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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Prominent neuroscientist Louis A. Gottschalk, still professionally active at age 89, lost about \$3 million of his family trust over a 10-year period to Nigerian e-mail scammers, according to his son, who wants an Orange County, Calif., judge to remove his father as the estate's administrator. In fact, Dr. Gottschalk has continued to pay money on another scam because the new recipients are "different Nigerians," according to the son's description of a conversation with his father.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 103rd day of 2006.  
There are 262 days left in the year.

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)  
In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: all of them make me laugh."

W. H. AUDEN  
(1907 - 1973)

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# City wants more from developers

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Workers frame a new 170,000-square-foot, four-story, 133-unit housing and retail development on Main Street, the former site of the Pioneer Boulangerie Bakery. The City Council is considering legislation that would place a fee on developers to help fund public art and child care.

**CITY HALL** — Developers may have to hand over even more cash to City Hall if they want to build here.

In addition to affordable housing and water mitigation fees, developers of residential and commercial properties will have to pay additional taxes to fund early childhood education, child care and public art projects under two laws being drafted by city staff.

Following years of discussion and study, the City Council Tuesday voted unanimously in favor of establishing the fees to help offset the impacts new development has on the arts and early childhood development. City officials have established that both residential and commercial development attract more people to Santa Monica, which creates a greater need for services like child care.

Still, some City Council members suggested the fees will not deter developers or retailers from doing business in Santa Monica, as

See DEVELOPMENT, page 10



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

New talks aimed at mediating the ongoing strife between tenants of Lincoln Place Garden Apartments and the complex's owners begin today.

## Empty Garden: Talks resume for troubled Lincoln Place

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

**VENICE** — Current and former tenants of Lincoln Place Garden Apartments will enter into another round of mediation hearings today with the owners of the 38-acre site to see if the parties can reach an

agreement before a May deadline forces out remaining tenants.

The mediation will take place at Pepperdine University's West Los Angeles location and be facilitated by Peter Robinson, managing director of the Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution and associate professor of Law at Pepperdine,

who has already donated more than 15 hours of his time to convene the negotiation process.

The owners of Lincoln Place, Apartment Investment and Management Co. (AIMCO) — one of the largest real estate management companies in the country — have plans to redevelop the

property into condominiums and luxury apartments.

The management firm's efforts have been blocked by the Lincoln Place Tenants Association, which along with the Los Angeles Conservancy, is fighting AIMCO's redevelopment plans.

See LINCOLN PLACE, page 11

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# HOROSCOPES

## Out late tonight, Cap

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**JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS** The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:  
★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★ Your limits might be tested by those around you. You wonder what to do. If diplomacy doesn't work, try the word "no." Others have ways of testing your limits. Yes, you might feel like you need to leave town. Tonight: Enjoy the good people in your life.



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ You might be watching everything rapidly get out of control around you. Trying to rope in a situation or keep it from changing simply will not work. Go with the flow. Sooner than you think, you will know what to do. Tonight: Easy does it.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ You could be aghast at others' reactions, and for good reason. Please understand that you are not in the position to change anything, as much as you might like to. Don't channel your frustration into spending. Tonight: Fun and games.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★ Don't get dramatic about today's events, as tempting as it might be. You could feel much better if you simply relax and work through a problem. You will have the energy you need by tomorrow. Tonight: The less said, the better.



**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Everyone seems to be playing a game of tug o' war. Somehow, you seem to be the object of everyone's attention. Though as a Leo you like being on center stage, you might find today a bit much. Choose your words with care. Tonight: Retreat as soon as you can.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★ Holding on to your wallet or disciplining your spending could take all the control you have. Listen to someone you care about. You might not like what he or she says, but you need to hear it. Understand what is happening. Tonight: Your treat.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ The Full Moon points to you and how to get the job done. If you are open to positive change, you will see life far more differently. Your get-up-and-go will make a difference, though others will challenge you. Tonight: You are in power.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★ Listen to others with a touch of cynicism. Review a situation with an eye to changing what happens. News or information comes forward that encourages a new look. Revise your budget. Tonight: Listen well.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Others seem to be dislocated, in a sense, or wandering. Yet at the same time, they are demanding. Though you want to think about the total picture, you also need to honor your needs. Listen, but don't feel as if you have to fix a situation. Tonight: As always, happiest with your pals.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★ You might feel as if everyone wants a part of you. Knowing when to call a halt to this situation might be important. Yes, it is also quite possible that you will incur others' rancor or upset. No one likes it when a given vanishes. Tonight: Out late.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You could find that others act up in an extreme manner, forcing you to think. Consider your immediate crowd. Are they in harmony with who you are? Take a strong gander at what lies around you. You might opt for some changes. Tonight: Relax to good music.



