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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

The Perfectly Equal Society: In January, Canada's human rights commission was authorized by the Supreme Court to resume consideration of a union's claim that Air Canada's flight attendants (who are mostly women) are just as valuable, and therefore should be paid the same, as its pilots and mechanics (mostly men). Also in January, Doug Anglin, 17, filed a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Education against Milton (Mass.) High School, which he said discriminates against boys by giving better grades to students who "sit down, follow orders, and listen to what (teachers and administrators) say." "Men," Anglin told a Boston Globe reporter, "naturally rebel against this."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 80th day of 2006.
There are 285 days left in the year.

Two hundred years ago, on March 21, 1806, Mexican statesman Benito Juarez was born in Oaxaca. In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Entre los individuos como entre las naciones, el respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz."
(Among individuals, as among nations, peace is the respect of others' rights.)

BENITO JUAREZ
MEXICAN STATESMAN

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Yoga models strike a pose as they work through a synchronized routine in their new spring workout wear from Adidas, designed by Stella McCartney. The demonstration served as a promotion for the Adidas sportswear store on Third Street Promenade.

Honda hustle case is settled

BY RYAN HYATT

Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN LA — The six former employees accused of fraud for allegedly bilking thousands of dollars from car buyers at Honda of Santa Monica have pleaded "no contest" in a settlement agreement in which their charges have been reduced from felonies to misdemeanors.

Ali Asghar Hussain, Hamid Reza Khaki, Yaprem Zohrab Yarialian, Ahtamet Uersunthornwattana, Yaser Alkasem and Thomas Holterhoff all faced felony counts related to the overcharging of customers at the Honda dealership at 1720 Santa Monica Blvd., according to the District Attorney's office.

The alleged scam primarily involved finance managers tacking on charges of "theft etch" to customers' contracts without their knowledge. Theft etch marks a vehicle's parts with traceable numbers in the event of a theft.

According to the felony complaint, 33 customers were bilked out

of nearly \$30,000 between 2001 and 2002, when all of the defendants worked in the finance and sales departments at the dealership.

Under the terms of the settlement, multiple felony counts of grand theft that defendants originally faced have been reduced to misdemeanors for negligence, according to the DA's Office. Each of the defendants will be required to pay nearly \$10,000 in fines. They will also be on unsupervised probation for the next three years. In addition, the Department of Motor Vehicles will have the option of revoking the defendants' dealership business licenses, according to Deputy District Attorney Jeff McGrath, a prosecutor in the case.

A preliminary hearing began on March 13 in which Superior Court Judge Michael E. Pastor would have determined if there's sufficient evidence for the case to warrant a jury trial. However, Monday's settlement means there will be no trial, which was expected.

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Woman sinks teeth into another century

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SECOND STREET — She turned 100 years old last Thursday, and while her friends felt the need to remind Frances Keto how lucky she was to still have her health, Keto said she's grateful just to have all her own teeth.

"See, they're all mine," she said with pride, opening her mouth wide to show off her not-so pearly whites to those seated beside her in the lobby of the Pacific Gardens retirement home where Keto spends her days chatting with friends, playing cards and exercising. "When you get to be my age, they usually don't last that long."

Keto said she owes it all to her mother, who lost her teeth at an early age. "She kept telling me, 'You don't want yours to look like this do you,' and she'd pull out her

teeth and smile at me," Keto said. "It kind of scared me straight."

While there are those who view hitting the century mark as some sort of milestone, Keto doesn't.

"It's just another day," she said. "I don't want people to make a big

fuss, but I'm sure they will."

Keto grew up in a small town outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, known as Homestead, where she lived with her mother and

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Frances Keto leans in to blow out her birthday candles while her great, great neice, Devon Jackson, 7, and nephew, Connor Jackson, 4, look on. Keto celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday at Pacific Gardens Assisted Living Community.

Faulty rod may have felled plane

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

GLENDALE, Calif. — A faulty engine rod may be to blame for the plane crash that killed former "Press Your Luck" game show host Peter Tomarken and his wife, according to a preliminary crash report released over the weekend.

The National Transportation Safety Board, which investigates crashes, said in the report that the engine case of the Beechcraft Bonanza flown by the Tomarkens had a hole that was about eight

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★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Pressure builds because others expect more than you might be willing to deliver. You might want to think before you leap or say some very harsh words. The fiery Ram can sometimes jump the gun. Think "long-term." Tonight: First, listen to a favorite piece of music.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Don't get Bullish and overspend. You might want to act up in reaction to a frustrating interaction; you would be well advised not to. Understand that what others want might not be what you want. Negotiate a middle point. Tonight: Easy does it.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You could be a lot more fiery and difficult to deal with than you realize. You might have difficulty seeing someone from a different perspective. Your ability to read between the lines and get past tried-and-true thinking marks your decisions. Tonight: Easy does it.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Focus on one issue at a time if you don't want to encounter frustration and difficulty. You could see a situation a lot differently if you relax and don't replay a conversation over and over in your head. Tonight: Put your feet up.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be running left and right today. If you take your time, you might see a situation a lot differently. Tap into another resource if you hit a wall. Someone might be obstinate for no apparent reason. Tonight: Be the frisky Lion.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Working with one other person could be challenging, but ultimately paves the way to success, no matter which realm of your life you are dealing with. You could be confused by a domestic matter. Tonight: Relax.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Sometimes you have difficulty coming up with solutions, but not right now. You will struggle to get an answer or to have something happen the way it should. Alone, your willingness to take a stand separates you from the majority. Tonight: Chat up a storm.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Expenses could be outrageous if you are not careful. Think positively about what you need to do to make a situation work. A partner is certainly on the warpath. You might want to step back. Tonight: Togetherness works.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You don't have to absorb what someone else says. You do need to think through another's opinions, as there might be some truth to his or her comments. Be sensitive to your sixth sense. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might have more energy than you know what to do with. Sometimes you exaggerate a situation or get carried away. Know when you need to put a halt to spending. You could easily go overboard and not realize it. Tonight: Schedule some time just for the Goat.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your creativity fills in the holes of a plan like cement. Others might be as delighted by the end results as you are. You have the ability to hit a home run. You might want to rethink a personal issue. Tonight: Listen to feedback.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be hard-pressed to produce to the max. Others might be a bit touchy perhaps even your cat is feisty. Focus on what must be done. Consider your options carefully rather than make any commitments. Tonight: Out and about.



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Picturing how Venice looked back in the day

By Daily Press staff

It's a blast from the past at the Venice Library, where the Venice Historical Society has a new exhibit.

