

Writing Headlines

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Owner of a Bar Shot to Death; Suspect Is Held

2 Women Are Abducted in Queens Rampage

A 25-year-old man shot the owner of a Queens bar to death, abducted two women and raped one of them, and was arrested several hours later in Manhattan yesterday while asleep at the wheel of a stolen gypsy cab, the police said.

The suspect — Charles Dingle of 155 Woodruff Avenue, near Prospect Park in Brooklyn — was on parole after serving time on a robbery charge. He was taken into custody at 168th Street and Broadway after the women fled into a subway station and called the police.

Found in a box in the cab was the head of the slaying victim, Herbie Cummings, owner of Herbie's Bar at 182-41 Jamaica Avenue in Jamaica.

According to the police, Mr. Dingle walked into the bar at about 8 P.M. Wednesday and began drinking. He got into an argument with Mr. Cummings and, when ordered to leave, shot the proprietor in the head.

Mr. Dingle tied up three women who were patrons at the bar, the police said, and at about 11 P.M., a fourth woman was forced by the suspect, after he learned from a card in her purse that she was an undertaker, to cut off Mr. Cummings's head and place it in a box.

At some point during the night, the police said, Mr. Dingle began taking cocaine, raped one of the women and released two of his captives. At about 6 A.M., according to the police, Mr. Dingle tried unsuccessfully to start his car, and called a cab. When the cab arrived, he locked the driver in a bathroom at the bar and was apprehended an hour later.



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Bats, winds, 50-55
TONIGHT
Partly cloudy, 48
TOMORROW
Partly cloudy, winds, 50-55
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HEADLESS BODY IN TOPLESS BAR



Gunman forces
woman to
decapitate
tavern owner

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PREZ'S PICK FOR
ARMS CONTROL

PAGE FIVE

Koch plans to
hire 1,000
more cops

PAGE THREE

Taken kickin'
and screamin'

An angry Juan Emilio Robles tries to kick a photographer yesterday as detectives took him in to be booked for the murder last year of Chinese Manhattan exec Kathleen Williams. Robles, a hulking 30-year-old ex-con, is accused of stabbing the 30-year-old victim during a bungled robbery attempt on a stairway in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in midtown. Story on Page 14.

TAXING DAY FOR
1 MILLION IN N.Y.

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Good or bad, headlines grab attention

**Big rig carrying fruit crashes
on 210 Freeway, creates jam**

-- LA Times

**Marijuana
issue sent
to joint
committee**

-- Toronto Star

**Iran invites
nations to
nuke sites**

-- Associated Press

**Church member donates
organ to St. Aloysius**

-- The Advocate

**Girls' school still offering
'something special' — head**

-- Gloucestershire Echo

Headlines help busy readers

A Poynter Institute research study shows:

- Readers processed 56% of the headlines
- But read only 25% of the stories



- Summarize the story
- Capture the reader's attention
- Maintain the mood of the story
- Help set the overall tone of the publication
- Indicate the relative importance of the story
- Add to the attractiveness of the page



Characteristics of a good headline

- It is accurate in fact, tone, scope and focus.
- It is balanced, fair and in good taste.
- It is clear, succinct, grammatical, easy to read and easy to understand
- It is vital, strong, active, bright
- It catches readers' attention and entices them into the story
- It has freshness and immediacy
- By its size and shape, it accurately grades the news

Guidelines for writing headlines

- Be accurate
- Understand the story thoroughly before writing the headline
- Focus on the most up-to-date information in a continuing story.

**20 killed
in storm**

**Survivors
find homes
in ruins**

Guidelines for writing headlines

- Use the present tense to indicate both past and present action. Use the future tense to indicate future action.
- Prefer the active to the passive voice.
- Avoid dead or label heads.

Davao blast kills 21

Polls open today

Walkout staged by nurses (weak)

Nurses stage walkout (active)

Council meeting (wrong)

Council sacks city manager

Guidelines for writing headlines

- Write as specifically as possible within the space limits.