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Working with others means being reliable and more steady. For a while now, you have done the unexpected and headed in new directions. Investigate options that could appear on the horizon. Assume responsibility for your behavior. Tonight: In a whirlwind.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Transportation solutions coming to town

By Daily Press staff

The latest transportation technology which may help reduce American dependence on imported oil will be featured on the Third Street Promenade from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at the Sustainable Transport Village, part of the LA Earth Day celebration.

The exhibit is being sponsored by the Sustainable Transport Club of Santa Monica and affiliated organizations.

“The transportation choices we make have a profound impact on our energy security,” said Councilmember Kevin McKeown. “The good news is that sustainable, affordable, energy-efficient transportation options are available.

“We just need to start using them.”

The exhibit will propose sustainable transportation solutions for situations that range from students traveling to UCLA and Santa Monica College; people who live and work on the westside; and people who commute to the westside.

Displays will include bio diesel vehicles, a RAV4 Electric SUV, a Gem Neighborhood Electric Vehicle, several electric motor scooters including the Electric Vehicle Technologies (EVT), electric bikes and skateboards and unique bicycles including commuter, load carrying and folding bikes.

This will be the LA debut of the German engineered electric motor scooter called the E-Max. It is possible there will also be a preview of the Vectrix, a full size, free-way legal electric motor scooter scheduled for release later this year.

SMC dance students to perform, lecture

By Daily Press staff

Fresh off a trip to New York and a national college competition, Santa Monica College dance students will soon present new work and talk about their experiences.

The event is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, at SMC’s gym, 1900 Pico Blvd.

Approximately 25 SMC dance students and their professor, Linda Gold, spent nearly a week at Montclair State University in New Jersey, just outside New York, competing in and taking classes at the American College Dance Festival, which draws mostly four-year universities.

In their free time, students visited dance studios and schools, including Alvin Ailey and New York University, and went to performances in nearby New York City.

Local legion celebrates 40th birthday

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica American Legion Post No. 123 recently celebrated its 40th birthday with a dinner for 70.

Mark Hasson, post commander, introduced Wayne Parrish, commander of the California American Legion, who addressed those in attendance.

Parrish commended Post No. 123 for 40 years of dedicated service. One of the projects the Legion had sponsored were Christmas gift boxes sent to overseas servicemen and women. Last year, 400 boxes were sent.

Bob Jacobs, chairman, is already soliciting donations for Christmas 2006.

Other projects mentioned were Christmas cards provided to hospitalized veterans and scholarships for the children of service personnel who have been killed on duty.

Parrish commended the post for its close working relationship with the Santa Monica Elks in support of the Veterans Administration Hospital, with their semi-annual book drives, clothing drives and barbecues.

Parrish said the American Legion accepted the offer of a legal foundation to provide pro bono services in the battle against the ACLU to retain the phrase “One Nation Under God” in the pledge of allegiance; “In God we Trust” on American currency; religious symbols in the military cemeteries; and to prevent desecration of the nation’s flag.