The historic, ongoing exhibit features oversized photographs of old Venice, including: a scene from the Colonnades on Windward Avenue, ca 1906; a typical Venice beach scene from the early 1900s; kids fishing from the canals in the 20s, before they were filled in; a flooded Venice Boulevard in the 20s; and various Venice Canal scenes when Venice was only a few years old.

Take a huge, historic step back in time. All photographs are courtesy of the Venice Historical Society. For information, call (310) 967-5170 or e-mail info@veniceofamerica.org.

The Venice Library is located at 501 South Venice Blvd.

You go, girlfriend: Latina Youth Conference on tap

By Daily Press staff

In celebration of Women's History Month, Santa Monica College is pleased to announce that it will sponsor the 17th annual Latina Youth Conference on Saturday, March 25. The conference is currently accepting registrations.

The daylong event — designed to help young women build strong foundations for future achievements — will be held at SMC and at John Adams Middle School Auditorium, located across the street from the college at 16th and Pearl streets.

The conference is open to young women in grades 6 through 12, as well as their parents. Slated for the day will be workshops, Career & College Expo, peer panel discussions, keynote speakers, food and entertainment.

At the expo, attendees will have the opportunity to speak to representatives from several colleges and universities — including UCLA, Loyola Marymount University, SMC and more — as well as to Latinas in a wide variety of professions.

The Latina Youth Conference — which is free — attracts as many as 600 attendees each year.

The keynote speaker is former Los Angeles Unified School District Trustee Victoria Castro, who has had a long and distinguished career in education. When first elected in 1993, she was the only Latina on the school board of what is the second largest school district in the nation. She is also professor emeritus of Chicano Studies at California State University at Los Angeles.

The event co-sponsors, some of whom have also made in-kind donations, of the event are America's Cup Espresso Bar, crdzines (a Santa Monica interior design firm), Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski, Pico Youth and Family Center, St. Anne's and St. Monica's churches in Santa Monica, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and Pacific Properties.

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BEAR MOUNTAIN

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CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 96" - 120"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed, Variable				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 48"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 26/28
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 48"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 41	LIFTS OPEN 9/16
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Wet				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 4"	BASE DEPTH 24" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 4/4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 2"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 14/14
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 4"	BASE DEPTH 48" - 60"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 5/11
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 53°

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SWELL FORECAST (1-2 FT)

Today will likely start out quite small. We do have a storm passing through the region on Tuesday and rain is expected. As this storm swings through the waters, some swell will increase, but the bulk of this system is not due until Wednesday.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

NW hits NCal Today, SoCal Wednesday...

Small NW by week's end...

Rain in the forecast...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

	MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:13AM	1.3FT	2:47PM	0.2FT	
HIGH TIDE	8:12AM	5.2FT	9:03PM	4.4FT	
	TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:43AM	0.9FT	3:06PM	0.0FT	
HIGH TIDE	8:52AM	5.1FT	9:20PM	4.6FT	
	WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:13AM	0.7FT	3:30PM	0.3FT	
HIGH TIDE	9:13AM	5.0FT	9:38PM	4.8FT	
	THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:46AM	0.6FT	3:49PM	0.6FT	
HIGH TIDE	9:47AM	4.5FT	9:57PM	4.9FT	
	FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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The new film "Thank You for Smoking" makes light of much of the nation's demonization of smoking, as well as smokers. Here in Santa Monica, anti-smoking laws have already been passed in efforts to rid the beaches and parks of smoke.

The discussion proves timely for Californians, as this week also marked the premier of the City of Calabasas' new ban of smoking "everywhere ... except as otherwise provided" — the first such wide-sweeping provision in the country. The laws restrict smokers to their homes, balconies and scant designated areas in and around the city.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: **Has Santa Monica gone far enough to protect citizens from secondhand smoke, or has it already gone too far?**

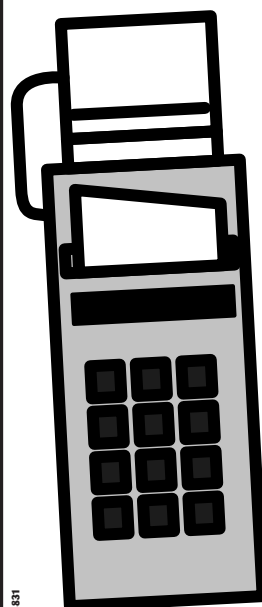
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forget the homeless, focus on commuters

Editor:
I know many elderly SM residents are concerned about the “homelessness problem,” and since they don’t have too much else to do with their spare time, they write letters to the SMDP to complain about it instead of running for a seat on the council like they should. I mean, hey, if there was a true consensus amongst residents on this issue, surely someone would step up to the plate, and get elected campaigning on a callous platform such as anti-homelessness that is contrary to Good Samaritanism.

I read one letter written by a man who felt that his tax dollars shouldn’t go towards helping provide a service for these people because “they made bad choices in their life.” What about women that are survivors of domestic violence that had to flee abusive husbands? They may have otherwise been killed by their spouses, so is it really their fault that they had to choose a homeless life over abuse in a private residence? What about veterans that fought overseas to protect our rights to complain about homeless people that could never get their feet on the ground after returning from defending our constitutional rights? Are we to brush them off? Should we punish them because they decided to enlist? I think not.

The real reason I am writing this letter is because of the terrible driving habits of many people in and around Santa Monica. I work at the UCLA Orthopedic Hospital, and I swear to God, I’ve almost been killed several times crossing the street by drivers doing 45 mph in a hospital zone. I have several co-workers that share my sentiments. I even saw a small child crossing the street almost get hit by a SUV on Monday. Personally, I don’t mind giving change to person with no home, or putting some of my tax dollars towards homelessness, but what I do mind is almost getting struck by a truck when I’m legally crossing the street in a crosswalk. Especially in and around 14th through 16th streets on Wilshire.

It’s a known fact that elderly people have diminished driving abilities, and to back up my claim, I cite the incident at the Promenade that recently took place, as well as the incident that happened a few years ago at 15th and Wilshire in which a high school student was killed by an elderly driver while she legally crossed at the crosswalk. I say stop worrying about the homeless because they kill far less than the poor drivers in this great city.

Kevin Gilliland
Santa Monica

We’re gonna rock down to electric avenue

Editor:
It is definitely time to rethink how we approach the transport issues for our downtown area. The price of gasoline continues to change rapidly and there are strong indications this will continue. Why else would a conservative oil man president be talking about our oil addiction as a threat to our economy and our national security?