Killer storm hits (Okay)

Storm kills 400 (Better, more specific)

- Use attribution to convey opinion and for direct quotations.

Budget unfair, senator says

- Avoid libelous statements.

Rapist goes on trial today

Guidelines for writing headlines

- ✧ Respect the rights of the defendant.

Mayor steals public funds (Problematic)

Mayor charged with plunder (Better)

- ✧ Avoid headlines with double meanings.

Babies are what the mother eats

Woman off to jail for sex with boys

Police ordered to help NBI with child slayings

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**REPUBLIC SERVICE
BY RICARDO SALUDO**

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PHILIPPINE AIRLINES WARNS OF BIRD FLU, HIGHER FUEL PRICES

PHILIPPINE Airlines has warned that a possible resurgence of bird flu and a rise in fuel prices could hurt its fledgling recovery from economic woes. The warning came as the national flag-carrier was dealing with the fallout from a bloody hostage taking in Manila in August that left eight Hong Kong tourists dead.

AFP

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Pope softens on condom use

**Birth-control
aid acceptable
in 'certain cases'**

POPE Benedict XVI says that condom use is acceptable "in certain cases," notably to reduce the risk of HIV infection, in a book due out Tuesday, apparently softening his once hardline stance.



In a series of interviews published in his native German, the 83-year-old Benedict is asked whether "the Catholic Church is not fundamentally against the use of condoms."



Witnesses finger Leila

'She got monthly payola through ex-driver, aide'

By Christine F. Herrera and Maricel V. Cruz

SENATOR Leila de Lima used 19 drug lords jailed in the national penitentiary to raise up to P5 million a month each to fund her senatorial bid, and transferred those failing to meet their monthly quotas to sell 50 kilos of shabu to other prisons, witnesses told a congressional hearing Tuesday.



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De Lima, who was Justice secretary under the previous administration, went to the New Bilibid Prison maximum security prison, transacted business with the drug lords

directly and through her ex-lover-driver Ronnie Dayan and security aide Jonel Sanchez, the witnesses told the House committee on justice, chaired by Oriental Mindoro Rep. Re-

naldo Umali.

"The then Justice secretary made the maximum security compound the drug trade center in the Philippines. The drug lords transacted business inside

the maximum security and the trading was done outside, with the syndicate moving across the country," said kidnapping convict and former police inspector Rodolfo Magleo. *Next page*



Rodolfo Magleo



Herbert Colangco



Jaime Pachon

Guidelines for writing headlines

- Don't repeat words in headlines.

Police to probe crooked police

Crooked policemen face probe

- Use strong action verbs. Remove the to-be verbs “is” and “are”

Mayor says policy is fair

Policy fair, Mayor says

- Provide a subject for every headline. Avoid headlines without a subject.

Tell all about pork barrel scam

Guidelines for writing headlines

- Keep thought units together on the same line in multi-deck headlines.

Teachers pay

hike sought

Teachers call

for higher pay

- Omit the articles “a,” “an” and “the” as a general rule.
- Avoid confusing abbreviations and acronyms in headlines.
- Punctuate headlines correctly.

Guidelines for writing headlines

- Avoid headline padding.

Stocks finish ahead in trading today

Stocks finish ahead after weak start

- Don't end the first line of a multi-deck headline with a preposition.

RP mission in

Iraq this week

RP mission flies

to Iraq this week

- Check the headline before sending it on for processing.

Guidelines for writing headlines

- Commas are used to replace the word and.

Wind topples tower, rips roofs from homes

President appoints Bersamin, Guevarra

- Semicolons are used to separate independent clauses

Wind topples tower; rain floods city streets

- Periods are used in headlines for some abbreviations. They are not used to indicate the end of a headline.

