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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Cameron Miller, 19, was arrested in Alexandria, La., on Christmas Day and charged with firing shotgun blasts at his mother, stepfather and stepbrothers as they drove away because Miller was unhappy that he did not get money for Christmas but instead got only music CDs. And on the day after Christmas in Feasterville, Pa., according to police, Steven Murray, 21, set his parents' house on fire because he was angry at having received no presents.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We're all in this together, by ourselves."

LILY TOMLIN
AMERICAN COMEDIAN

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The images of homicide victims Hector Bonilla (foreground) and Jonathan Hernandez are displayed in the rear windows of hearses during a dual funeral procession on Monday. Both men were gunned down at a party in Ocean Park.

So Long: Planning director to head south

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The head of Santa Monica's oft-criticized planning department announced Monday she will step down from her post to take the same position in Long Beach, a city that spans 50 square miles and has nearly a half-million residents.

Suzanne Frick was hired in 1983 to be an assistant planner for City Hall. She worked her way up the ladder to take the department's top job 11 years ago.

"What I've learned is that we continuously need to be evaluating our systems for improvement," said Frick, who owns a craftsman-style house in Venice that she shares with her partner and their two dogs. "What happens in many cases is we get comfortable in the way we do things and we don't take a critical look at how to improve things."

City Hall's planning department has been under fire in recent years from many developers, merchants and residents for being

"The difficulty I have is that I don't think there's any one thing I can point to. It's every day of being fired up. It's the passion of the job."

SUZANNE FRICK
Planning director

overly bureaucratic and unresponsive. Frick acknowledged she sometimes felt like a scapegoat, but added "that's the nature of the work."

Frick, who said she was not job hunting when she was approached by headhunters for the Long Beach job, declined to say how much she will earn at her new position. She made nearly \$140,000 a year as a veteran employee at City Hall, city records show.

Asked what advice she would pass on to her successor, Frick, who was born and raised in Riverside and majored in fine art at the University

of California at Santa Barbara, replied, "I would tell them to communicate and talk with the community, to really hear what they want and rely on the excellent and talented staff in the department."

No replacement had been named.

City Manager Susan McCarthy issued a statement Monday saying plans for soliciting applicants would be released soon.

"Suzanne's institutional memory and dedication are a loss for Santa Monica," McCarthy said.

Critics of the planning depart-

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Shooting victims are laid to rest

BY RYAN HYATT AND
CORTNEY FIELDING

Daily Press Staff Writers

MID-CITY — Family and friends joined hands Monday to mourn the passing of two young Santa Monica men slain at a birthday party last month.

Hector Bonilla, 25, and Jonathan Hernandez, 19, were buried Monday afternoon at Holy Cross Mortuary in Culver City after a funeral service at St. Anne's Catholic Church at 2017 Colorado Ave. in Santa Monica. More than 500 mourners were on hand to celebrate the lives and reflect on the losses of Hernandez and Bonilla, according to Father Mike Gutierrez, who spoke at the service.

"We are here today to let our tears be our prayer," Gutierrez said. "We are here today because we haven't forgotten how to love."

Bonilla and Hernandez were both shot dead on Feb. 26 during a birthday party at the Moose Lodge, a Sunset Park venue often rented out for celebrations. Witnesses said Hernandez, known to friends as "Boo-Boo," was involved in a physical altercation with two or three men near the front entrance to the lodge. Hernandez reportedly broke free from the men, who shot him as many as 14 times in the torso and head, according to witnesses. Bonilla, often referred to as "Limpy," was reportedly shot as he attempted to intervene.

The gunmen, who fled, have yet to be apprehended by police.

Many mourners at the Catholic service arrived dressed in black, some wearing sunglasses. Bonilla's long-time girlfriend, Krizna Ayala, and her three young children wore Oakland Raiders T-

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You can finally communicate, but some of what you hear could floor you. You could be surprised as well as thrown off-kilter. Open your mind to thoughts that are beyond your normal realm of thinking. Your perspective will grow. Tonight: Dinner with a friend.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Analyze and think about what someone is asking you. On some level, you might feel this request is close to impossible. Be aware of your limitations. A friend could surprise you with his or her unique perspective. You don't have to agree; you just need to listen. Tonight: Pay your bills.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You are all smiles. You have the ability to smile and work with a boss's unpredictability. You might need to pull back and regroup several times during the day when dealing with this person. Clearly, you have a lot going for you. Tonight: Your call.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ You might be uncomfortable with what happens today. Your laughter might be covering a great deal of discomfort. You don't need to tell everyone what is on your mind. Clue into your feelings first. Tonight: Take a personal night. Do something for yourself.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Despite the fact that others could be shockingly abrupt or changeable, you make solid choices. Trust yourself, especially with groups of people and in meetings. You always do well with crowds, even more so now. Use your natural assets. Tonight: Your determination counts.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Others seem to only confuse an issue. As it stands, you are under the gun. Bosses make demands, and you need to respond. In some way, your energy is scattering all over the place. Don't pressure or judge yourself needlessly. Tonight: Handle your responsibilities.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to examine different situations and come up with creative solutions continues to awe others. Somehow you manage to work around the unexpected eruption. Don't allow stress to build. Take a walk at lunch. Tonight: Try a movie or another mind-relaxing activity.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Be more in touch with your imagination. Dealing with one person you trust allows a lot to perk up emotionally and intellectually. Your responses startle you as well as others. Roll with innovative ideas. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others dump a lot on your plate. You might not be ready for the demands. Creating an uproar over a domestic or personal matter isn't going to help. Listen to others. Some excellent suggestions head your way. Tonight: Don't initiate. Let others take the first step.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ The unpredictable marks your day. Consider options regarding an important conversation. On some level, you might be shocked by what you hear. Focus on the positives and what you can do. Tonight: Off for a brisk walk.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your playfulness could cost you more money than you are able to deal with. Realize your limits with finances. A risk could really backfire if you choose to head in that direction. Be smart and maximize your efforts. Tonight: Forget tomorrow; live now.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Your erratic behavior takes its toll. Review a personal matter carefully before smashing the situation and those involved into smithereens. Impulsiveness will not help your relationship with a family member. Tonight: Be politically smart.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Marathon Man' keeps going the distance

By Daily Press staff

Around Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, Rafael Garay is known as the "Marathon Man" for his long-running feat.

Garay, 55, an electronics technician in the medical center's clinical engineering department, is one of only 289 legacy runners — people who have completed every LA Marathon since its inception in 1986.