See BRIEFS, page 7

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

| CONDITIONS                                                       |                           |                                  |                  |                     | DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| BEAR MOUNTAIN                                                    |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                                          | BASE DEPTH<br>36" - 72"   | LIFT HOURS<br>8:00 am - 4:30 pm  | RUNS OPEN<br>27  | LIFTS OPEN<br>12/12 |                                |
| CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Spring, Variable       |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| JUNE MOUNTAIN                                                    |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 3"                                          | BASE DEPTH<br>144" - 168" | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 4:00 pm  | RUNS OPEN<br>50  | LIFTS OPEN<br>6/6   |                                |
| CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed               |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN                                                 |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 4"                                          | BASE DEPTH<br>216" - 240" | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 4:00 pm  | RUNS OPEN<br>100 | LIFTS OPEN<br>20/28 |                                |
| CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed               |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| MOUNTAIN HIGH                                                    |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                                          | BASE DEPTH<br>12" - 36"   | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 10:00 pm | RUNS OPEN<br>29  | LIFTS OPEN<br>8/16  |                                |
| CONDITIONS: Spring                                               |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| MT. BALDY                                                        |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                                          | BASE DEPTH<br>18" - 36"   | LIFT HOURS<br>8:00 am - 4:30 pm  | RUNS OPEN<br>26  | LIFTS OPEN<br>4/4   |                                |
| CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed, Spring |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| SNOW SUMMIT                                                      |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                                          | BASE DEPTH<br>36" - 72"   | LIFT HOURS<br>8:00 am - 4:30 pm  | RUNS OPEN<br>26  | LIFTS OPEN<br>10/14 |                                |
| CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Spring, Variable       |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| SNOW VALLEY                                                      |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |
| NEW SNOW<br>(24 Hrs) 0"                                          | BASE DEPTH<br>42" - 72"   | LIFT HOURS<br>8:30 am - 4:00 pm  | RUNS OPEN<br>24  | LIFTS OPEN<br>5/11  |                                |
| CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Spring, Frozen Granular             |                           |                                  |                  |                     |                                |

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

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SWELL FORECAST (3-9 FT)

Today the WNW bearing down on the coast should peak well before dawn, doing so as a potent rainmaker moves through the northern part of the state. We may get a little wet today, with Friday having a higher chance of precipitation.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Rain and wind issues in the forecast...

Tracking southern hemi swell 19th...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY

LOW TIDE

2:29AM

1.2FT

2:39PM

0.3FT

HIGH TIDE

8:21AM

4.6FT

8:57PM

4.7FT

TUESDAY

LOW TIDE

2:58AM

0.8FT

2:59PM

0.5FT

HIGH TIDE

8:55AM

4.5FT

9:13PM

5.0FT

WEDNESDAY

LOW TIDE

3:29AM

0.4FT

3:18PM

0.7FT

HIGH TIDE

9:29AM

4.4FT

9:31PM

5.2FT

THURSDAY

LOW TIDE

4:00AM

0.1FT

3:38PM

1.0FT

HIGH TIDE

10:04AM

4.2FT

9:51PM

5.4FT

FRIDAY

LOW TIDE

4:33AM

-0.1FT

3:57PM

1.4FT

HIGH TIDE

10:41AM

3.9FT

10:13PM

5.5FT

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Despite threats of a lawsuit, the Planning Commission has approved plans for the creation of a public beach club at the old Marion Davies estate. While the decision was warmly received by supporters of the project, a handful of neighbors near the property are demanding that certain conditions, such as 24-hour security and a new traffic signal at the club's proposed entrance, be put in place before the project moves forward.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: **“How should city officials weigh the opinions of residents in cases like this, in which the general public supports a project but a handful of residents closest to the issue does not?”**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer speaks out about Republican truths

**Editor:**  
In regards to the publication of the column (SMDP, April 8-9, page 5), it was an expression of my opinion. It was not my intention to plagiarize nor to take credit for another's copyrighted work. Rather, it was, and is, my desire to spurn public debate on important issues facing our community, our society and our country.