Guidelines for writing headlines

- Ampersands should not be used in headlines except where they are part of a name, such as AT&T, or if they are a customary part of a phrase, such as R&D.
- Hyphens should not be used at the end of a line in a headline.

**Electronics spin-
off schedules IPO**

**Spin-off sets
public offering**

- Omit the articles “a,” “an” and “the” as a general rule.
- Exclamation marks are almost never needed in a headline!

Guidelines for writing headlines

- ❖ Question marks are rarely effective.

Fake cheese? No whey!

- ❖ Quotation marks should be single quotation marks rather than double quotation marks to save space

Senate says tax plan 'a windfall for big businesses'

Guidelines for writing headlines

- ALL-CAPS TYPE IS HARD TO READ
- Some papers use “false capitalization” or upstyle – capitalizing the first word of each line and all other principal words.
- Most papers now use downstyle headlines – only the first word of the headline and proper nouns are capitalized.

A vocabulary of short words

✧ Accident	✧ Criticize	✧ Overcome
✧ Acknowledge	✧ Decline	✧ Postpone
✧ Acquire	✧ Demonstrate	✧ Prevent
✧ Agreement	✧ Earthquake	✧ Quarrel
✧ Allocate	✧ Encourage	✧ Request
✧ Apprehend	✧ Explosion	✧ Ridicule
✧ Approve	✧ Expose	✧ Schedule
✧ Choose	✧ Increase	✧ Separation
✧ Committee, commission	✧ Investigate	✧ Settlement
✧ Compete	✧ Nominate	✧ Silent
✧ Conspiracy	✧ Nullify	✧ Suggestion
✧ Construct	✧ Organize	✧ Suspend

Placement of headlines

Teodoro asks lawmakers to allow Defense to provide OT, hazard pay

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Beware of tombstones

Unable to shed clothes, Patricia Javier sheds tears

BOLD actress Patricia Javier yesterday shed tears after Antipolo's mayor denied her request to stage her provocative concert at the city's multipurpose hall.

controversial concert in Manila that drew the ire of religious and civic groups. Her move to stage the same show in her hometown of Antipolo has already drawn criticism

Arroyo blasts Americans

SENATOR Joker Arroyo yesterday attacked the presence of "US spies" in government offices as he took the administration to task for accepting consultants contracted by USAID.

In remarks made to re-

porters at the Senate, Senator Arroyo said he would question in particular the use of USAID consultants in the Department of Budget and Management, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, and the Department of Finance.

Raw wraps

La Union a hit for surfers

LAWRENCE CHIN
CONTRIBUTOR

ALTHOUGH Hawaiians invented surfing, the sport found its way to Philippine shores through unlikely enthusiasts.

Early last year, the town of Urbiztondo in San Juan, La Union was the venue for the 4th La Union Long Board Open 2002—The Filipino-Foreigner Friend-

In this Department of Tourism-sponsored event over 70 contestants vied for the top spots in three divisions—the men's over 40, the men's under 40, and the women's. In the men's foreign competition (23 contestants are foreigners) the Filipinos lost their dominance to Australians.

Foreign participation

"The best time to surf in La Union is from October to March," said Joe Larkin, the Australian head judge in the competition. He explained that ocean swells caused by weather turbulence and wind conditions account for the

the lumbers were reportedly about to be picked up for transport by a buyer when the soldiers raided the place.

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Headline alignment

Mitzna rethinks life as Labor chief

He tells colleagues he is considering not contesting the leadership again

By Ezer Lurie
Special to Haaretz

Amram Mitzna is reconsidering life at the helm of the Labor Party. He is telling friends and associates that if he can't influence the party's direction, he won't contest the party leadership again. However, he is certain that if he did take reelection as party chairman, he could hardly beat all challengers.

Mitzna has been saying that the party's financial situation, the composition of the institutions elected before he became party chairman, and especially the contrary behavior of most of the party MKs and their refusal to cooperate with him, could make it impossible for him to lead the opposition.