On March 6, he completed the 20th annual event in a time of five hours, 24 minutes. His personal best is four hours, 20 minutes.

"That was back in my younger days, when I didn't need a day off to recover afterward," he joked.

A Whittier resident who has worked at Santa Monica-UCLA since 1996, Garay became inspired to run his first marathon after watching then 37-year-old Carlos Lopes of Portugal win the event at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984.

He ran and completed the inaugural LA Marathon two years later, when his wife Lucy was pregnant with his now-18-year-old son, Matthew. With 20 marathons under his belt, Garay has no plans to let his streak lapse now.

"I'm definitely planning to run it again next year," he said. "The people who come out to cheer really inspire me to run and finish the race. It's like we're all one big family."



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MEDALS OF HONOR: Rafael Garay has completed every Los Angeles Marathon since 1986.

Back to drawing board for Euclid Park

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica and Parks Commission plan to go back to the drawing board to redesign a new park on Euclid Street.

The commission will review modifications to the park's design, which will be located on the 1500 block of Euclid Street. The modifications are in response to comments received at the commission's Feb. 17 meeting. The design team of Rios Clemente Hale Studios and artist Abbie Morganstein initially presented the Euclid Park design scheme to the commission based upon community input received at two public workshops held in October and December of 2004, and upon a survey to gauge park user preferences for amenities such as shade, seating, children's playground equipment, gardening, security features and landscape planning. The commission took public comment and also recommended several changes. Some of those changes included making the park design more flexible, open, shady and natural looking. At its March 17 meeting, the commission will review the changes, take public comment, and provide input on the revised plan, which can be seen at www.smgov.net/ccs beginning. The commission's formal comments will be transmitted to the City Council, along with a staff recommendation, in May 2005.

The park project has been in the works since 1998, as part of a combined parks and housing development. Next door to the planned park is the 13-unit Hacienda del Mar, a residence for people with disabilities run by United Cerebral Palsy (UCP). UCP renovated the historic 1928 brick Spanish Colonial Revival building and completed the construction in 2003. The development of Euclid Park is part of the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a 20-year plan for over \$142 million worth of improvements to Santa Monica's parks, open spaces and community facilities.

The meeting will be held at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth St., at 7:30 p.m.



SURF REPORT

We're back on the rise today. The SW peaks with sets running waist- to chest-high. As for the NW, we're calling for a slight decrease, mainly waist- to chest-high as well. Wednesday is looking like a repeat of Tuesday. However, the SW should back off by the afternoon.

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SUNDAY	5:09	0.2	4:49	1.1	11:13	4.0	11:11	5.2
MONDAY	6:03	0.4	5:10	1.7	12:20	3.2	11:44	5.0
TUESDAY	7:11	0.6	5:19	2.3	N/A	N/A	1:41	2.7
WEDNESDAY	8:47	0.8	N/A	N/A	12:24	4.6	N/A	N/A
THURSDAY	10:36	0.7	N/A	N/A	1:26	4.3	N/A	N/A
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So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Do you support an increased minimum wage for these employees? Why or why not?"

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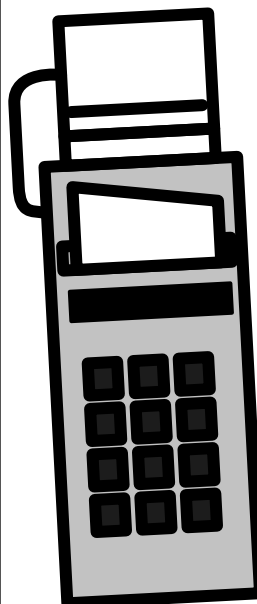
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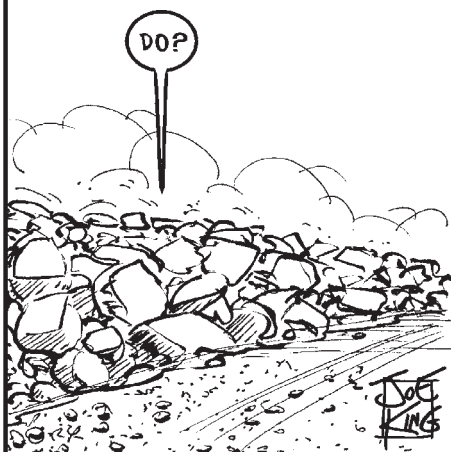
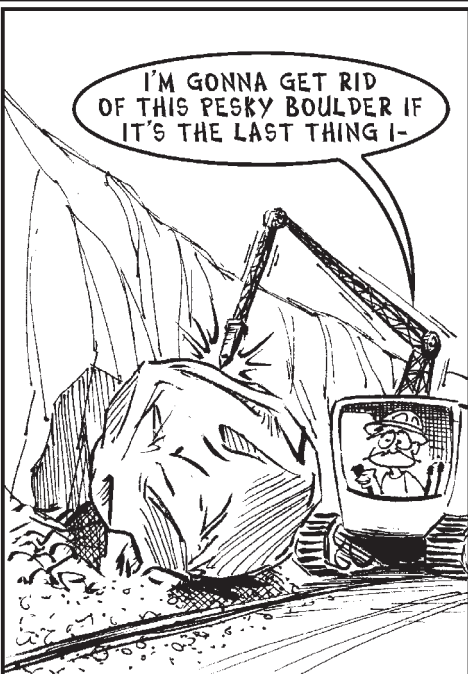




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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Naidoo prosecution, in the end, was criminal

Editor:

I am writing this letter in an attempt to understand why we continue to let criminals get away with crimes. Three officers of this city stood trial for excessive use of force, but yet again the district attorney allowed the criminal — Jeremy Naidoo — to get away with seven felony counts for one misdemeanor (SMDP, March 10 and March 12, page 1). I don't understand. I am not stating that the officers did not use excessive force, nor can I make that determination due to the fact that I was present at the time of the incident. However, the trial against the officers and the trial against Naidoo were two separate trials, but the district attorney gave Naidoo a plea bargain and allowed him to get away with seven felonies, and a possible third strike, just because a videotape of the incident surfaced. The plea bargain did not help the officers in court. The plea bargain did not make the videotape go away. The only thing accomplished by the plea bargain is allowing a felon to return to the street to, again, commit a crime.

Maybe the district attorney should be prosecuted for aiding a felon?