Relieving parking demands only makes sense when we also relieve the congestion that goes with it. That means getting more people to their desired destination without using cars. We would be better served to spend the cities resources to favor people using smaller vehicles like bicycles, motor scooters and mobility scooters. Locals can use these to get to downtown without having to use their cars. These vehicles require from one-tenth to one-fourth the parking resources and use less imported oil.

I drive an electric motor scooter and never have problems parking and it is usually less than a half a block from my destination. Not only that, but the roads are never so congested that I cannot move easily and quickly around town.

In addition, we can improve public transport so that the people who work in downtown can get there quickly and easily without needing a car. As a local businessperson who has to keep workers on the job from up to 30 miles away, I see how difficult that is becoming. Entry-level workers are hard-pressed to afford the fuel for their commute and they certainly cannot afford to move to this part of town. That problem will only get more pronounced as we compete for limited oil supplies with countries like India and China.

There is a group of people in town that is working through the Sustainable Transport Club to make these kinds of solutions a reality. It will take lots of us to get this new approach to work so feel free to contact us at www.sustainabletransportclub.com or ride your bicycle down to see us at the Earth Day event in downtown on April 15.

In the meantime it is good to know that Councilmember (Kevin) McKeown and the Daily Press are bringing this issue out for debate. We can no longer accept gasoline-powered cars as the only, or even the best, transport solution.

Russell Sydney
Santa Monica

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Note to self: Working on own has its rewards



WHAT’S
THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISARRA

Spring is here and a young man’s fancy turns to quitting his job and being his own boss. For the young ladies, they dream of quitting their jobs and having more time on their hands ... so they want to quit and be their own boss also.

This time of year breeds an urgency in one to get out of the office, to begin to play in the sand, to find a summer lover and enjoy the warm days ahead with a sandwich from Bay Cities on the beach.

As we head out to meet our CPAs and tax lawyers, we realize that we made a lot of money last year, that Uncle Sam is taking a huge chunk of it and that we don’t have the time to enjoy the money that we do get to keep.

The flowering of spring, the turning of the seasons motivates most of us to renew those January resolutions to lose weight, clean out the storage unit that we’ve been paying on for a year and haven’t visited once since we put that junk in there, and to take a look at our life and re-evaluate where we are professionally.

For the majority of us, spring and summer means bathing suits, barbecues and romance. That sense of vulnerability while strolling half-naked is soon to be upon us, and but for those so blessed as to be blissfully unaware of how they look in a bathing suit, there is a little voice in our heads that says, time to lose some weight, pick up a dumbbell (not a date, a dumbbell!) and tone up.

With this thought of renewal and fresh starts, comes the desire to clean up our personal lives. For some of us that means finally dumping that loser boyfriend, throwing in the towel on the marriage that was over two years ago, or quitting that dead-end job.

Some people choose to review their professional lives and see if there is room for improvement. This is the time when many are looking at their work and wanting to start a new business.

It is at this point that I get phone calls from people wanting to start a corporation, open a restaurant or quit their jobs and do what they are now doing, but for themselves. Invariably, I ask what the motivation for this sudden life-changing event is, and a surprisingly large number of times I get the response of “I want more time for me and my family.”

The false impression that being one’s own boss is a life of fishing and playing with the kids is singularly the most damaging lie that Madison Avenue has ever sold to the American public.

I know that the multi-level marketing companies like Amway and Avon paint the scenario to the frustrated worker that they can work from home and make \$10,000 a month working part time. I’ve seen the

franchisors’ pitches that buying a franchise from “Billy Joe’s Carpet Cleaners” is a “sure-fire” way to retire in 5 years.

The companies are relying on an age-old trick of comparing apples to staplers. The pitch starts out like this, “Wouldn’t it be great to retire in 10 years?” “Can you imagine how rich you’d be if you bought one of the first McDonald’s franchises?” That’s the bait. Dreams of riches and relaxation, as your business operates making you money. The hook is the McDonald’s franchise connection.

Everyone would like to own a McDonald’s. They print money. Problem is, they didn’t always. In the beginning, they were a risky idea, full of new markets and no history. Ray Kroc was able to convince people to invest in his company on a wing and a dream.

For most of those who invested in the beginning, they made millions. They put in large sums of money up front, worked twice as long and hard as they ever did before, and somewhere down the line they were able to retire and relax.

But that’s the problem that a frustrated, spring fever sufferer, wont see. They won’t see the 80-hour work weeks, the waking up in the middle of the night wondering how they are going to make payroll tomorrow.

A frustrated employee who dreams of beach days, fishing trips and drinks with little umbrellas in them doesn’t see the effort that the owner of a business puts in to make it a success.

That’s the downside of being your own boss. The good side, as I was reminded of while speaking with a neighbor business owner, is that being your own boss gets in your blood and you find it impossible to work for others.

I understand and relate to the desire to be my own boss. I started two companies for just that purpose. I still have the last note my last official boss wrote me framed in my office. My assistant and I had just made the company an extra \$10 million, so we went out to celebrate, and for her one-year anniversary with the company. The note reads, “David, What did you and C*** have for lunch that cost \$151.25 for 2 people? This is a bit excessive and please use better judgment next time. If you do have any doubt what you should spend please ask. For a 1-year anniversary, lunch for 2 you should of [sic] spent no more than \$60.”

My resignation was on her desk the next week.

It’s hard to be your own boss, and as someone who has other people relying on him so they can make their mortgage payments, pay their babysitter, and put food on the table, it never gets easy, but you do get to avoid demeaning notes from your boss.

(David Pizarra is a business development lawyer in the Santa Monica firm of Pizarra & Grist. He welcomes your questions and comments. He can be reached at dpizarra@pizarra.com or 310/664-9969.)



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COMMENTARY



Growing up is taxing for the young at heart



ANY DAY IN LA

BY HEIDI MANTEUFFEL

Just because my taxes tell me I'm a grown-up doesn't mean I feel like one.

While I marked myself as an independent for the 2005 tax year, my fuzzy frog flippers and pink pajama pants reveal me as otherwise.

This year, I did the horrid, unthinkable thing you don't foist upon your worst enemy. I willingly volunteered to complete my own taxes.

I know, I'm seeing a psychologist about this (not to mention my addiction to snorting Scotch Guard without taking the cap off) later this week.

I ignored the valuable resource of my Dad being a former certified CPA, and said thank you very much I can do this on my own.

So I went right out to Best Buy and bought Turbo Tax.

I felt like a proud two-year-old who finally gained control of their bodily functions. As the old Huggies commercial commentary goes, "Mommy wow! I'm a big kid now."