Lurie said he lay the fact that Mitzna is contemplating resignation after only three months in the job against the ugly relations and tensions at the top of the party

leadership. On Sunday and Monday this week, there were outbursts and clashes between Mitzna and other party leaders, including Benjamin Eliazar, Shimon Peres, Chaim Nirk, and Ephraim Sneh.

Mitzna associates believe the tension between him and them will not dissipate in the near future, and may get worse. On Monday, after Mitzna declared unequivocally and publicly that Labor would not join a Sharon government, Peres spoke out saying "new conditions have been created" that made another Sharon-Mitzna meeting worthless.

Lurie, the faction whip, has meanwhile kept up contacts with top Likud politicians about reopening the negotiations, and Eliazar has said Labor will be in the government "within six months."

Mitzna does not rule out joining a Sharon government in the future — if progress on the principal front with the Palestinian shepherds, the Arafat and National Union,

Undercover cop survives two shootings

By AMY MARION
Pittsburgh Courier

In pain from being shot in his bullet-resistant vest, Minneapolis police officer Dey Nijo bravely continued to chase his attacker before another officer mistook him for the suspect and opened fire early Tuesday morning, seriously wounding him.

Working alone to try to finish up a case before reporting for military service, Dey Nijo was shot in a dark alley in South Minneapolis about 2 a.m., police said. He was 41 once in his yard and then struggled to get the gun from the suspect, but the suspect pulled away and ran.

Carrying his own two handguns, Dey Nijo chased the suspect a short distance while calling on his police radio "officer down" to get backup. Then he succumbed to the pain in his chest and dropped to his knees. One gun was in his hand and the other at his knees when two uniformed officers arrived and thought he was the suspect.

One of the officers fired at him four times, striking Dey Nijo in his neck, left arm and both legs, said Police Chief

STEDLEY OF THE POLICE OFFICIAL, 44.

INSIDE



Basketball's wildest family

On TV, there's the Suburban. On the basketball court, there's the Whorant. Iowa State basketball player Jackson Shuman, known for his interesting look, comes from an equally interesting family that features his uncle — a punk rocker — and his father, who played for John Wooden at UCLA. "We're not real typical," Shuman said. Sports. Page 10.

U.S. AIDES DISMISS MOVES BY BAGHDAD BUT FEEL PRESSURE

MORE MISSILES DESTROYED

Washington Is Concerned Over Possible Complications for Effort to Disarm Iraq

By DAVID E. SANGER
and THOM SHANLEY

WASHINGTON, March 9 — The White House declared today that Iraq's efforts to destroy missiles and overthrow the United Nations did it was cooperating with weapons inspectors was "the shadow of all destruction." But inside the administration, officials feared efforts to put additional military and diplomatic pressure on Saddam Hussein were becoming more complicated.

Iraq destroyed six Soviet satellites today and the United Nations said in Baghdad would make peace but the

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U.S., Britain give Iraq a deadline

Probe sought of French parts sales
Senator terms transfers 'treason'

By Bill Gertz

WASHINGTON TIMES

The U.S. government should investigate reports that France allowed Iraq to obtain military equipment in violation of U.N. sanctions, a senior Republican senator said yesterday.

"There is no need for France to sell equipment to Saddam Hussein," said Sen. John Warner, R-Va., in an interview. "It is in violation of U.N. sanctions and there should be no question as to that." — About French officials. They should come forward quickly to deal with the story.

Mr. Warner made the remarks in a Senate floor speech about a report in yesterday's edition of *The Washington Times*.

It is obvious that the Times that American intelligence had detected a French vessel, the *Marine*, and helicopter parts for Iraq in its French arsenal. Mr. Warner says and the article's authors. The issue has been covered and aired at least January.

Nathalie Lecomte, press coordinator at the French Embassy, yesterday responded by saying that no military equipment was sold to Iraq.

