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Abandoning recession measures may deepen economic woes

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Her hands trembling and her voice strained, Tonya Harding today admitted Thursday that she failed to come forward with what she learned after the attack on Nancy Kerrigan, but pleaded not to be denied "my last chance" at an Olympic medal.

Harding said the massive damage to the state university is "unprecedented." He said no other United States college campus has ever undergone as much destruction as Northridge.

"There are 56 buildings on the campus," he said. "All have been damaged." Most buildings suffered only aesthetic injury — cracked plaster and such, he said.

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The quake forced university officials to push back the starting day for classes to Feb. 14. Classes were originally scheduled to resume Jan. 31.

"We are down, but we are not out," Harding said. "We will open spring semester late.

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By Lisa Hansen
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After several delays, the ASI Board of Directors passed a resolution in support of the quarter system Wednesday night. But tensions ran high as the board debated whether the decision would actually matter to President Warren Baker.

Representatives argued what — if any — impact sending a letter stating the board's decision to Baker actually would have. Faculty leaders say Baker will decide in mid-February if Cal Poly will stay with the quarter system or change to a 15-week trimester system.

"Students want the strength of a letter," said Bob Martin, a College of Engineering representative. "I understand what people want. It's the best way to represent students."

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But Michele Schiller, a College of Business representative, said that position doesn't even matter.

"They're going to make their decision with or without us," she said. "They didn't involve us from the beginning. What makes you think they're going to involve us now? I don't think it really matters what we pass here tonight."

At least 10 of the 23 representatives voted against the resolution.

The board had postponed voting on the resolution twice because representatives did not feel they had

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ASU: Board fears advisory vote not enough to show student concern

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adequate time and information to talk to their constituents.
The Academic Senate will make its final recommendation to Baker at a Feb. 15 meeting. Chair Jack Wilson said he doesn't know if Baker will agree with their recommendation.

"The President (might) not go with our decision," he said.

Based on past discussions, Wilson said he feels the Senate will recommend staying with the quarter system.

In other ASI business:
Children's Canter loan refinanced
A $1.18 million loan for the deficit-ridden Children's Canter is being refinanced, reducing the annual payment of $174,000 to $106,000.

But according to Finance Vice President Shawn Reeves, the process may take longer than expected because it may have to be approved by the CSU Board of Trustees.

"Because it was a major project for the CSU, the loans originally had to be approved by the Board of Trustees," he said.

"We were hoping for a simple refinance without having to go back to the board.

"Instead of taking a few weeks, it may take three to four months. That's frustrating to us because the sooner the loan is refinanced, the sooner we start saving money," Reeves said.

ASU: Harding begs fans, Olympic Committee for 'last chance' in Winter Games

"I am responsible for failing to report things I learned about the assault when I returned home from nationals.

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Tonya Harding
Professional figure skater

my last chance. I ask only for your understanding and the opportunity to represent my country with the best figure skating performance of my life.

Stephanie Quintero, a friend who has been driving Harding to her practices, said Wednesday the 25-year-old skater would be devastated if she couldn't go to the Olympics.

"This is her main goal in life, to go and win the gold," Quintero said. "This is her whole dream in life. She's been skating for 20 years."

ASK ISSUE

35 school days remaining in winter quarter.
TODAY'S WEATHER: Sunny, high afternoon clouds; N-NW winds from 10 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h.
Expected high/low: 61/35
Thursday's high/low: 60/40

TODAY
• Adult Children of Alcoholics 12-step program, every Friday, 8:10 a.m. in the Health Center lower level— 756-5252
• Spring Open House Oversight Committee meeting, U.U. 216, 2 p.m.—open to public
• Non-denominational Christian "Praise Fire," west of Avila camping, Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
• Articles and Abstracting, Feb. 1, Room 10-111, 11 a.m.
• Debate on the merits of quarter vs. trimester scholastic year.
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• Campus Watch officially starts patrols, 9 p.m. to midnight

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• Priority filing deadline for 1994-95 Financial Aid — Mar. 2
Mass murderer Ng gains unlikely ally in United Nations

By Mitchell Landsberg

The Human Rights Committee, based in Geneva, interprets the covenant and urges member nations to comply with its decrees, which are not legally binding. The committee said Ng's lawyer had presented evidence that "execution by gas can cause prolonged suffering and agony and does not result in death as swiftly as possible." The committee said Canada presented no contrary evidence, arguing instead that the method of execution was within the scope of U.S. law and practice, beyond the scope of the covenant.