But as you find after playing years of school and office, which I was never was fond of to begin with, being a grown-up isn't as great as I thought. For one, you have to take a good hard look at how your wages match up with your spending.

And let's face it, the fantasy is always better than the reality when spending habits are concerned.

You also lose that warm, humanitarian feeling about yourself when you see how little your donations went outside the

TCBY yogurt fund. Too bad you can't write that off. Mmm ... malted chocolate deductions, with a scoop of chocolate sprinkles, please.

I gotta tell ya, though, I was feeling beyond my years as I poured over my past bank statements, enjoying a good bowl of Lucky Charms with SpongeBob on in the background.

Then 9 a.m. turned to 10, and 10 and to 12, and I realized that this grown-up tax thing was getting old. It was sunny and 70 degrees out. The beach with its clear blue horizon was beckoning my call.

The question arose through the marshmallow milky remains of the cereal bowl — do I push forward with overwhelmingly boring taxes to prove I have arrived to adult society, or do I shrug off my responsibilities like a normal child and ask for some money to get a soda?

That's when I told my Dad to keep up the good work he had been doing with my taxes all these years.

I threw in my independence, packed my rollerblades and headed for the beach.

Sure, it might be a step back for me as a free colony. But I don't mind Britain's reign if Britain does my taxes for me.

I'm sure one of these days I will actually complete my own tax return from start to finish. But until then I will eat my Happy Meal with the Mattel car prize at the kiddie table while the grown-ups talk about grown-up things — like good scrubbing brushes, and the best chiropractor in town and the sale they got on forest green towels at Target when they purchased the 24-pack of toilet paper.

Hmm, maybe I'll take a rain check on that ride.

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Honda six fined \$10K apiece for scam

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ed to last at least a month, according to the DA's Office.

More than \$500,000 of theft etch was sold at Honda of Santa Monica by its six fired employees, according to the DA's office. Under a recent civil settlement, an estimated 1,500 customers who were ripped off can expect to be reimbursed in coming months by Sonic Automotive, Inc., the parent company of Honda of Santa Monica.

Settlement of the civil complaint, which was signed by a judge on Feb. 8, is separate from the criminal case against the six defendants. However, the fact victims will receive restitution and that defendants will likely lose their business licenses has led prosecutors to agree to a settlement of the case, under which they believe justice has been served.

"The victims have been provided restitution [in the civil settlement], and the [likelihood] that the defendants will not be able to sell cars in California, in addition to their monetary sanctions and loss, is sufficient," McGrath told the court on Monday.

Hussain, 37, who was director of finance at the dealership from December of 2000 to June 2002, pleaded "no

contest" to 13 misdemeanor counts.

Khaki, 38, who was finance manager from December 2000 to July 2002, pleaded "no contest" to six misdemeanor counts.

Uersunthornwattana, 44, who was finance manager from January 2001 to August 2001, pleaded "no contest" to three misdemeanor counts.

Yaralian, 39, pleaded "no contest" to three misdemeanor counts.

Alkasem, 43, also named as a coconspirator, is expected to plead "no contest" to one misdemeanor count on April 24, according to the DA's Office.

Holterhoff, 63, former general manager, is expected to plead "no contest" to one misdemeanor count on April 24, according to the DA's Office.

Violation of probation, including any other misdemeanor arrests, may cause defendants to be subject to spend six months in county jail for each misdemeanor count to which they have pleaded.

Those defendants who were unable to pay their fines on Monday have been asked to return to court at 8:30 a.m. on March 16, 2007 for an update on the status of their payments. Judge Pastor, presiding over Monday's

settlement, said he expects there to be "substantial" progress on the payments by then.

"The bottom line is, the more you've paid by the time we meet [again], the better it is for you," Pastor told defendants on Monday.

Gary Lincenberg, an attorney representing Khaki in the case, has said since the beginning of the preliminary hearing that defendants weren't guilty of grand theft and other felonies the DA's Office originally accused them of committing. He believed the defendants' behavior was grounds for misdemeanors at most.

Lincenberg explained to the court last week that Honda of Santa Monica may have had some internal accounting practices in place by which some portion of car sales were shared between the sales and finance departments, perhaps to assist with employee commissions.

Lincenberg said the result of this form of accounting would be similar to adding a CD player to a customer's vehicle, while not charging the customer extra for it.

"Customers didn't pay penny more than what they agreed to," Lincenberg said. "I'm glad the prosecutors didn't close their eyes to the evidence, and were open enough to reach a reasonable settlement of the matter."



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Mechanics call plane engine's failure rare

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inches across and six inches wide and stretched between two cylinders. A 2.5-inch piece of a connecting rod from the engine's crankshaft was loose within the engine, fractured at one end and twisted.

Aviation experts said the loss of an engine rod would lead to complete engine failure.

The plane crashed in the Santa Monica Bay about 2.5 miles south of the pier at 9:50 a.m. on March 13, shortly after taking off from the Santa Monica Municipal Airport. Tomarken reported engine trouble after being in the air just two minutes and was attempting to glide back to the airport without power.

Tomarken, 63, and his wife Kathleen, 41, were on their way to San Diego to pick up a cancer patient scheduled for treatment at UCLA Medical Center as part of Project Angel Flight, a non-profit comprised of pilots who offer free flights to those seeking emergency medical treatment.

Witnesses of the crash reported seeing the plane flying about 400 feet above the water, descending rapidly at a 30- to 40-degree angle. The aircraft hit the water at a high rate of speed, creating a large splash. It rested on top of the water for roughly 30 seconds before sinking rapidly.

Tomarken and his wife were pulled from the wreckage and

taken by boat to a sheriff's station in Marina del Rey, where they were pronounced dead.

According to the Los Angeles County Coroner, the Tomarkens suffered severe blunt trauma when they hit the water, and died as a result of drowning. They were most likely knocked unconscious when their plane hit the water at about 100 mph, coroner's officials said.

The six-seat aircraft was equipped with lap belts, but no shoulder harnesses were installed, the crash report stated.

Mechanics who work on Beechcraft Bonanzas said the structural failure found in Tomarken's plane was very rare and nearly undetectable during routine maintenance. The rod could have been removed during engine repairs and never reconnected properly, mechanics said.

The plane was salvaged from under 20 feet of water and the wreckage examined March 15 by an NTSB investigator, three Federal Aviation Administration inspectors and representatives from Raytheon Aircraft Company and Teledyne Continental Motors, which manufactured the plane and its engine.

Tomarken hosted the television show "Press Your Luck" in the mid-1980s. He also hosted a series of other game shows, including "Decades," "Wipeout" and "Bargain Hunters."