Jeffrey Sklar  
Santa Monica

A card carrying Republican responds

**Editor:**  
I am a Republican. A card carrying member of the Republican National Committee. I had to respond to your recent commentary (SMDP, April 8-9, page 5). To begin:  
1. I don't hate homosexuals. I do hate homosexuality. I also hate adultery, incest, rape and any other sexual sin. I hate sin. I don't hate sinners. I understand and I try to forgive. I don't hate the homeless. I've been homeless. I stayed sober, got into a shelter, got a job, got an apartment. I did it. It can be done. It's not easy. It's not that difficult either. I don't hate Hillary Clinton. I disagree with her on almost every issue. I don't think she is a good senator. I don't respect her.  
2. Saddam was never a "good guy." Reagan, Rumsfeld and Wolfowicz did not arm him. He already had plenty of arms. He was a member of the Communist Baath party, supported by the Soviet Union. At least until he gained power and turned on his former friends. He killed all his political rivals. Reagan saw him as an enemy of an enemy (Iran). Oh, and the Supreme Court ruling was simply that you cannot have manual recounts in a few counties — and not all counties — without violating the equal protection clause. Besides, Al Gore couldn't even win his home state of Tennessee.  
3. Trade with Cuba, China, Turkey, Vietnam, Mexico, Nigeria, Venezuela, Sudan, and any other nation should be decided by treaty. Violations of those treaties should be dealt with individually and appropriately.  
4. The UN is only effective when the U.S. is enforcing its resolutions and even then marginally. They have no checks and balances, no judiciary, no clue.  
5. Abortion is the legal premeditated intentional killing of an unborn human being. Personal drug use has killed Kurt Cobain, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Keith Moon, Elvis, John Belushi and thousands of others that never got their 15 minutes of fame.  
6. We can never thank our soldiers enough. They deserve more pay, more benefits and more respect. The generals should decide tour length.  
7. Condoms are sold in grocery stores, drug stores and discount stores, even 99 cent stores. If you bring condoms to the schools then tell them not to have sex is like bringing chocolate cake to a Weight Watchers meeting and telling them not to eat it.  
8. The only way to fight terrorism is to show the terrorists you are not afraid, but that you are angry. Then take the fight to them, capture them, and show them terrorism doesn't work here.  
9. America already has the best health care in the world. It's not cheap, but it's the best. If you want free health care, I suggest you enlist in the military or move to Canada. You will still have to pay extra for the best.  
10. Global warming might very well exist, but I don't see it. If it does exist, how do we know it's not because of overpopulation, or solar activity? The Kyoto Treaty guarantees nothing. It was a biased treaty that punishes America but allows other nations to continue to pollute. Tobacco is a carcinogen, but is no more deadly than trans fats, heart disease, and lack of exercise or illegal drugs. Evolution has not been proven. Those who "believe" in it may be right. They may be wrong. Creation has not been proven. Those who "believe" in it may be right. They may be wrong. Why not teach both?  
11. The federal government should limit itself to providing for the common defense (military), promoting the general welfare (making life better), and securing the blessings of liberty (guaranteeing certain rights), for ourselves (us), and our posterity (our unborn children).  
12. The public has the right to know the truth, not some disingenuous documentary filmmaker's opinion. If a senator, congressman, president, or anybody commits a crime, be it perjury, insider trading, sexual harassment, obstruction of justice, or bribery, they should be prosecuted.  
13. Being a drug addict is a moral failing. How you get those drugs may or may not be a crime. No one is above the law. It shouldn't matter if you are a radio talk show host or Oscar nominated actor. If you do the crime you should do the time.  
14. I support states rights, but I also support federal law. Federal law trumps local law. Medical marijuana is a joke. If you are terminally ill, do you really care about marijuana laws? If you are not terminally ill, you shouldn't be smoking something that has four times more cancer causing tar than tobacco. Any doctor that prescribes it to someone not terminally ill is in violation of his Hippocratic oath, and should lose his license to practice medicine.  
15. A corporation can't read? Did you mean the stockholders or the CEO? Which corporation are you referring to? Did I miss a story?  
16. A president committing perjury and lying to a grand jury in order to cover up sexual harassment is an impeachable offense. It is an offense that got him disbarred in his home state, and cost him a lot of money. If Bush lied, why did one of Sadaam Hussein's former generals tell Sean Hannity the WMD's are in Syria? How is it Iran is now so close to getting a nuke? Besides, Sadaam Hussein violated the cease-fire over and over and over again. Clinton did nothing. When The World Trade Center was attacked everything changed.  
America can not afford to wait for another attack. We do not want another Lusitania, Pearl Harbor or 9-11. Sept. 11 brought back an old motto, "Don't tread on me."