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WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

People always ask me, "How do I know who to hire?" It's a tough call, because frequently when you are hiring a professional service it is precisely because you do not know a lot about what you are hiring someone else to do. From accounting to marketing to even lawyering, the problem of deciding who is going to be good for you is a tough choice. But I've got some tips on what to look for in a professional service provider.

Whatever business you are in, whether it is service-based or product-based, you will need the services of a good accountant, a good lawyer and a good marketing person. What I recommend is that you look for someone with a varied and diverse background and lots of real world experience at being an entrepreneur. This is not the time to hire the \$400-an-hour Yale undergraduate/Harvard Law school-second-year-associate attorney still wet behind the ears. What you need is someone who has experience in negotiating with the vendors and advertising people that you will be dealing with on a daily basis.

You need to find someone who knows where the vendors are going to hide their profit and what "extra charges" you can expect to find and what you can avoid. This only comes from someone who has been there. If they cannot provide you with a resume and some client references, do not hire them.

ACCOUNTANTS

Accountants are wonderful at telling you where you spent your money; they are not so good at telling you where you should spend your money. One description of accountants is that they are like sitting backwards on a train, you get to see where you've been in great detail but have no idea where you are going.

You are the engineer of your train and you need to have people who will help you see beyond the blind curves up ahead. A good accountant is one who has developed a specialty in your industry. Ask the successful competition — the ones who have been around for awhile. If you want to ask indirectly, have a secretary call and pose as someone doing some background research on accounting practices in general. Most people will easily give up the information you want.

MARKETING PROFESSIONALS

Marketing professionals come in various specialties — there are packaging specialists, advertising people, publicity and special events managers, product tie-in specialists and the generalists who do a little of all of the above. The services of a marketing professional can make or break your company. The best ones will provide you with concrete, measurable results in a realistic timeframe. When dealing with a marketing professional, you need to be in charge of what your goals are, communicate them clearly and then let the marketing people take the ball

and run with it ... but not too far.

They are good at spending money, and it spends easier when it's yours, not theirs. You need to keep a tight rein on where and when they are spending your dollars. You will be told that you need to spend money to make money, that to increase your sales you need to increase your advertising budget, that to double your sales you need to double your marketing budget. To a degree, all of these are true, but within reason.

One of the hallmarks of a good marketing company is the ability to create a buzz, a certain excitement on a budget, that doesn't mean Old Woman-in-the-Shoe budget, but it also doesn't mean Santa's budget either. A good campaign will involve a great deal of "free" publicity from the media and that is also, by the way, the most convincing to the general public.

BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

The business of business consultants is to look at your company and give you quantifiable results based on their input to increase your bottom line. Sometimes that means improving systems, product design, sales materials, and administrative procedures and negotiating with your vendors to get better deals.

Consultants can be excellent sources of knowledge and connections that you can "rent" to avoid getting into the long-term time and expense of hiring. With a consultant, you get just as much expertise and knowledge as you need. That is the plus side of the consulting business. On the minus side, they can just as easily become entrenched and hold you hostage, based on their connections and knowledge.

LAWYERS

The good news is that an experienced business lawyer can offer you several options no matter what you are trying to do. The experienced attorney has the ability to open doors for you and to bring you the strength of their ability to see the big picture. On the other hand, an attorney can also see you as a cash cow, and if you do not see results and get the answers you want, you need to move on to a new attorney quickly.

What you should be looking for is someone who can demonstrate to you that they understand not just the legal aspects of what you want to accomplish, but also the bigger picture. The good business attorney sees how marketing, sales, administration, manufacturing, federal and state regulation and taxation fit together in your company. The sharp attorney can take your two-minute pitch and develop a feel for the whole company.

The type of attorney you want to hire is one who has experience in real world business situations, strong connections and an understanding of your complex business. You should walk away from a meeting with your attorney extremely impressed with their understanding of your situation and the needs of your company. Hire the individual lawyer who feels like a business partner.

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COMMENTARY



If they bottled chill pills, I'd need a prescription



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

"Let it be" is not a song I live by. None of this "go with the flow," "roll with the punches" crap for me. Who rolls on the floor when they're getting beaten up anyway? It's not a fire drill, people.

Unlike Travolta talking his way out of a Russian mob, I can't even be cool when they give me the wrong kind of TCBY yogurt.

I get flustered when Von's is out of orange soda, irritated when people show up late for movies, and kind of aggravated when gas goes from \$2.30 a gallon to \$2.50. Oh wait, everyone gets upset about that one.

If Bob Marley is the poster child for keeping it cool, I need to shake hands with Woody Allen.

No, I'm not that bad. I'm not really that charged, and I don't show my frustration visually in the soda aisle of Albertsons. I'm more of a selective neurotic who becomes more so when they lose the choice to be that way.

That's right, I'm a control chimpanzee. So when I got locked out of my apartment Thursday night, and realized my roommate wasn't coming back until four days later, the flash dancers in my head started twirling.

You have to understand, I'm obsessive about my keys. If I go to check the mail, I can't leave the door open like a normal human being. I bring my keys with me. Taking something out to the trash, doing the laundry, talking to a neighbor — keys, keys, keys. Some might call it a bit too much, and I would embarrassingly agree. It's just that you can't predict when you're going to get locked out.

Except, I could as I was talking to my sister on the phone Thursday night, thinking ... "I should probably put my keys in my purse before I leave for dinner."

Thoughts pave the way to a chocolate-chub camp if you don't do something about it.

As I was about to leave the apartment that night, I had a nagging feeling I was

forgetting something. Annoyed with the nagging, I ignored it, only to remember that certain something as the door bolted shut behind me.

I tried the "be cool" thing for like three minutes. It worked. I texted my roommate to let her know the situation, and ask her when she was getting back from work. All was in control, until I started to remember she wasn't coming back until days later. Then the cool went quickly to disconcerted.

My immediate four-day future flashed before. Sitting on the curb with one shoe on, eating granola bars out of the box, asking every second person if they knew a good locksmith. Nobody knew one and I would end up wandering the streets looking for warm milk.

My mind raced as I saw no lights on in my apartment complex. I tried one door and then another, only to find that they didn't have the landlord's number. Another tenant saw my self-induced calamity and came to the aid with the 10-digit sonata.

As a reference, our last landlord had a general voice box he would check daily for needs of repair, and then one to leave for immediate problems. Who knew if this new person had the same system and would, though very diligently, check their messages only the next work day.

Luckily the landlord was home, and did have a key to the apartment on hand. The whole mess created in five minutes ended five minutes later. Now I'm sitting here, keys in my purse, wondering why I got so revved about it.