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Different viewpoints



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Justin Armstrong, 30, accompanied by his 5-year-old Black Lab, named Blue, meditates at Santa Monica Beach over the weekend. Armstrong and Blue recently completed a six-month, 2,200-mile hike through the Appalachian Trail. You can read about their adventure at <http://hikingnews.blogspot.com/>.

Centenarian gets her kicks

BIRTHDAY GIRL, from page 1

father, a steel worker, and her four brothers and sisters.

"I had a good childhood," she recalled. "We lived in a nice town for families. My father always worked, even during the Great Depression. I had a hard time believing there was one because my father always had a job. Nothing changed in our house during that time, which made me wonder why so many men couldn't find work. I guess it wasn't that easy."

After graduating high school, and not having given much thought to a career, Keto said she was lucky enough to find her husband, Harry, a real estate agent. The two met at a nightclub when Harry asked her to dance.

"You never refused an offer to dance back in those days," she said. "(My husband) was very nice, a good dancer for one thing, and always had something interesting to say."

The two moved to Los Angeles shortly after getting married, and settled on the Westside, spending much of their free time in Santa Monica going to the beach — something which they had never seen in Pittsburgh — or to the local dance halls where they would see Lawrence Welk perform regularly.

Times were tough during World War II, Keto said, as her husband was drafted into the army and went to fight in Europe. Keto remembers being worried constantly about her husband, not knowing if he would live or die.

"It was horrible," she said. "There were people you knew, who lived right next door, who were dying or coming back with injury. It was awful."

Looking back, Keto said she sees many similarities between World War II and the war in Iraq, particularly the

large number of young men coming home with war wounds.

"Not any war is good," she said. "I just can't believe that we're fighting still. You would think they could find some other way. But that's life."

After the war, Keto got a job as a telephone switchboard operator, and eventually answered phones for comedienne Lucille Ball when "I Love Lucy" was in its prime. She looks back on those days fondly, and is never at a loss for words when it comes to describing her former boss, whom she said was the funniest woman to ever grace television.

"She was so nice," Keto said of Ball. "During rehearsals she would do something so funny and didn't even know it, and it would often be funnier than what was on the script. We'd all be there in the morning watching her read through her lines and she would say something and we would all start laughing. She'd ask us, 'What did I say?' We'd tell her and she would start cracking up too. She didn't have the least idea how funny she was. And that Desi (Arnaz, Ball's husband and co-star), he was a very nice, handsome man. We always had good conversations."

When Keto isn't busy with her exercises or chatting with friends, she likes to watch musicals on television and play Bingo. Of course, she never misses an episode of "I Love Lucy."

Keto, who can still kick her legs high into the air like a showgirl, said she has no idea why she has lived to be 100.

"I'm just lucky, I guess," she said. "I eat the same food everyone else eats. I play cards, exercise like they do. The only thing I can say is that if you find something you like, don't overdue it, because it will catch up to you in the end. And always keep laughing and keep smiling."

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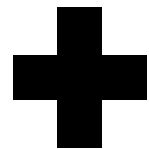
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DEAR DORIE

Chew on this: No need to rush solids

Dear Dorie,

Can you tell me your thoughts regarding the introduction of solid foods for a 4-month old?

-- Feeding Frenzy

Dear Feeding,

First and foremost, check with your pediatrician regarding the introduction of solid foods for your baby. There are a number of contributing factors for readiness and he/she will be able to advise you more thoroughly.

That said, current research indicates that the age for the introduction of solids can be anywhere from 4 months to 6 months or later, depending on the needs of the child.

If your infant is growing consistently and your breast- or bottle-feeding is sufficient, then my OPINION is, the later the better.

-- Dorie

(Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmud.org, or call (310) 452-6132; fax (310) 452-6392).



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GUEST COMMENTARY BY LINDA MILO

Fulfillment, the family plan

It doesn't matter what stage of life you are in, everyone has the same basic needs. These needs are physical, emotional, social, intellectual, spiritual and creative. When all of these needs are satisfied, you'll discover that your life is brimming with joy and good feelings. You'll find your self-esteem at its highest peak whenever you are fulfilled within your daily life and activities.

Physical Needs: These needs are the basics. The need for air, water, sleep, exercise, and sex.

Emotional Needs: This is the need for praise, love, trust, security, feeling OK inside, and self-fulfilled.

Social Needs: This is the need for companionship and friendship. This is usually gained from a peer group.

Intellectual Needs: This is the need for challenging thoughts, reading, learning something new, and mind stimulation.

Spiritual Needs: This is the quiet need inside that wants to know and believe in a higher spiritual power than ourselves. This need increases our awareness and sensitivity to the greater aspects of life.

Creative Needs: This is the need to express yourself in any manner you desire. This can include the arts, dancing, acting, and writing — almost anything that allows you to feel imaginative and inspired.

All of the above needs are usually a part of every human's life. All of us want to have these needs met in life. Having these needs met increases our enjoyment of living and creates a healthy body and soul. So how do parents fulfill these needs in their growing children? Being empathetic to your child at all times creates a bond that nurtures the needs of your child. For example, whenever your child wants to create or make something, give him whatever will inspire him.

My children loved to create drawings on large pieces of paper. I helped them do this by supplying them with the all the paper, crayons, paint, brushes, etc., necessary

to stimulate their minds. Then I let them go to it! I then posted the artwork all around the house. As a parent, it was my goal to communicate with my child that I truly understood and valued his desires and feelings to be creative. I empowered my child to become all that he can be at that moment.

By empowering your child, you are allowing your child to take ownership of their feelings, take responsibility for their behavior, make decisions that help them grow, follow through with commitments and most importantly, to become aware of the needs and feelings of others. You are giving your child the chance to experience success and understand his own uniqueness. It's rewarding for a child, adolescent and adult to have recognition and respect. By empowering yourself, as well as your child, you are fostering basic needs that truly make you glow inside and out.

At different times in our lives, we are capable of doing certain things. Stay tuned to where your child's capabilities are during his childhood and supply the above needs according to his stage in life. In fact, developmental stages continue right into old age. When a child's needs are met, his discomforts and fears are quickly removed and he finds that his life is truly a safe and fun place to be. This feeling leads to a child that learns to trust his environment and each successive stage of development.

Know that meeting these needs in your child's life is not hard to do. Getting involved in your child's exploration of life doesn't take money, but thoughtfulness and time. Providing these needs throughout your child's lifetime allows your child to go through his stages of life with a healthy regard for himself and for society. It encourages your child's autonomy and capacity to do more with is his lifetime. Who can ask for more?