Even 30 years can't quell emotion in Medgar Evers murder trial

By Jeff Leff

A trial-setting conference for David P. Lawler — the man charged with lethal acts in Coos County — was once again postponed Monday. The new date was set for Feb. 14. Lawler, 41, of Santa Maria, pleaded not guilty on Dec. 30 to charges of attempted sexual battery, lewd acts and tampering.

BUDGET: Owning up to political promises could leave California in the poor house

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The court expressed regret that any (Canadian) politician is going to demand his return. Beckwith, the 73-year-old former fertilizer salesman, who wore a three-piece suit with a Confed­erate battle flag on the lapel, was accused of lying in wait for Evers and firing a single shot from an antique deer-hunting rifle through Evers' chest.

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Frankly, I'm worried. A university provides—or should provide—a microcosm of the world. Original and at times—downright perverse just for the hell of it. I'm afraid some of you are being educated.

Well, today I want to talk to you about one voice crying in the wilderness: KCPR. Maybe you've heard of it? You know, that little radio station in the insouciance of youth—have ventured over to the left KCPR as you read this. Most people—urged by the incredible as it might seem to the rest of us. Immediately and irrevocably repelled. This happens, as I've never heard before. It forces me to make up my mind.
Florida welfare revamp OK'd as preview to Clinton plan

By Jennifer Dixon

WASHINGTON — In a preview of the president's plan to overhaul the nation's welfare system, the Clinton administration gave Florida permission Thursday to experiment with time-limited benefits and subsidies to employers who hire welfare recipients.

A senior administration official said Florida's demonstration project is significant because it mirrors President Clinton's efforts to expand training, transitional and child-care programs on welfare while limiting their benefits to two years.

In his State of the Union address Tuesday, Clinton promised to introduce welfare reform legislation similar to the House Republicans' bill, and subsidies to employers who hire welfare recipients will also be an element of the Clinton plan, the administration official said.

"Able-bodied people who want to work will get the chance to work and those who need to work will be out of the welfare rolls in two years. Those who truly can't work will be unaffected by this new program," said Jim Towey, secretary of Florida's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Parents who refuse to comply will lose their share of the family's welfare check. Payments to the children will continue, but only through a third party.

The "Family Transition Program" will operate for eight years in two counties — Alachua and Escambia — beginning next month.

Two hundred welfare families in each county will enrolled during the first 60 days. Other families will added later, but the state says it's too early to say how many will ultimately be affected.

Combined, the two counties have 10,800 families on the rolls. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). As of October, Florida had 254,069 AFDC families statewide.

Revolving door spins again in Washington

Two departures occur at Reno's Justice Dept.

By Michael S. Sullivan

WASHINGTON — Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann, a veteran of four administrations who served as right-hand man to Janet Reno, resigned unexpectedly Thursday — a move they both attributed to differences in management style and chemistry.

And a special assistant to Reno, Lula Rodriguez, who is under Justice Department investigation over alleged vote fraud in a Miami-area election, also resigned, sending turmoil to the top of a third key Cabinet department.

There has been speculation that Reno herself has fallen from favor in the White House, which President Clinton denied as recently as last week. A special counsel has been named to investigate financial dealings in Asia, including some by the department's No. 3 official, Webster Hubbell, when he was a law partner to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Reno, a former state prosecutor, is the first attorney general in recent memory to operate without a chief of staff. Instead, she relied heavily on Heymann, who served as Justice in the Johnson administration, worked for the Watergate special prosecutor during the Nixon administration and ran Justice's criminal division during the Carter administration.

Most of the hottest potatoes and Reno's priority programs were sent to Heymann's office for handling, including a review of mandatory minimum criminal sentences, a report on the FBI's bloody siege of the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas, and the department investigation of Rodriguez, which was later transferred to the internal watchdog unit.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., told reporters, "The Justice Department ... is being run by someone who could qualify for the original amateur hour and who has been less than what this nation should be demanding as an attorney general."

