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Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you and the staff
for great coverage
in New Hampshire.
Tens millions tuned in
.. briefly to see the
candidates - the New
Hampshirites - and their
political gripes and
political demands

Sovereign Bill Clinton got
lots of help from
the Gays men and
women

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"Let Bush - the
nothing man etc."

It now sounds like a
jazz -
"Let Bush"

They no good.

They a dullard.

They mean...

Lena from Texas was
a real challenge. As
a female having worked
with 1000's of my peers,
she is a strange creation -
programmed by Sovereign
Ann Richards - so
Lena sounds ersatz -
like say sugar substitute.

Texas can stand a few
real, totally educated
ladies.

Bawdy Sovereign Ann
Richards is into
not speak in
Houston - 700,000

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Mexicans - from -
from poor Mexican
(villages) etc.

All politicians have
casted from on

NO SPEAK.

our Mayor Maureen
J. Corbett never mentions
the Liguana crime
city - Corbett - etc -
the need to control
sewage etc -
Cholera is a real
threat.

NO SPEAK.

10-12 million? illegals
in the United States.

FBI is helping this city
Lartin and Cambodian
gang warfare.

Asians are unhappy
in this state and
Texas.

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They need to return
to S.E. Asia with
their capital etc.

President Bush on this?
NO SPEAK

This Dan Walters column
is only part of the
new political game -
for minorities -
black vs. Hispanic,
mostly. Coats had
to take over the tough
task. Saw the movie
on television.

Practically every city in
California. It
Miami Florida

Senile Mayor Bradley (black)
asked for

141 Foreign language
interpreters for

5
Crest Home.

82 countries in some
school districts.

Importing foreign teachers
to teach foreigners in
some subjects. It
the most toughest
teaching credential in
that to hell.

Terminated master teachers -
being fired to save
money (persim) and
group in 21-22 year
old teachers facing
toughest challenge.

In two weeks or less
teachers start back to
school to learn new
profession.

Says in Texas -

Same in New Jersey

worst in Chicago.

Fired all the white
principals - experienced.

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California has the
enriched science and
math President Bush
wants - - - for
over 20 years -
in elementary schools
a microscope for
every 6th - etc -
enriched - Jr High -
especially 7th and
8th Grade.

Not the students you
see to cope with the
great program.

I know - I slaved
for 7-8 months with
volunteer group - to
over 30 in state to
help set this up.

My volunteer work as
with millions of
serious volunteers
from West to East
destroyed

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- President Bush asks
for more millions
of volunteers.
They are not the
common sense solution
to serious social and
politically tough
challenges.

- FEP makes it possible
for illiterate - a
public safety menace
in hotels, hospitals,
large restaurants, huge
motel, school cafeterias
to get by on - a
few words - (Iguana)
Mexican - 4 words of
English in 10 years.

- "No flow man? That's it!
English has to be the first language -
as fast as possible.
- Hope you can read these
scraps.
- Most respectfully, Mr.

Will our petulant, self-serving legislators ever learn?

As suggested in this column more than a year ago, how state legislators responded to newly enacted term limits by voters would reveal whether they deserved to have them imposed.

The unfortunate, if undeniable, conclusion must be that by their petulant, negative, begrudging reaction, California's lawmakers have proved that the sponsors of Proposition 140 were absolutely correct in telling voters that the state Capitol had become ingrown, self-serving and ineffective.

By themselves, term limits — three two-year terms for Assembly members, and two four-year terms for senators — are unlikely to cure the institutional ailment. But in combination with reapportionment, they will produce a dramatic turnover in the membership of the Legislature, and the new members will come to Sacramento without career expectations. That will change the internal dynamics of the Capitol, but whether the net impact is good or bad will be impossible to say for several more years.

Leaders and most legislators in both parties and both houses of the Legislature not only opposed Proposition 140 when it was on the ballot in 1990, as might be expected, but fought its implementation even after enactment.