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Storytelling

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years. Current session thru April 11.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.

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

Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3, current session thru Apr. 4.

Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2., current session thru Apr. 4.

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

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

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

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 Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

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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)

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

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – Newborn group - call for time.

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

Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5. Current session Mar. 1 – Apr. 5.

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

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

Current session thru Mar. 29.

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

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

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

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

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YWCA – A Place for Parents

Toddler & Me Class - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. For toddlers. \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmchild.net for more info and session dates.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For ages 3 – 5 with parents. This theatrical adventure includes story time, theatre games, crafts, play building and lunch. Reservations required 24 hours in advance, \$19.50 includes lunch for child and lunch.

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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.

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The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981, drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Other

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

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621

Current session thru April 13 for:

Story Time for Twos – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

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

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.

Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m. Current session thru Mar. 30.

Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5.

Ongoing.

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

Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Currently on break, check back for next session dates.

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents

Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Breastfeeding Groups

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups

11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.

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.child-splayonline.net

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 Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736

or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.

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 – 12:30 – 1:55 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.

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., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.

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

826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info

@825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes

YWCA – Toddler & Me - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

Yoga & Exercise

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

1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santa-monica-yoga.com

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.

Other

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.

Precious Prints – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime

Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.

Lakeshore Learning Stores "Free Crafts for Kids" – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.

"A Faery Hunt" – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.

SUNDAY

Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd. Pony rides, live music, lots of vendors and great family socializing.

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

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

Picasso's Fair – 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Weekly community fair featuring local music and art. Call for admission pricing. 115 S. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga, 455-9977.

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
9:30 – 10:30 a.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. 393-2721for more info.

MONDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups

9:30 a.m. – for children born 1/04 – 9/04; call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

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

Baby Time – 9:30 a.m. Storytelling for babies up to age two. Followed by Family Connections. Joslyn Park Craft Room, 633 Kensington Rd.

Family Connections – 10:00 a.m. Learn about child development, family relationships and many other parenting topics from well-respected experts in fields related to early childhood development and growth. This series is presented FREE! by the SMMUSD's Infant and Family Support Program. This is a great chance for moms with young babies to socialize and meet other moms. For moms with babies up to age two. Come at 9:30 a.m. for Baby Time Storytelling. Joslyn Park Craft Room, 633 Kensington Rd.

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Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 pm, \$15

Yoga Garden, - Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yoga-gardenstudios.com

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

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Aging farmers leave uncertain legacy

BY TODD DVORAK

Associated Press Writer

BLUE GRASS, Iowa — Earl Martz winces at the idea that one day someone other than a Martz may work the farm his family has owned for generations.

Martz, 71, raised hogs, corn and soybeans on the same 160 acres his father bought in 1913. Two of his three sons now are working the land, but the future of the family farm seems uncertain.

Soaring land values and operating costs, competition from large-scale operations, tax hurdles and market forces have made it difficult for young families to take over for the nation's graying farmers.

"I really don't think my grandchildren will farm," said Martz, now a year into retirement. "We don't know what will happen to it, really, after our two sons are done farming here."

The questions facing the Martz family are familiar to many American farmers

and ranchers.

A 2002 survey by farm economists at Iowa State University found that nearly 25 percent of Iowa farmland owners are 75 or older. Another 24 percent are 65 to 74, and nearly 22 percent are 55 to 64.

The most recent census by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows a similar trend nationwide. Based on 2002 figures, the average age of America's estimated 2 million farmers is 55.3 years.

The next national agriculture census is scheduled for 2007, but economists say there is scant evidence to suggest the trend will reverse any time soon.

"The average age of the farmer is going up year after year after year," said Pat O'Brien, an economist with the American Farm Bureau. "And one result of that is that we're seeing right now more and more land being concentrated in the hands of older owners."

Mike Duffy, professor of farm economics at Iowa State University, says research

in Iowa shows an increase in land held by joint tenants and trusts — often by multiple heirs — as retirees turn the farm over to their children.

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PAT O'BRIEN
Economist

While some children choose to farm, many more have other careers. As a result, Duffy says, multiple-heir ownership has put more land in the hands of people who live away from the farm or out of state.

In 1982, 37 percent of Iowa farmland was owned by someone living off the farm. By 2002, that had risen to 45 percent, according to Duffy's research.

"What we anticipate seeing is more land being owned by more people who don't live in the state any more," Duffy said. "That just means more income leaves the state and the rural communities."

The trend also has contributed to rising land values and consolidation of land by bigger, established operators, officials say. While rising land prices benefit older farmers, many of whom rely on cash rent for retirement income, inflated prices are discouraging the hopes of the next gener-

ation of farmers.

"It doesn't take a very smart guy to realize the numbers are stacked against you," said Steven Houston Jr., a 31-year-old part-time farmer from Donaldsonville, Ga., in the state's southwest corner.

When he's not driving trucks to help pay the bills, Houston says he raises wheat, peanuts and cotton on 220 rented acres. But his dream is to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and farm full time.

"It's so hard to be able to afford extra land," said Houston, adding that his father recently sold some farmland for \$3,300 per acre.

"If your daddy isn't already an established, big farmer, where you can use the name to start up a partnership, you really don't have much of a chance these days," he said.

The federal government has programs designed to help a new generation of farmers buy or rent land, but critics say the federal farm payment system offsets the good intentions of future farming programs.

"The reality is that agricultural land, the value of it, the cost of it, has been artificially inflated by the unlimited farm payment system," said John Crabtree, spokesman of the Center for Rural Affairs, a private, nonprofit farm issues group based in Lyon, Neb.

"It's not that the younger generation doesn't want to farm," he said, "it's that we've created so many economic barriers for them to enter the field."