At the White House, wife- woman Dee Dee Myers denied the administration was embarrassed by the resignation.
L.A.'s physical danger passed; survivors treat mental scars

By James Anderson

Los Angeles — The waiting — for food, for money, for the freeways to open and the aftershocks to end — is constant for earthquake victims, and the strain showed Thursday.

In tent cities, refugees waited for the fear to subside, believing to believe the word of building inspectors that their homes were safe.

Isabel Molina, 39, said her 7-year-old daughter Ester is "always happy in the park. But at home she has a headache, and she's afraid the earth will open up and she'll fall in."

At the Northridge camp, the tedious three-hour process of standing in line and filling out forms was taking its toll, said Tom McIlhenny of the Salvation Army.

"There is definitely a lot of trauma here. But it's like falling off a horse. You have to get back on," he said.

Parents anguished over finding housing, clothing, wetting and thumb-sucking tipped cosmetics to the silvery trauma of children.

"I'm frozen here. I don't do anything else. I've talked with everyone. They all say just wait," said Emilio Ortega, 51, a Lanmark Park tent refugee.

Apart from providing food and holding Bible readings, there was little Salvation Army help, General Counsel said, Maj. Darvin Copeland.

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"It's a pretty prominent people are calling and are crying," said Barbara Matos, 24, a clinical social worker staffed by the Salvation Army. "I can't talk to anyone because I'm an actor or I'm a politician but I don't know what to do."

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NORTHRIDGE: Quake turns SoCal university into tent campus

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But a handful of structures appeared to have suffered enough damage to close the buildings indefinitely.

Among the more dramatically damaged buildings:

• Fine Arts

Building inspectors found that one supporting column along the building's north wall had collapsed, making it uninhabitable.

• South Library

Although inspectors originally deemed the building safe on Jan. 18, subsequent aftershocks further damaged the structure, making it uninhabitable.

• University Relations

The building, although structurally sound, has slipped off its foundation.

To compensate for lost classrooms, temporary classrooms are being wheeled in and in room is being sought at surrounding community colleges and churches.

In addition to losing teaching facilities, it was still unclear Wednesday how soon Northridge's administration would be able to move back into their five-story structure.

In the meantime, administrative services are operating out of an assembly of seven or eight tents erected in a field adjacent to the residence halls, Erickson said.

For the most damage to a campus structure was to a two-year-old, $14-million parking structure on the periphery of the campus. That structure's damage was just beginning to be assessed.

That a pragmatically brand-new structure built to the most recent earthquake codes could be completely leveled while older, less reinforced structures remain standing calls into question the quality of the building's construction and design.

When asked if the CSU was contemplating a lawsuit against the parking structure's designer and builders, CSU's Office Spokesperson Colleen Bentley-Adler, said that "it's being discussed — to put it nicely."

One of the less taxing problems with a campus building was revealed by CSU-Northridge President Blenda Wilson at a radiologists' meeting on Tuesday. One of the student residence halls cannot be reoccupied until problems are fixed to rid an infestation of "snakes of unknown variety," Wilson called them.

Apparantly, a student's pet reptiles escaped during the earthquake, and have yet to be found.

How much will pass before all repairs are completed on the campus is unknown. Bentley-Adler said, that would depend on how much funding the CSU, the state and the nation can afford to give for reconstruction.

To express a rough idea of how long repairs may be expected to take, she cited two examples from colleges damaged in previous quakes.

Vanguard Hall, a dormitory at CSU-San Francisco, is still uninhabitable more than four years after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

And final repairs were just recently completed on Los Angeles structures damaged in the 1987 Whittier-Narrows quake.

But as slow and difficult as the physical recovery appears to be for those at Northridge, the campus' electronic registration and records system were practically up speed Wednesday.

According to Russell Utterberg, director for the chancellor's office information systems, Northridge students will have the option to register for classes when registration phone lines open Jan. 18.

Utterberg said this capability is due to helpfulness of campuses, where all of the calls are actually being routed.

The computers which process students' over-the-phone registration, called voice response units (VRU) — operate in a similar way to Cal Poly's CAPTURE system. Students can and add classes using a touch-tone phone.