It's not like I don't know anyone in the area. And I did have my car keys if I really needed to get something. I think it's just the whole aspect of uncertainty, and not knowing that everything's going to work out OK.

That's what I need to remember while looking for my lost "Postal Service" CD, checking my bank account, and wondering when PCH is finally going to clear up. Everything will be all right — it may just work out at time not of my choosing. Now if only I would work less on my Woody Allen impersonation. I think one eccentric is enough for all of us.

(To reach Heidi, e-mail her at anydayinla@yahoo.com)

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Frick's resignation elicits some mixed reactions

RESIGNATION, from page 1

ment said they were excited by Frick's pending departure because it brought with it an opportunity to affect broad change. The planning department was subjected to an independent audit last year that verified complaints directed at Santa Monica City Hall for being more difficult to navigate than those in neighboring cities.

"I think it's good all the way around," said City Councilman Herb Katz, an architect who regularly uses City Hall. "There's a certain amount of time when you move on."

Katz, who gave Frick a positive referral, said the problem with the planning department at City Hall, which also over-

sees the building and safety division, is that it hasn't adapted to changes in the city. Katz credited the problems to micro-managing by the City Council, poorly written ordinances and misinterpretations by planning staff and the city attorney.

"Our department must have an attitude of 'Help,' not 'Hinder,'" he said. "We can't say, 'We didn't mention it in our zoning or planning documents, so you can't do it.' We need to say, 'We didn't mention it, so how can we help you and work with you and make it happen.'"

"I think it (Frick's departure) gives us an opportunity to look freshly, really freshly," Katz added. "I think it's time to do some reorganization in building and

safety, and planning."

Frick said she looked forward to tackling many of the same issues in Long Beach that face Santa Monica, but on a bigger scale. Long Beach is the fifth-largest city in California and 32nd-largest in the United States. Like Santa Monica, it is in the process of updating its land use and circulation elements, which govern development and transportation.

The last 21 years have exposed Frick to a wide range of planning issues and projects, including the daunting challenge of rebuilding following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. Still, Frick, who was scheduled to start her new position on April 18, said no single project stands out.

"The difficulty I have is that I don't think there's any one thing I can point to," she said. "It's every day of being fired up. It's the passion of the job."

Among Frick's favorite projects were working on a planned Civic Center for downtown, and working on open space and zoning ordinances, she said. Asked to name the hardest single part of her job, Frick said, "I think it's balancing all of the competing objectives to come up with projects or policies that work for the city. That's what I do every day. It's talking with the council, the Planning Commission, the community and ultimately coming up with regulations the City Council can approve."

Mourners turn out en masse to bid farewell to loved ones

FUNERALS, from page 1

shirts and jackets in honor of Bonilla, who was known as an avid fan of the football team. More than 20 young mourners wore custom-made shirts displaying smiling pictures of Bonilla and Hernandez.

Upon entering the church on Monday, attendees were handed cards on which words of peace were scribed. Enlarged photos rested on easels, showing Bonilla and Ayala with their children, and Hernandez with his three half-siblings at his high school graduation last spring. Inside, large candles burned close to the silver coffins placed in the center of the high-vaulted church.

Family and friends packed into the pews to say their good-byes. Besides occasional outbursts from young children, the mourners sat and grieved mostly in silence.

Around 300 friends, family and community members continued on to the burial service at Holy Cross Cemetery. Soft

gospel music played in the background as mourners surrounded the pair of caskets — covered with red and white roses — creating a circle around the grieving families.

Mourners hugged each other and wept as the caskets were lowered into the ground.

The sound of gunshots in the background broke the silence of the burial ceremony. While the rifle shots were part of a military funeral service taking place elsewhere in the cemetery, they served as a chilling reminder of Hernandez and Bonilla's last day.

Father Gutierrez spoke of the Biblical commandment that human beings must love one another, without revenge or evil thoughts, citing as examples Hernandez and Bonilla's friendship.

"Why do tears come with faith?" Gutierrez said to the mourners.

"They come from the depth, where God is really at."



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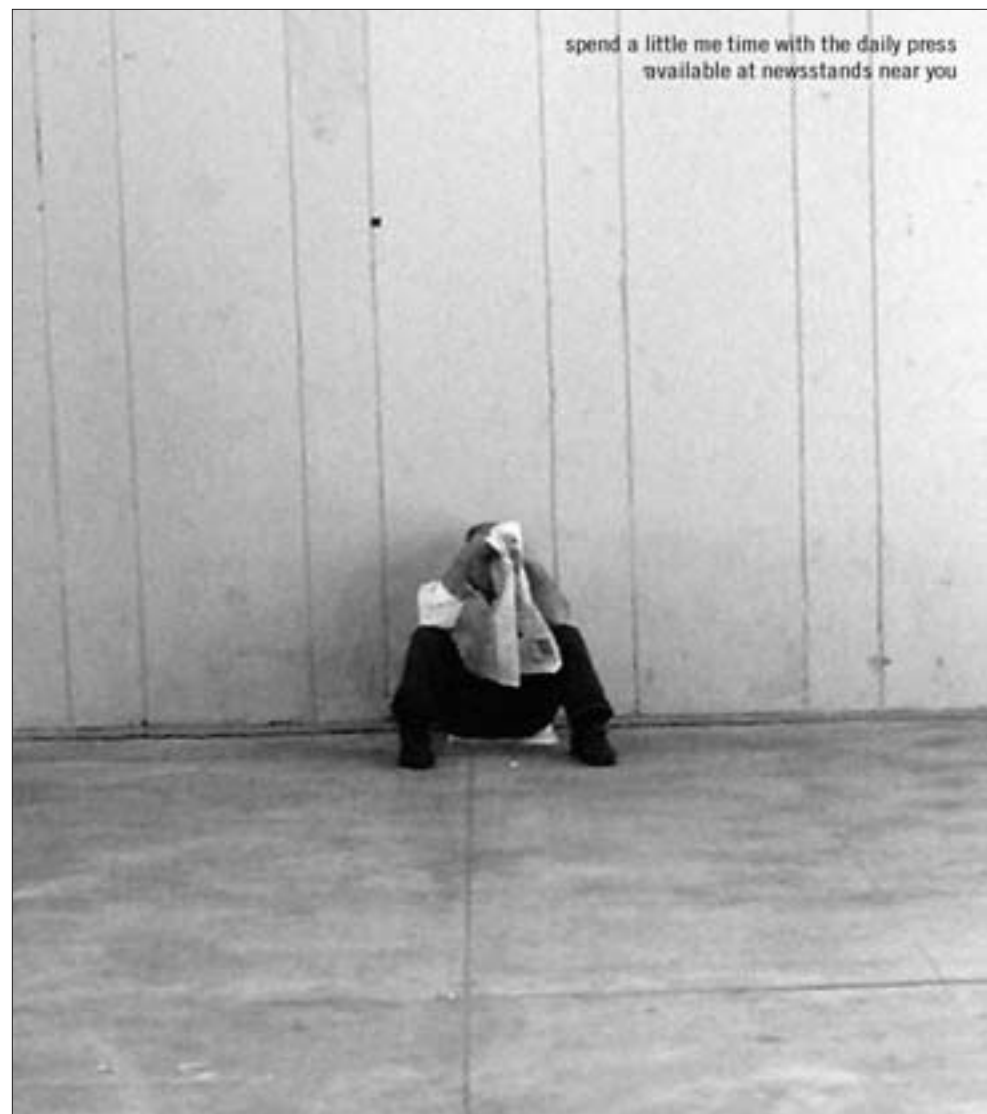
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STATE