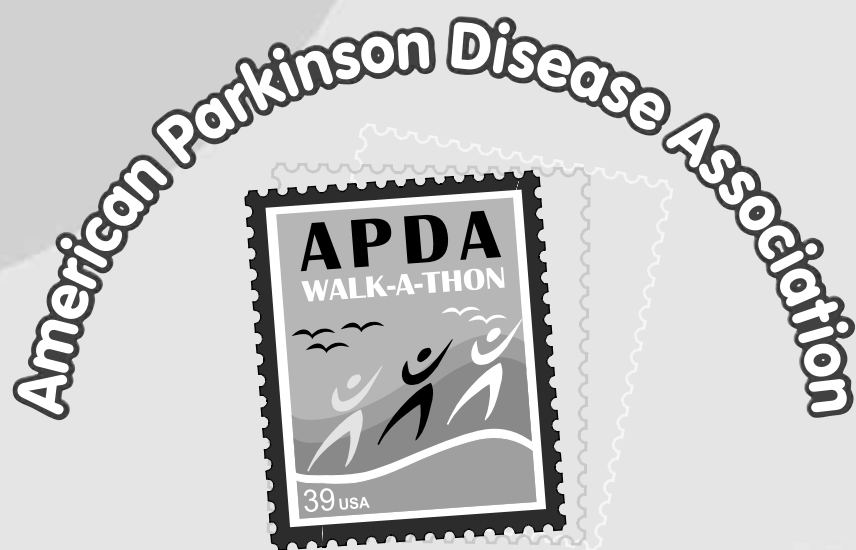
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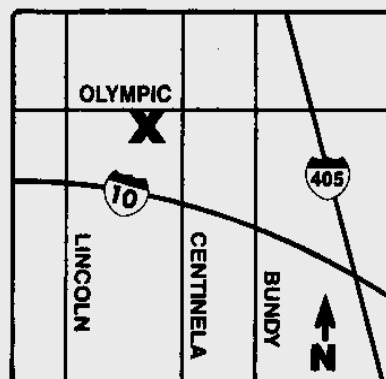
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

You’re tired! Trump’s wife gives birth

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump has a new apprentice.

Trump’s wife, Melania Knauss Trump, gave birth to a boy Monday, the billionaire developer announced.

“Everyone’s perfect,” Trump said in a telephone interview on MSNBC’s “Imus in the Morning,” about 20 minutes after the arrival of his fifth child.

The boy has been named Barron William Trump, said Knauss Trump’s spokeswoman, Courtney Houghton.

In a statement on her Web site, the new mom said the youngest Trump weighed in at 8 1/2 pounds and was 21 inches long.

“I continue to stay young, right? I produce children, I stay young,” said the 59-year-old Trump. The baby is Trump’s fifth child and his wife’s first.

Knauss Trump, 35, was in labor for eight hours, said Trump.

Trump also called in to “Live with Regis and Kelly” on Monday. Regis Philbin and his wife, Joy, were Trump’s guests at Florida club Mar-a-Lago on Saturday evening. They parted without realizing what was in store for Trump, who soon flew back to Melania in New York.

"When I left you, I had no news of this at all," Trump said, explaining the baby was over a week early.

The tycoon’s first wife, Ivana Trump, is the mother of Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric, who are all in their 20s. Preteen Tiffany is the daughter of Trump’s second wife, Marla Maples.

Calls to a Trump spokeswoman went unanswered Monday morning.

Knauss Trump is a Slovenian-born model who has appeared in numerous print ads and on the covers of Vogue and British GQ magazines. Trump’s reality show “The Apprentice,” is in its fifth cycle.

The couple married in January 2005.

NEW YORK — Ana Marie Cox is joining fellow cyber-celebrity Andrew Sullivan at Time magazine.

Cox, the creator of the popular political blog Wonkette and author of the Washington novel “Dog Days,” has signed up with the news magazine as a contributor, Time announced Sunday.

Cox will write a regular column for the magazine and a weekly column for the magazine’s Web site. Her first essay for the magazine is “Lobbyists in Love.”

In January, Sullivan moved his blog, The Daily Dish, to the magazine’s Web site. And last year, Dr. Andrew Weil began contributing regularly to the magazine and Web site.

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Dagmar Havlova, wife of a former Czech president, is to return to the stage this week in a critically acclaimed play by American author Israel Horovitz.

The former first lady, who turns 53 next week, will co-star with Petr Kostka in “Park Your Car in Harvard Yard” at the Vinohradske Theater in Prague beginning Friday.

“It is a beautiful play and it fills me with joy,” Havlova said.

Under her maiden name Dagmar Veskrnova, she made more than 50 movies and starred in countless TV shows and theater performances before she married Vaclav Havel in 1997 and retired from acting, devoting most of her time to charity.

Havel, 69, a dissident playwright, became president after the 1989 “Velvet Revolution” toppled the Communist regime in then Czechoslovakia. He retired from politics in 2003 after completing his second and final term as Czech president.

NEW DELHI — The son of the late Indian filmmaker Satyajit Ray is making a film marking 40 years since the creation of one of his father’s most famous characters.

Ray, who won an honorary Academy Award in 1991, wrote some 35 stories about Feluda. The first of the stories, which were extremely popular among Bengali-speaking Indians, came in 1966.

Ray’s son, Sandip, told the Times of India his new film is based on a story called “Tintoretto’s Jesus.”

Satyajit Ray died in 1992. Through Feluda’s adventures, its creator sought to depict the social changes and political upheavals of eastern India in the 1960s and 1970s.

Feluda is a detective hero, who shares much in common with the middle class men of 1960s in Calcutta, which fell to communists in the early 1970s amid growing unrest over poverty and unemployment.

A reflective Blake is eager to entertain

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

MALIBU, Calif. — A year after Robert Blake was acquitted in criminal court of killing his wife, the former tough guy actor spends his days exercising Arabian horses at a friend’s ranch above the Pacific Ocean and planning his acting comeback.

In November, a civil court jury found Blake liable for the death of his wife and ordered him to pay her family \$30 million.

Blake, 72, acknowledges the past 12 months have often been a time of despair. But the actor who played the hard-boiled cop in the 1970s TV show “Baretta” says he’s finally begun to emerge from that dark period, having concluded, “I want to live.”

“Yesterday was the one-year anniversary of my acquittal,” he told The Associated Press on Friday, the first interview he’s granted since his civil trial concluded four months ago.

“I’ve woken up some nights and wanted to drive till the car goes off a cliff,” he said. “And an hour later, poetry is coming to me. I want to go act. I want to go teach. I want to dance.

"I can be an actor no matter what happens," he continued. "I was in the middle of a job when my father committed suicide, and I went to work the next day."

A conversation with Blake is like riding an emotional roller coaster, as he goes from reflective and poetic one moment to a rant about reporters the next.

“You ask too many questions,” he barks at one point. “Don’t you know not to interrupt an actor when he’s on a roll?”

“I’m not on trial anymore,” he declares angrily at another point. “You’re dealing with Michael James Gubitosi now (his given name). ... I’m going to survive no matter what.”

He threatens to end the interview when a

question is asked about Rosie, the young daughter he had with his late wife, Bonny Lee Bakley. At another point, saying he wants to “sing a song to Rosie,” he launches into a melodic rendition of the pop song “You Are So Beautiful to Me.”