With the cooperation of Pacific Bell and U.S. Sprint, Utterberg said students will still be able to call the same phone number they would to register, but all calls will be routed to the Fresno campus, where Northridge's two VRUs have been transported.

Since the VRUs handle all the student entries, the situation is a hardship to Fresno only in the physical space they occupy, he said.

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STUDENTS: Some are departing Northridge for Fresno, Bakersfield

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Spring semester before the earthquake struck, Erickson said. The remaining 10,000 students who still need to register, he said, will be able to call regular registration phone lines beginning as soon as Feb. 1.

Calls will be routed to the CSU-Fresno campus to assist the process.

Some students who choose not to return to Northridge might take advantage of the CSU visitor plan, Erickson said. Under the plan, students pay Northridge registration fees but take classes at another campus for a semester.

"We will lose some students as a result of this," Erickson said. "But I do not think we will see an earthquake migration of students away from Northridge."

CSU-Bakersfield spokesman Michael Chertok said several Northridge students had applied to Bakersfield for winter quarter. An additional 30 students have talked to the admissions office about enrolling in spring quarter, he said.

"These close to graduating are concerned about continuing," Chertok said. "This is quite a disruption to their academic life."

"We're bending over backwards to accommodate students from Northridge."

San Jose State University spokesman Skip Strom said they had received 40 inquiries from Northridge students. Nine students have been admitted so far, and Stahl said she expects to see more.

"We're going to head off and get them registered," Stahl said. "Some are contacting us for the semester and some are coming in on their spring classes."

Cal Poly Director of Admissions Jim Maraviglia said the university has received only one inquiry from a Northridge student.

"We're really not like the other schools." Maraviglia said, noting the university's polytechnic nature. "I think they're a lot more likely in Bakersfield than we are."

Other CSU campuses, including Dominguez Hills, Fullerton, San Francisco and Davis, have also received inquiries from CSU-Northridge students.

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More Roundup

AP — Defensive end Howie Long, the last of the Oakland Raiders, retired from the NFL Thursday, saying "it's time to get on with my life, it's time to grow up." Long said he decided to hang up his shoes after 13 years when he learned Wednesday night that he had been added to the AFC Pro Bowl roster by Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer.

"To finish in the Pro Bowl at 34, in my mind, that's the way you should leave sports," he said. "I've watched guys deteriorate physically trying to hang on too long. I'd much rather have people say he's retiring as a Pro Bowler instead of saying he should have gotten out two or three years ago."
The lonely, sufferin' life of the Cowboy
A recap of Dallas' injuries reveals a season of torment

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Message to Jimmy Johnson from the Buffaloes: Getting to the Super Bowl isn't supposed to be easy.

Johnson has spent the better part of the season whining about the problems his Dallas Cowboys have faced in their attempt to win a second straight Super Bowl. Walt Cavey, the Bills' defensive coordinator, put it bluntly: "I regret it," he said. "We all live with that all the time."

"I've never, in all my years of coaching, had as much adversity as what we've had to face this year," Johnson said.

Dallas' problems started before the season, when quarterback Troy Aikman sustained a back injury. Then Emmitt Smith and owner Jerry Jones became entangled in a contract dispute, and Smith held out. Backup tight end Alfredo Roberts was lost with a broken foot, along with backup cornerbacks Clayton Holmes, one of the better special teams players.

Aikman's back was better by opening day, but Smith still was absent when the Cowboys opened at Washington and lost to the Redskins 35-16.

Smith was out the next week when Buffalo came to Texas Stadium and won 13-10. Jones finally gave in. Smith signed for $13.6 million over four years, and began his season midway through the third game at Phoenix. The Cowboys won, beginning a winning streak.

Aikman pulled a hamstring against the New England Giants and was replaced by Jason Sehorn, a World Football League refugee with no NFL experience.

Aikman was still out for a game against the Atlanta Falcons, Smith pulled a hamstring early, and the Cowboys lost 27-14.

On Thanksgiving Day, there was an ice storm that turned Texas Stadium into a skating rink for the game against Miami, which the Dolphins won, 16-14.

Then they beat the San Francisco 49ers 26-21 to get back into the Super Bowl.