Democrats crying foul over video press releases

BY BETH FOUHY

AP Political Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Saturated as he is in the ways of Hollywood, it's no surprise that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger knows better than most politicians how to fashion an image for television cameras. But the recent disclosure that several state agencies have distributed video press releases masquerading as TV news reports have led Democrats to cry foul and news directors to re-examine their policies about airing such material.

Schwarzenegger aides have acknowledged using state money to produce "video news releases," or VNRs, that cast an entirely favorable light on some of the administration's most controversial policies.

They've been used to advocate proposed regulatory changes, like modifying lunch break rules for workers and easing a new law requiring more nurses in California hospitals. And one video was produced to help sell a key aspect of Schwarzenegger's political agenda: to pay teachers by merit instead of tenure, and to make it harder for teachers to get tenure.

The videos resemble local television news stories, complete with a suggested script for anchors to read as a lead-in to the pieces.

Video news releases have been used for years by private industries, like phar-

maceutical companies, to promote their products. They are routinely sent to television newsrooms around the country and often provide useful video images, or "B-roll," to help illustrate a story. But most TV stations have strict rules governing the use of VNRs, such as clearly labeling the source of the material when it appears on the air.

"Our official policy is not to run a VNR verbatim, and the only time we use them as B-roll is when we don't have access to a particular shot," said Jeffrey Weinstock, a spokesman for San Francisco television station KRON. Weinstock said the station had done news stories on the controversy surrounding the proposed lunch break changes, but had not used the video the Schwarzenegger administration had distributed.

Still, the use of such videos by government agencies is a more recent and more controversial phenomenon, sparking a debate over whether it's ever appropriate to use taxpayer money to promote a message that is inherently political.

Democrats, who oppose most of the policy changes the videos are advocating, have denounced the videos as little more than taxpayer-funded propaganda and have asked Attorney General Bill Lockyer to intervene.

"This goes from being an educational tool to a complete scam," said Democratic Assemblyman Paul Koretz, chairman of the Assembly Labor Committee.



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DEAR DORIE

Preschool problems stress out mom

Dear Dorie,

This preschool thing is really as nuts as I had heard in the beginning. I didn't think it would be such a big deal but we got rejected from three places so far. I don't think we'll get in one private program because we got on the list late, and we probably don't stand a chance of getting into one of the really popular privates. Are there just not enough schools?

— *Unprepared for Preschool*

Dear Unprepared,

You are tapping into the nationwide deficit in quality, affordable childcare and preschool. Locally, parents face a shortage of space for additional classes, as well as a lack of funding for infant/toddler/preschool programs.

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- Take a deep breath and demote all those other programs you were interested in to the "maybe" list. Confirm that you are on the wait list of each of these programs and then check in with them on a regular basis to remind them of your interest and need.

- As most preschoolers start at 3 years and remain with a program for another year before kindergarten, take a look at changing programs next year.

— *Dorie*

(Dorie Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org).

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11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable.

Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling

Main Library – held at Reed Park, corner of 7th and Wilshire.

Toddler Storytime; 10:00 a.m. For 2 year olds with adult.

Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., six-week series in Spanish for 24 – 36 month olds with adult.

Lap Time – 11:00 a.m, six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SNMUSD Infant & Family Support Programs. Next session begins Mar. 1.

Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.

Toddler Storytime, 10:00 and 10:30. Music, rhymes and stories for 24-36 month olds.

Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis

For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com

Barnes and Noble at the Grove

Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me (1-3 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Infant & Me, Transitional Group (7 – 14 mos.) – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.; Infant & Me (0-12 mos.) – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.; classes in partnership with the Infant and Family Support Program. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

10:00 – 11:00 a.m and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. (also Thursday nights 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) 393-2721. ext. 117 for more info.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Itsy Bitsy Yoga – Tots (crawling to 24 months) – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Baby (6 weeks to pre-crawling) – 11:00 – noon.

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WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Lap Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.

Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11am – 310-475-3444.

Classes

Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Next session is April 16 – May 4. Children explore rhythms through drum play. Ages 6 mos. – 3.5 years; \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmchild.net for more info.

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Parent Support (3 – 5 years) – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Infant /Toddler and Me (0-12 mos.) – 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.; Parents of Adolescents Support Group – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15

Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Kids' Yoga Circle – Mommy and Me Yoga (ages 4- 6), 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 – 3:00 p.m Includes 15 minutes of indoor play and song. \$165 for an 8 week session, \$75 for additional sibling.

Breastfeeding Group

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Other

Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590

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Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m.; for ages 3-5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m; for ages 2 –3.

La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m., for 2 year olds.

Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; for 3-5 year olds.

Classes

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Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Kids' Yoga Circle – Yoga for ages 6 - 10, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. (students may be dropped off at 3:30 for indoor play, song and snacks). \$18 drop-in, discounted multiple week passes available, reservations required.

Family Yoga, 5:15 – 6:30 p.m., includes 15 minutes of indoor play and song. 8-week series for parents and 1 child, \$250, \$100 each additional child.

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FRIDAY

Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.childsplayonline.net

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call 310-390-2529 for info.