“I’d like to give my best performance,” he said. “I’d like to leave a legacy for Rosie about who I am. I’m not ready for a dog and fishing pole yet. I’d like to go to bed each night desperate to wake up each morning and create some magic.”

His conversation is peppered with references to his glory days as an actor, when he starred in such films as “Electra Glide in Blue” and “In Cold Blood,” playing a police officer in the former and a killer in the latter. He speaks of lessons learned from actors Spencer Tracy and Fred Astaire and “In Cold Blood” writer Truman Capote.

Blake met with the AP at a ranch where he said he is working as “a stable boy.” He said the owners, who are friends, allow him to exercise some of the horses at the site filled with the sounds of roosters crowing and horses whinnying.

Blake also spoke about filing for bankruptcy protection in the wake of his trials and railed against “the guys who wear the suits,” lawyers and accountants he said have profited from his case.

The only one for whom he had kind words was M. Gerald Schwartzbach, the criminal lawyer who won his acquittal.

“I love Gerry Schwartzbach,” he said. “He’s my friend and I’m his friend. He happens to have saved my life.”

Blake’s wife was found shot to death in the actor’s car in May 2001, outside a restaurant where the two had dined. He told police he had left her alone briefly while he retrieved a gun he carried for protection and had accidentally left behind in the restaurant.

A year after the killing, police arrested Blake for murder. He spent a year in jail

awaiting trial until he was released on bail and placed on electronic monitoring. After he was acquitted, Bakley’s family sued him in civil court.

Schwartzbach recently joined Blake’s civil lawyers in trying to get him a new trial in the wrongful death case. Blake is noncommittal about the effort saying, “It’s up to the judge,” but he is critical of the money he has spent fighting the allegation.

"When Bonny died, her estate was worth a half-million dollars, and in four or five years that half-million is gone," he said. "None of her four children have gotten any of that money."

Before the death of Bakley, Blake was a wealthy man who had invested money from his film and TV career in real estate. His worth at the time of her death had been estimated to be as much as \$4 million, but his financial records have been sealed and are now in the hands of bankruptcy court.

The properties have since been sold, with much of the money used for his legal defense.

Blake points out that he offered Bakley’s children a settlement of \$250,000 before the civil trial began and they rejected it.

“I offered them hard money, tax free. I said, ‘I don’t want to give it to the lawyers,’” Blake said.

Instead, the family took Blake to trial, and a jury awarded them \$30 million, a figure unlikely to be paid.

Blake said he’s broke and living on his Social Security and Screen Actors Guild pension. With his bankruptcy case pending, he said he needs permission to get a new car or search for a house with a yard.

He’s living in a small apartment now, a far cry from the homes he occupied when he was rich.

“I feel like I’m on location in a movie where you’re always walking down a long hallway,” he said. “I think, ‘Who do I screw to get out of this movie?’”

MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006

Broadway Loews Cineplex
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

Capote
2:00pm 4:45pm 7:30pm 10:15pm
The Hills Have Eyes
2:15pm 5:15pm 8pm 10:30pm
Find Me Guilty
1:45pm 4:30pm 7:15pm 10pm
Transamerica
1:00pm 4:05pm 7pm 9:45pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Aquamarine
11:10am 1:40pm 4:10pm 6:40pm
The Libertine
2:10pm 4:50pm 7:30pm 10:20pm
Munich
11:30am 9:10pm
The Pink Panther
3:00pm 5:20pm 7:40pm 9:50pm
The Libertine
2:20pm 5pm 7:40pm 10:20pm
She's the Man
11:20am 1:50pm 4:30pm 7:20 pm
10:00pm
V for Vendetta
11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 4:00pm
5:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm 10:10pm

AMC7 Santa Monica
1310 3rd Street
(310) 289-4262

Eight Below
1:40pm 4:20pm 7:10pm 9:50pm
16 Blocks
2:15pm 4:50pm 7:25pm 10:05pm
Date Movie
7:20pm 9:40pm
Dave Chappelle's Block Party
1:50pm 4:40pm 7:35pm 10:15pm
Failure to Launch
2:25pm 4:55pm 7:30pm 10pm
The Shaggy Dog
2pm 2:40pm 4:30pm 5:10pm 7pm
7:40pm 9:30pm 10:10pm
Curious George
2:30pm 5:00pm

Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 281-8228

Brokeback Mountain
12:15pm 3:45pm 7pm 10pm
Tsotsi
12pm 2:30pm 5pm 7:30pm 9:55pm

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre
1332 2nd Street
(310) 394-9741

Ask the Dust
1:20pm 4:10pm 7:10pm 9:55pm
CSA: The Confederate
State of America
1:00pm 3:20pm 5:40pm 8:00pm
10:15pm
Duck Season
1:00pm 3:15pm 5:30pm 7:45pm 10pm
Don't Come Knocking
1:40pm 4:20pm 7:00pm 9:40pm

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7:30 PM
Narrow Margin & Violent
Thursday, March 16
7:30 PM
Brick
Friday, March 17
7:30 PM
Boston Strangler &
10 Rillington Place
Saturday, March 18
7:30 PM
20,000 Leagues Under/Sea
Sunday, March 19
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Fantastic Voyage &
Soylent Green
Sunday, March 19
6:30 PM

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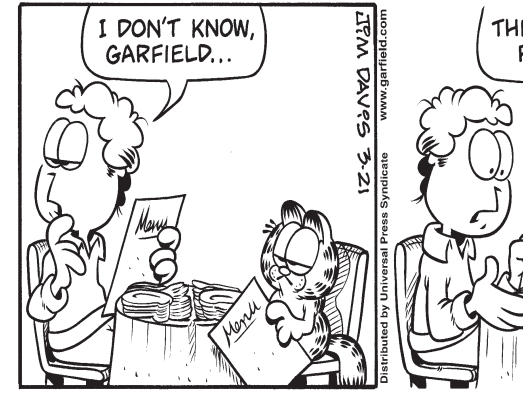
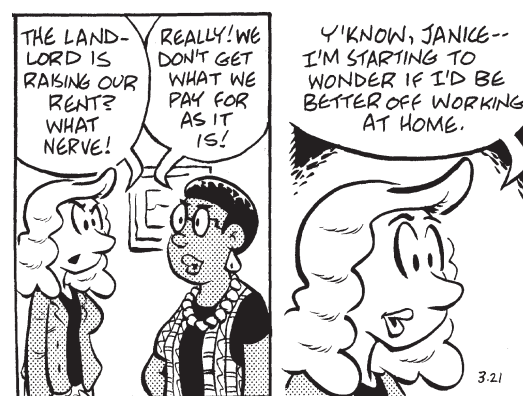


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