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Now results: British Foreign Minister Jack Straw took the lead in offering a March 17 deadline for Saddam Hussein to comply with U.N. orders. He said Saddam brought more time so he could "fabricate further falsehoods."

March 17 would close 'diplomatic window'

By Bill Gertz

WASHINGTON TIMES

The United States, Britain and Spain yesterday introduced a U.N. Security Council measure giving Iraq a March 17 deadline to comply fully with disarmament demands, which the White House and several other diplomatic "coalition" and other Saddam Hussein one last chance.

France's Bush immediately rejected the new measure, saying that it was a "diplomatic window" for Iraq to comply with U.N. orders. He said Saddam brought more time so he could "fabricate further falsehoods."

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On Broadway, the show can't go on

Musicians go on strike, stilling most productions

By Geoff Edgers

GLOBE STAFF

The music stopped on Broadway last night. Almost every musical — from "Hairspray" to "42nd Street" — shut down after musicians voted to strike and actors refused to cross the picket lines. It was the first labor stoppage on the Great White Way in nearly 28 years.

Producers had been hoping to keep shows going by replacing live musicians with virtual orchestras, either on tape or generated by computers, but the actors' walkout torpedoed that plan.

Nonmusical plays and off-Broadway productions were still on, as was "Cabaret," a Broadway musical covered by a special contract. But the shutdown left both sides worrying about how much damage the strike might do to the industry.

"You're talking about a situation that to the marginal shows could be devastating and to the hits it's going to hurt," said Woburn-based producer Nick Paleologos, who is currently producing "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" in London and plans to bring it to New York. "I have a feeling that the average ticket buyer is already not too happy about paying upward of \$100 a ticket to see a Broadway show. I don't know that the man on the street really has a feeling, one way or the other, for the musicians or producer."



AP PHOTO

Musicians from Broadway shows picketed outside the Ford Center for the Performing Arts yesterday, their first strike since 1975.

Firms cut

COLUMBIA ASTRONAUT BURIED

Bush slaps Zimbabwe

"There is a saying here. . . . 'Don't learn too much.'"

Juarez Killings Breed Fierce Anger

As slayings of women in border city near 300 authorities are accused of collusion.

By Charles Gandy
The New York Times

CITIZENS — **JUAREZ**, Mexico — When the number of women slain here over the last decade now top up to at least 370, Eva Aron's disgust and sense of helplessness have only increased.

The 65-year-old mother of four more victims — raped, tortured and dumped in this northern Mexico city's desert fringe and in a hell yard — underscored what she says is the authorities' collusion, ignorance or complicity in the killings.

Investigations follow a slurry of the slayings are unlinked and linked to robbery, drug-trafficking and other crimes. But of particular concern are as many as 14 young women who were also sexually assaulted and are believed to have been victims of serial killers.

After five years to be out spoken. Her daughter Silvia,



MEMORIAL — Crosses with the names of victims aged 18 and up in a memorial but where their bodies were found in 2005.

a 16-year-old mother of three, disappeared on a walk in March 1998 and has not been seen or heard from since. She was one of several hundred women whose kidnappings say are missing and possibly homicide victims. Aron, 65, now waits for her daughter's children.

"When we demand action, all the government does is discredit the victims before they can get out of their off-

ice," she said. "I have almost fully no hope. In five years, they have done nothing to solve my daughter's disappearance."

Concerns women in Ciudad Juarez, a town of 1.4 million in the high desert, near El Paso, live as little as 400 yards from the government. The horrific string of killings began in 1993, when

[See Juarez, Page A14]

DISPATCH FROM NORTHERN IRAQ



Bedriye Abduhalim Kadir, 44, with her son Muhammed Muhammed Ali, 10, at her side, disarmed how she was shot in the face by Iraqi soldiers at a border checkpoint. The attack left her left eye and deaf in her left ear.