Planetarium Show at SMC's John Drescher Planetarium, 7:00 p.m. - Night Sky Show, 8:00 p.m. – featured program. \$5 adults, \$4 children. Pico and 17th St., 434-3000.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents – Toddler & Me (1-3 years) – 9:20 – 10:20 a.m.; Parent Support (1-3 years) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Mommy and Me Dance– celebrate the wonderful world of imagination Fridays at the Electric Lodge. 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. ages 14 - 24 months; 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. ages 2 – 4.

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Yoga & Exercise

Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., \$15.

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Kids' Yoga Circle – Yoga for ages 8 - 11, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m., includes 15 minutes of indoor play and song, \$18 drop-in, discounted multiple week passes available, reservations required. 1814 14th St., #208, 260-2736

Other

Baby Attuned - Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., A new program promoting sensitive parenting and developmental awareness. Parent-completed developmental screening, with review and feedback from a licensed clinical developmental psychologist and experienced pediatric nurse practitioner, Eileen Escarce, PhD, MSN. (PSY 18819). Introductory fee: \$15 per screening with

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SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144.

Children's Book World – 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., 310-559-B00K.

Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m. – 454-4063.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

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Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Kids' Yoga Circle – Yoga for ages 6 - 10, 9:45 – 10:55 a.m., includes 15 minutes of indoor play and song; Yoga Girls (ages 12 and up), 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. \$18 drop-in, discounted multiple week passes available, reservations required. 1814 14th St., #208, 260-2736

Other

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Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. (thru April); \$12 adults, \$10 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

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Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804.

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Bringing home baby: A checklist for the basics

By Daily Press staff

Babies are complicated. Even choosing basic furniture for your infant can be mind-boggling. Child and infant experts like Jeffrey Penso, M.D., a pediatrician at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, stress that there are many different styles of cribs, high chairs and playpens, but the most important thing to keep in mind is safety.

The following is a list of items you should start looking at and budgeting for prior to bringing the baby home.

Cribs and mattresses

You may choose to have your baby sleep in a bassinet in your room for the first several weeks, but eventually you will need to move them into a crib.

When choosing a crib, look for these basics:

- Make sure the vertical slats are no more than two and three-eighth inches apart — about the width of a soda can.
- Check that there are no missing or cracked slats and that construction is sturdy.
- Choose a mattress that fits the crib snugly. There

should be less than two finger widths of space between the mattress and the crib.

■ Make sure mattress supports are attached firmly to the head and the foot of the bed.

■ Choose a crib with easy to operate drop-side latches that firmly hold the sides in a raised position — and cannot be released by the baby.

In addition, Dr. Penso reminds parents to position the crib away from any dangling cords or window blinds in which babies can become tangled.

High chairs

There are three basic types of high chairs available: Folding models with plastic or metal frames and vinyl seats, non-folding wooden or plastic models, and convertible models that can be used as a youth chair and table set.

Whatever type of high chair you choose, keep the following in mind:

® Make sure there is either a permanent center barrier with a lap belt or a t-style restraining strap.

® Look for a clamp that securely fastens the chair to a table. If your chair has wheels, make sure the wheels are in a locked position any time the baby is in the chair.

Playpens

Your mother might want you to reuse the playpen she's been saving since you were a baby, but safety features have progressed in the last 30 years, and sometimes newer is better. Wherever you purchase your playpen, make sure you check for the following safety features:

® Fabric-sided playpens should have mesh panels with a tight weave and no tears or holes.

® Playpen sides must be securely fastened to the top rail and the floor plate.

® Slats on wooden playpens should be spaced no more than two and three-eighth inches apart.

Once your baby is home and using the furniture, make sure to examine all items on a regular basis. Look for rips, tears, splinters and broken elements.

To find a pediatrician like Dr. Penso, log onto the Saint John's Web site at www.stjohns.org. Select "Find a Physician" and respond to the computer prompts. Browsers can choose from a wide range of specialists, which are then sorted by location, gender and language.

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Governor signs bill letting local police arrest migrant smugglers

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Later this year, local police agencies in Arizona will have the power to arrest the smugglers who sneak thousands of immigrants into the state annually.

Gov. Janet Napolitano on Monday signed a bill that grants that authority by creating the state crime of human smuggling.

Proponents say the power was needed because the federal government isn't doing enough to fulfill its responsibility to enforce immigration law in Arizona, the busiest illegal entry point on the nation's southern border.

Republican Rep. Jonathan Paton of Tucson, one of the law's top proponents, said the change is a way to begin confronting Arizona's immigration woes.

Opponents say the change won't do anything to confront the mass of problems tied to illegal immigration, and they question whether local police can afford to crack down on smugglers.

The law, which contains no additional money for police, also aims to confront migrants and others who are forced into labor or prostitution. It takes effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns.

More than any other state in recent years, Arizona has been dogged by a heavy flow of illegal immigrants after the government tightened enforcement in El Paso, Texas, and San Diego during the mid-1990s.

Even though immigrants provide the American economy with cheap labor, Arizona and other border states shoulder huge health care and education costs for illegal workers and their families.

Frustrated Arizona lawmakers have proposed several

bills this year to confront illegal immigration. Advocates for immigrants question whether the proposals would confront illegal immigration and say the problem is best left for Congress to resolve.

"This new state law is good complement to what state law enforcement can do," Napolitano said. "It does not serve as a substitute for our current need and our existing need to have more federal law enforcement here in Arizona."

Santa Cruz County Sheriff Tony Estrada, whose jurisdiction includes 50 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border, said he doesn't have the time or money to build cases against smugglers, but that he won't ignore the new law.

"We will utilize it should the occasion arise, but I don't see us going into it full steam," Estrada said. "It's just not something we can afford to do."

In the past, police generally called in federal authorities to investigate immigration cases.

Police officials in Phoenix, the nation's hub for transporting illegal workers, will review the new law to see whether policy changes are necessary, said Sgt. Randy Force, a spokesman for the Phoenix Police Department.

"If this is classic immigration kind of stuff, that is still going to be primarily a federal responsibility," Force said.

Democratic Rep. Ben Miranda, an opponent of the idea (SB1372), said the law, while well-intentioned, isn't something that police need and that it was passed as "symbolic gratification."

"We live in an era where it's really popular to beat up an immigrant and blame him for almost everything," Miranda said. "And this is a bill that reflects the climate that exists here in the state Legislature."

Baseball agrees to turn over documents; Congressman warns of contempt charge

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Major League Baseball plans to hand over by Monday's due date some of the records subpoenaed by the congressional committee investigating steroids in the sport.

"We're producing documents by the deadline," Rob Manfred, executive vice president for labor relations in the commissioner's office, told The Associated Press on Sunday night.

