

# News Names, News Places, News

## News Names

**Arnold Schwarzenegger** — The current governor of California; **Eric Weiner** — The author of a book about happiness; **Heath Ledger** — Australian actor who died recently of a prescription drug overdose; **Herb Brooks** — The coach of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team; **Social Security** — A U.S. government program that provided financial benefits to retired, unemployed, or disabled people; **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** — An 18th-century Austrian musical composer.

## News Places

**Austria; Bhutan; California; Iceland; New York; Switzerland**

## News Words

**altruism** — The practice of selfless concern for the well-being of others; **boycott** — To stop commercial or social relations with a country, group, or person as punishment or protest; **budget** — In this case, an annual estimate of how much money a country will make and spend; **discretionary** — Optional; **mandatory** — Required; **overdose** — An excessive or dangerous dose of a drug; **prescription drugs** — Drugs that are recommended by doctors to patients for specific medical problems; **sonar** — A system for detecting objects underwater using sound pulses; **underdog** — A competitor thought to have little chance of winning a fight or contest.