Ethnic cleansing

'Arabization' deadly to Kurdish minority

STORY BY MARCUS STERN, COLEY NEWS SERVICE
PHOTOS BY HELVIN CEPEDA, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CHAMCHAMAL, Iraq — British-led troops took the day Iraq army forces retreated here for the third time to resume his Kurdish heritage and register as an Iraqi Arab. He also reveals what happened when he returned.

"They made me sign a piece of paper saying I would leave," he said of that day in 2003. "Then they forced me to sign over the title of my house to an Arab family."

With a terrified mother, crying wife and two small boys in tow, Nadir watched on the far side of a small woman's hand that divided

Southern Iraq's Kurdish Arabized portion of Iraq from a semi-autonomous Kurdish region protected by U.S. and British warplanes.

Nadir and his family were driven from their home as part of an ethnic-cleansing program that began in northern Iraq virtually when the country was established in 1958 but has been sharply intensified under Hussein.

Concerns are mounting about what might happen if Hussein loses power and the Kurds return to reclaim their homes from the Arab families that have occupied

them. No doubt, that situation will create new tensions, possibly blood shed.

Since Hussein helped the Baath Party gain power in 1968, about 80,000 people have been internally displaced in the northern part of the country through his "Arabization" program, according to the International Federation of Human Rights. More than 200,000 people have disappeared, and as many as 4 million of Iraq's population of 23 million have fled the country, the

Subheads

N. Korean notice signals missile test preparations

North Korea sent up another warning flag in its confrontation with Washington, issuing a notice to mariners that indicates preparations are being made to conduct another test of an anti-ship cruise missile in the Sea of Japan/East Sea soon.

The United States will probably deploy an Aegis cruiser to protect US surveillance flights in the area against a repeat of last week's threatening interception by North Korean fighter jets of a US airforce plane.

"We are aware that North Korean officials have announced a sea closure area in the Sea of Japan," said Lieutenant Commander Jeff

Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, adding that the closure was from March 8 to 11.

"This area is similar in size and location to the area in effect during the February 25 launch," he said. "Such closures are typically a precursor to a launch."

CRUISE MISSILE

North Korea tested a short-range anti-ship cruise missile on February 25 local time from a northeastern coastal area.

It would be the latest in a pattern of actions by the North Koreans that have ratcheted up tensions on the peninsula and put the United States under increasing pres-

sure to engage Pyongyang in direct talks.

A new missile test could set the stage for another aerial confrontation over US surveillance flights monitoring North Korean testing from international airspace over the Sea of Japan.

"We'll probably send an Aegis cruiser out there and provide an element of protection," said the US defense official who asked not to be identified.

He said the Aegis warship, which is equipped with powerful air defense radars, would "clearly have the capability to give early warning."

On March 2, North Ko-

rean fighters armed with heat-seeking missiles surprised an unarmed US RC-135S "Cobra Ball" surveillance plane, flying within 50 feet of it and chasing it for 22 minutes chase over the Sea of Japan.

It was the first time a US surveillance flight had been intercepted by North Korean fighters since 1969, when North Korean warplanes shot down a US surveillance plane, killing all 31 people on board.

"If they killed 31 people today it would not take long to see the seriousness of our resolve in responding," said the defense official.

The Pentagon ordered

Jump Heads

Some Evidence on Iraq Called Fake

U.N. Nuclear Inspector Says Documents on Purchases Were Forged

By JOEY WARRICK
Washington Post Staff Writer

A key piece of evidence linking Iraq to a nuclear weapons program appears to have been fabricated, the United Nations' chief nuclear inspector said yesterday in a report that called into question U.S. and British claims about Iraq's secret nuclear ambitions.

Documents that purportedly showed Iraqi officials shopping for uranium in Africa two years ago were deemed "not authentic" after careful scrutiny by U.N. and independent ex-

perts, Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), told the U.N. Security Council.