Asked whether baseball is giving the Government Reform Committee everything it wanted, Manfred said: "Thirty-five years of documents in three days? Everything that was humanly possible."

The congressional committee gave baseball officials until Monday to produce documents about their new drug-testing program, including results — with the names of players removed. The committee subpoenaed seven active or former players and four baseball executives to testify at its hearing Thursday.

The head of the panel predicted Sunday the full House easily would pass a contempt of Congress resolution if the subpoenaed players — a group that includes Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa — don't show.

Government Reform Committee chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., told NBC's "Meet the Press" that one or more of the players called to testify could be excused from appearing, though he did not specify who that

might be.

But Davis said his panel would vote to find players who fail to appear Thursday in contempt, and said he thinks the House would approve such a resolution by a large margin. The last contempt of Congress prosecution was in 1983.

"These people are not above the law," Davis told NBC. He was asked why Barry Bonds wasn't invited to the hearing.

"There are a lot of reasons why people are on or off the list, including the BALCO investigation in San Francisco, but including the fact that we didn't want to make this about one player," Davis said.

Bonds reportedly testified to a grand jury in 2003 that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by a trainer charged in the BALCO steroid-distribution case, but the San Francisco slugger also reportedly said he didn't know they were steroids.

The ranking Democrat on the House panel, Henry Waxman of California, said on "Meet the Press" that Bonds could be summoned for a future hearing.

Subpoenaed for Thursday's session: former stars McGwire and Jose Canseco and current players Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro, Curt Schilling, Frank Thomas and Jason Giambi — whose younger brother, Jeremy, told a newspaper he used steroids.

Canseco — whose best-selling book about steroids helped draw Congress' attention — asked for immunity so he can testify fully.

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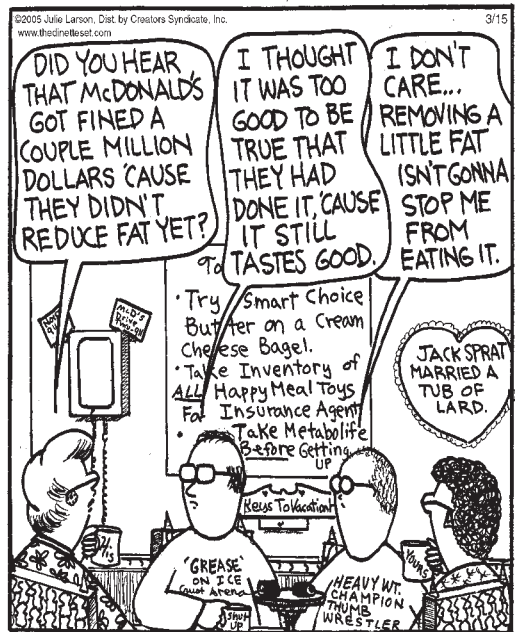
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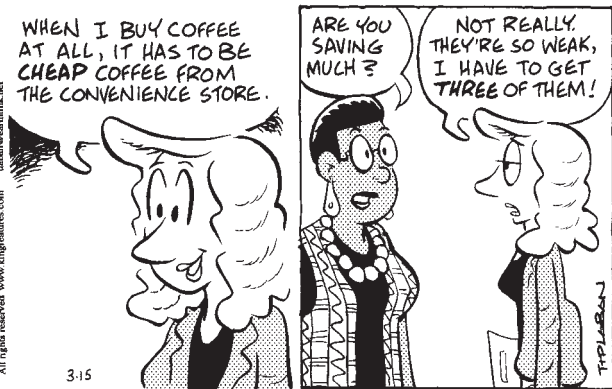
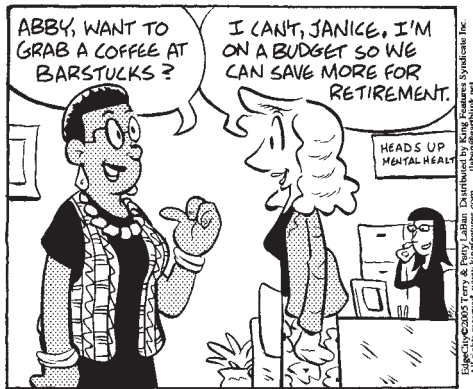


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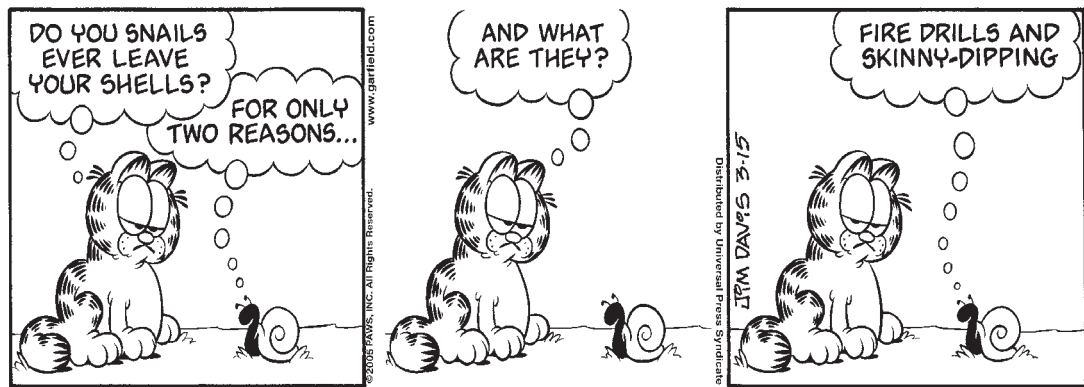
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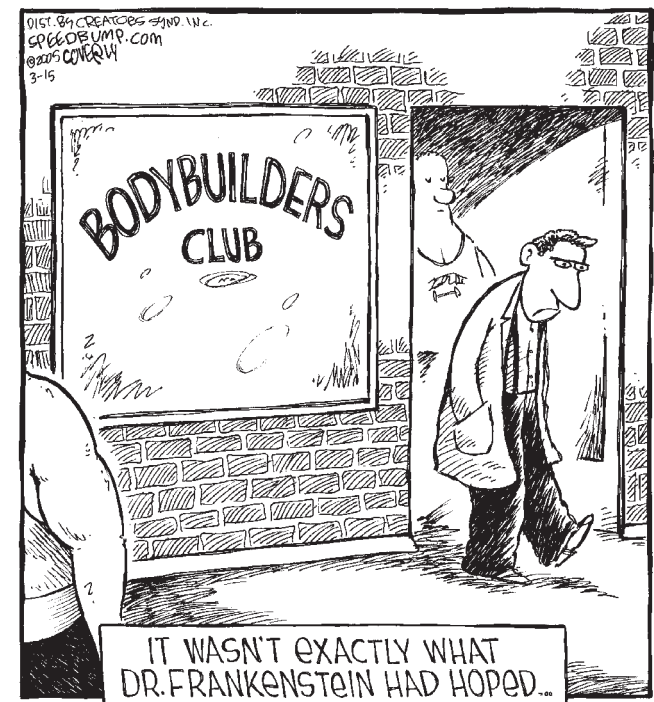
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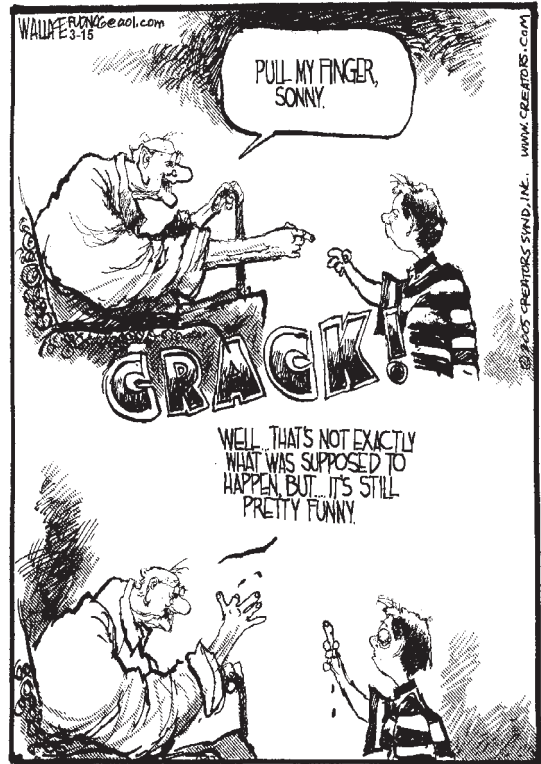


