said he was a gang member and asked what the president could do to break the cycle of inner-city despair. The president said his youth summer-jobs program would help, as would his proposed national service and student loan programs.

Some of the appeal of TV town meetings may have evaporated

By ROBERT P. LAURENCE Television Critic

COMMENTARY

Last year, with the presidential campaign running at full steam, televised town meetings appeared to be the wave of the future. Now, just a few months into the Clinton administration, the wave may already have collapsed on a barrier of battling interest groups.

figures of smiling, bright-faced children, maintained an affable demeanor from beginning to end. This was the format and platform he favored throughout his campaign, and he was plainly comfortable in it.

Reaction

Clinton impresses town meeting audience

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The audience numbered about 65 people chosen by KGTU, Channel 10, and represented a cross-section of San Diegans. Seventeen of them got to ask questions. Eaton, a civil litigator at the San Diego law firm of Gray, Cary Ames & Frye, formerly worked on the staff of U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., but he hopes the Arkansas Democrat does a good job in the White House.

Clinton if they could look to Washington for relief. Rebecca Dawson wanted to know what the conversion plan "was supposed to convert us into except jobless, homeless and hungry?" Clinton said a defense conversion program should have begun six years ago.



## Delegation from Israel visits India

Peres' official call ends 40-year chill

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, India — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel arrived here yesterday on the first official visit in 40 years by a prominent Israeli leader to India, which has long espoused the Palestinian cause.

Peres spoke of a range of economic and technological areas where the two nations could cooperate.

"We have been waiting for this moment for 40 years," Peres told a gathering of India's industrial barons soon after he laid a wreath at the memorial to Mohandas K. Gandhi, who led India's movement for independence from Great Britain.

India and Israel established full diplomatic relations last year, although for many years Israel operated a small consulate in Bombay to meet the needs of Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel.

In 1978, former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel flew secretly to New Delhi, where he met with Morarji R. Desai, who was then prime minister, and officials in the Foreign Office to seek diplomatic relations. The Indians did not respond then, pointing to their traditional support for the Palestinians and Arab countries. India has also been heavily dependent on oil from Arab countries.

But more recently it has openly expressed its irritation with criticism of its policies in Kashmir by Islamic nations. In Kashmir, security forces have been battling pro-independence Muslims.

"This is a moving experience for us," said Peres, who is also Israel's deputy prime minister and is leading a delegation of business executives and government officials to India.

The two countries are to sign six agreements, some of which seek closer collaboration in science and technology, tourism and culture. El Al, Israel's national airline, is to begin flights to India, while Air India, the state-run carrier, will have flights to Israel.

One of India's top industrialists, Jamshyd Godrej, said that "it is no coincidence that they (Israelis) have come in such great force" in the areas of military and agricultural technology.

The presence of military industry representatives in the Israeli delegation is regarded as significant because India is seen as a major market for Israel's advanced military hardware. Reports here say Israel has offered India a range of high-technology weapons, including electronic-warfare equipment.

## Child labor 'necessary evil' in India

REUTERS

NEW DELHI, India — Child labor is a necessary evil in India, the country's labor minister declared yesterday, but he said the government would hold talks with employers, aiming to wipe out the practice eventually.

One agency estimates that 55 million children work in India, the world's second-most-populous country with 870 million people.

"This is only a beginning to end child labor in this country," Purno Sangma told a one-day conference on the International Program for the Elimination of Child Labor, sponsored by the International Labor Organization.

The government says around 17 million children under 14 are working in India, even though it is illegal. Indian law requires that students attend school until age 14.

The independent South Asia Coalition on Child Servitude puts the number at 55 million.

Sangma said most children work in glass industries, match manufacturing, diamond polishing and carpet weaving.

"We want to identify employers and hold meetings with them to end the practice," he said.

The federal government would then coordinate action with state governments to come up with a national program to end child labor, he said.

Sangma said, however, "In some areas, child labor is a necessary evil."

"It is unrealistic to say we will eliminate child labor in, say, five years," he said. "But our objective is clear: one day it should end. And that day should come as soon as possible."

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