ElBaradei also rejected a key Bush administration claim—made twice by the president in major speeches and repeated by Secretary of State Colin L. Powell yesterday—that Iraq had tried to purchase high-strength aluminum tubes to use in centrifuges for uranium enrichment. Also, ElBaradei reported finding no evidence of banned weapons or nuclear material in an extensive sweep of Iraq using advanced radia-

tion detectors.

"There is no indication of resumed nuclear activities," ElBaradei said.

Knowledgeable sources familiar with the forgery investigation described the faked evidence as a series of letters between Iraqi agents and officials in the central African nation of Niger. The documents had been given to the U.N. inspectors by Britain and reviewed extensively by U.S. intelligence. The forgers had made relatively crude errors that eventually

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Evidence

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A key piece of evidence linking Iraq to a nuclear weapons program appears to have been fabricated, the United Nations' chief nuclear inspector said yesterday in a report that called into question U.S. and British claims about Iraq's secret nuclear ambitions.

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Endgame nears in divided U.N.

Opponents dismiss attempt to set Iraq deadline; quick vote sought

By Felicity Barringer
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

UNITED NATIONS — With a U.S.-led war on Iraq appearing ever more likely, the United States and Britain said yesterday that they would urge the Security Council to vote next week on an amended resolution that would give Iraq until March 17 to disarm. But France, Russia and China, which held veto power, quickly dismissed the proposal.

The new move to unite the world's deeply divided powers came after the chief U.N. weapons inspectors blurted off quickly contradicted some U.S. and British assertions about Iraqi violations and drew sharp rebuke from Secretary of State Colin Powell and the British foreign minister, Jack Straw.

Mohamed ElBaradei, chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said that a report —

"The inspectors' reports are 'still a catalog of noncooperation.'"

COLIN POWELL,
U.S. secretary of state

A war "will drive a wedge and inflict wounds that will be long in healing."

DOMINIQUE DE VILLIEN,
French foreign minister



Council's vote may define world body for future crises

By Patrick E. Tyler
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

UNITED NATIONS — As representatives of U.N. Security Council nations gathered in New York yesterday, a day after President Bush began pressuring the American people for war, the delegates seemed to be fighting for their institution as much as over Iraq.

"It is quite clear that the way in which we resolve this problem will determine not just the future of Iraq," Russia's foreign minister, Igor S. Ivanov, told the Security Council.

Jens Boerner, the German foreign minister, said, "The Security Council — in fact, we all — face an important decision, probably a historic turning point."

History books, he implied, on what the Security Council members do now, whether they hang

ANALYSIS

States choose debt to fill gaps

Borrowing level highest in 50 years

By Dennis Cuchetti
USA TODAY

State and local officials are borrowing record amounts of money to cover billions of dollars in budget gaps between what they take in and what they want to spend.

A USA TODAY analysis found that borrowing — not tax hikes or spending cuts — has become the primary

way to balance budgets during the economic slowdown. State and local governments borrowed \$17 billion more than they repaid in 2002, almost 3% higher than the level of 1998, according to the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis. Borrowed money equaled 9.7% of state and local revenue in 2002. That's the highest level since the 1950s, when schools were built for millions of baby boomers. By comparison, the federal government borrowed 45% of revenue last year.

"It's like using a credit card to pay your bills," says Rishi K. Mishra, deputy treasurer. "We've been taking the easy way out."

The borrowing could increase the cost of government, by raising the separate on state and local officials to raise taxes, cut services or both. "The borrowing pushes the cost of our problems today onto our children tomorrow," says New York Comptroller Alan Weinstock, who manages the state's debt.

The mounting debt comes at a time when the federal government also is taking financial problems.

"Last year was the perfect storm. Governments needed money and interest rates were at historic lows."
— Amy Kresock, editor of The Bond Buyer

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All the Basques in one exit

New York Daily News: a feature on the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain.

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50 way to love your liver

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Toledo Blade

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Pittsburgh Press

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- Always write the best headline you can
- Use active verbs
- Use descriptive words
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