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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Nelly concert a hot ticket despite planned protest

By The Associated Press

JONESBORO, Ark. — Nelly drew nearly 6,300 fans to his weekend concert at Arkansas State University despite well-publicized calls for a boycott by area ministers.

Officials said no protesters were in evidence as Nelly took the stage Saturday at the Convocation Center. A group of 20 Jonesboro ministers had complained that Nelly's songs refer to drugs, sex and violence and called on people to tear up their tickets.

During a March 1 rally, the Rev. Adrian Rodgers of the Fullness of Joy Church said, "Jonesboro is a wonderful city because of what does not come here."

Nelly's concert at the northeastern Arkansas school was part of a nationwide tour.

The 30-year-old rapper's hits include "Hot in Herre," "Country Grammar" and "Over and Over" with Tim McGraw.

BERLIN — Muhammad Ali will receive a prestigious German prize in December in recognition of his commitment to the U.S. civil rights movement and his work as a U.N. peace ambassador, organizers said.

The former heavyweight boxing champion will receive the Otto Hahn freedom medal Dec. 17, the German Society for the United Nations said in a recent statement. It noted that Parkinson's disease "has been unable to halt him in his commitment to society."

Previous winners of the medal, named for the Nobel Prize-winning chemist, include Mikhail Gorbachev, Simon Wiesenthal and Yehudi Menuhin.

DAKAR, Senegal — Youssou N'Dour added his voice to the fight against malaria, taking the stage in Senegal to help boost awareness of the leading killer of the continent's children.

The U.N.-backed Africa Live/Roll Back Malaria

show was organized to spread the word about a malady that kills an African child every 30 seconds. The two-day festival ended Sunday.

"Here, through music, we can speak to the local population about malaria prevention, while telling the outside world that we need more money, more medicine, more mosquito nets," said N'Dour, a UNICEF goodwill ambassador.

The United Nations estimates the world sees between 300 and 500 million clinical cases of malaria each year.

Late Saturday night, Rokia Traore and Salif Keita wowed a 10,000-plus crowd at a soccer stadium in Senegal's capital, Dakar, with the scaling string-and-drum rhythms of their desert homeland, Mali. N'Dour, a Senegalese favorite son who won a 2005 world music Grammy for his album "Egypt," took the stage early Sunday.

LONDON — Quentin Tarantino, director of cult moves "Pulp Fiction" and "Reservoir Dogs," was named Film Icon of the Decade at an awards ceremony in London.

Tarantino was among a cast of Hollywood and British movie talent recognized Sunday during the Empire Awards, which were voted for by more than 12,000 readers of Empire Magazine.

Accepting his award, the 41-year-old announced plans to retire from movie directing in 15 years to become a theater manager.

"The fact that England has embraced me as one of its own is really cool," Tarantino said. "I hope to give you at least 15 more years of movies, I'm not going to be this old guy that keeps cranking them out."

"My plan is to have a theater by that time in some small town and I will be the manager — this crazy old movie guy."

"I've made enough money that nobody even needs to show up at the theater. It's just having something to do."

Other award recipients included Matt Damon, who was voted Best Actor for his role in "The Bourne Supremacy." The action thriller also was named Best Film.

Julie Delpy was awarded Best Actress for "Before Sunset," Kate Winslet's performance in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" won her the Best British Actress Award.

Best British Actor went to Paddy Considine for his role in "Dead Man's Shoes."

Supermodel Claudia Schiffer collected the Best British Director award on behalf of her husband Matthew Vaughn, who directed the British gangster film "Layer Cake."

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Warren Beatty, an actor who has been politically active for four decades, has some words of advice for fellow film star and now Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Schwarzenegger should raise taxes on the California rich and "terminate" his fund-raising and dinners with "the brokers of Wall Street" and the "lobbyists of K Street," Beatty said.

Receiving a political award Friday night, the actor who played Sen. Jay Billington Bulworth in the 1998 movie, "Bulworth," said: "Arnold. Be the action hero I know you can be. Be strong. Stand up and confront the wealthiest 1 percent of Californians who have benefited \$12 billion a year from the Bush tax cuts."

Beatty received the third annual Phillip Burton public service award Friday from the Santa Monica-based Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights for a lifetime of political work.

Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Vince Sollitto replied Saturday: "Tax and spend rhetoric aside, California needs budget reform because it's not a revenue problem, but a spending problem."



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