Legislative leaders now are pushing constitutional amendments that would ease the spending limits by taking two consulting offices out of the Legislature's budget, they are trying to draft a

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broad "political reform" measure that would repeal or ease the term limits, and just last week an Assembly budget subcommittee approved a childish retaliation on the state Supreme Court for its decision upholding the term limitation measure. The subcommittee, with the apparent blessing of legislative leaders, slashed the Supreme Court's budget by 38 percent, the same cut that Proposition 140 imposes on the Legislature.

The Legislature got itself into trouble in the first place by engaging in such pettiness. The voters came to realize that their legislative body was dysfunctional and adopted the first measure that purported to solve the problem, the term limit measure sponsored by retiring Los Angeles County Supervisor Pete Schabarum.

While Proposition 140 may not cure the problem, one can scarcely blame voters for seizing it. The performance of the Legislature was an open invitation for self-styled reformers to offer up simplistic solutions, and Schabarum

Term limits have passed the Supreme test.

and his allies took advantage of the situation — much as Howard Jarvis and Paul Gann capitalized on the Legislature's unwillingness to deal with property tax reform in the 1970s.

Even so, legislators still don't get it. They refuse to accept the responsibility for Proposition 140's passage; they prefer to see it in purely political or partisan terms and themselves as victims.

That self-denial continued Monday after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to consider the Legislature's challenge to the constitutionality of the measure.

"The Supreme Court has joined the people who once favored poll taxes," Assembly Speaker Willie Brown said, somehow seeing in Proposition 140 a racist plot. Nor would Brown accept suggestions that lawmakers themselves bear some responsibility, saying, "It's the institution itself."

The Supreme Court's refusal to hear the Proposition 140 case means that it is a fact of life, one that the politicians can no longer ignore. And maybe, just maybe, with all of those new post-Proposition 140 legislators coming to Sacramento, it might jar the Legislature into a broader institutional reform that would go beyond mere term limits and create a Legislature that has a chance of contributing to the governance of California rather than detracting from it.

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A lean year

City budget is on the brink

The recession finally has caught up with the city's budget. With prudent cuts and careful spending, San Diego will get through it. But one imprudent ballot initiative could force the city into financial disaster.

Last spring, City Manager Jack McGrory easily proposed a balanced budget for this fiscal year. But now it looks like the city's income projections were too optimistic. In particular, sales tax and property tax revenues didn't meet expectations, so the city manager has been forced to plug a revenue gap of up to \$25 million.

McGrory says the adjustment won't be too painful. About 300 job openings will be left vacant. Purchases of city vehicles and equipment will be put off. Maintenance and improvement projects will be deferred.

But things may get worse. Unless the economy makes a dramatic recovery, next year's budget also will have to be scaled back. McGrory already has warned not to expect any expansion of programs paid for by the general fund, which includes garbage, police, fire, libraries, and parks and recreation.

City services certainly will suffer. For example, if maintenance is put off too long or too many vacancies left unfilled, it even

Too much he

Tarkanian flap doesn't

San Diego State University's search for a men's basketball coach is beginning to resemble a soap opera, and a bad one at that.

It's not enough that SDSU President Tom Day is besieged daily by impatient boosters, persistent sportswriters and Aztec insiders to bring Jerry Tarkanian to Montezuma Mesa. Now, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, D-San Francisco, has joined the Tark chorus by giving the controversial University of Nevada-Las Vegas coach a character reference.

Brown's intercession in the tiresome Tarkanian saga is as inappropriate as it is unusual.

To begin with, Brown is an ex-officio member of the board of trustees that de-

Deficit? What

House committee feathers

Despite professions of concern about the mounting federal deficit, some lawmakers continue to demonstrate a dismaying lack of fiscal restraint.

A case in point: The House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families recently voted to increase its own operating budget for next year by a whopping 47 percent over the current level. That constitutes an increase that is 10 times the rate of inflation.

There might be some justification for the committee's action if the increase would work to the benefit of children, youth and families. But in fact, the sole beneficiaries of the bigger budget are the select committee members and their staff aides.

The panel's Democratic majority, led by chairwoman Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., unanimously approved a 60 percent increase for majority staff salaries, a 10



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