Wesley Eskildsen  
Santa Monica

Bolstering borders keeps enemy within



NEWS ON THE EDGE  
BY RON SCOTT SMITH

The Republic Fence Company of Chatsworth may have bitten off more chainlink than it can chew.  
They're reportedly this close to a done deal with the United States government to build a 40-foot-high wall around the entirety of the United States of America, from Yuma, Ariz., right across Katrina's rubble that sits yet on the Gulf Coast, on up the Eastern seaboard through old-school Bush country, Kennebunkport, the whole shebang. It would traverse our northernmost boundaries, across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, then on around the bend in Seattle to snake down along the Pacific coast, parallel to scenic Highway 1, right back to where all the trouble started in the first place, Tijuana and that damned leaky border, imaginary as it may be, that separates us from them.  
You think the Chinese had this barrier-building thing down? Ha. This new "Great Wall of America" will make that tired old thing look like a white picket fence in front of a little pink house. You think the Barbarian hordes were menacing? The danger this nation faces from the great brown horde pouring in here, raping our fields, pillaging our kitchens, slashing our hedges at will —or at minimum wage — makes the Barbarians look like girlie-men.  
Of course, as with most aspects of this whole twisted immigration row, the truth is that the folks the barrier would keep out are the very ones who would be needed to build it because that daunting task in a lot of hot sun is just another in the long list of jobs that, as President George W. Bush told us, "Americans will not do." Does he make us sound like a bunch of spoiled brats or what? Won't even mow our own lawns or scrub our own stovetops?  
Maybe it has something to do with the unlivable \$5.15 national minimum wage he condones for most of the hardest physical labor. What we lack in calloused hands we make up for in conniving brains, because nobody in their right American

mind would work for \$5.15, even if it is to build the magnificent barrier that would forever keep us safe at night and selfish in the morning. So the Republic Fence Company will have to visit the parking lots of Do-It Centers and Home Depots across the nation to hire their work force, one that finds even our paltry minimum wage better than what they could get back home.  
And that beer-bellied band of border vigilantes, the Minutemen, will wink at each other and look the other way just long enough to let enough feared enemy in to build the Great Wall of America, then they will boot them out on their ass-end, never again allowed to set foot in the promised land, as their usefulness will have run out.  
Why should America not be scared to death at the specter of great menacing hordes of the uninvited, unappreciative and differently-tinted, moving in from the outside and taking over? We have a great model to refer to — ourselves.  
After all, the great white swarm that poured into this land centuries ago just looking for a decent empire, must have been seen as ruthless, unrelenting and terrifying to the ones already here. Boy, do Sitting Bull and Geronimo ever wish they would have had a Republic Fence Company of Chatsworth in their midst. Or a sign-maker to paint and hang the "No one with shirt, shoes, or pale-face will be served" warning somewhere up around Plymouth Rock. What a world of trouble they might have avoided.  
Yes, we have taught ourselves a lesson, and we will not let that sort of thing happen again under any circumstance, ever.

Edgar Allan Poe must be doubling over in his grave. In his classic "Masque of the Red Death," a wealthy prince seals himself and a thousand of his ilk inside a magnificent castle to keep them at safe distance from a deadly plague that ravages the countryside and the lesser-privileged outside the walls. All the chosen ones inside, however, are soon felled by an even more virulent strain that has made its way in, masquerading as one of their own.  
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# COMMENTARY



## Breaking the deep freeze

### ICONOCLAST BLAST

BY SETH BARNES



I approached my golf ball grimacing like a hardened professional. Something was amiss. I picked a few blades of grass sprouting up from the muddy, thawed-out slush and absently cast them heavenward. My worst fears were confirmed: a crisp left-to-right breeze that could make mince meat of my hacker's slice. I would have to compensate. Assuming my stance, I took a breath, took one final look at my target, toggled my club slightly and swung. The shot rose deftly above the trees on the college quad, a lone satellite against the grayish April sky.

The ball cascaded to earth, ricocheted wildly off the blacktop path, and settled on a faraway patch of grass across from the library. I exchanged a celebratory high five with my friend and fellow golfer, Joe. Not bad! I was only about 15 yards from the "hole" (my windbreaker) and although I had required some assistance from the surrounding environment, I could easily make par with a decent chip on my next shot.

We were engaged in the rogue enterprise of golfing on the quad after dinner. It was our traditional homage to the end of winter, our yearly salute to earth's reawakening. It also was a rebellious cry for attention. How many off-kilter shots could we hit without causing serious consternation and dismay to our classmates streaming into the adjacent library? How many times could we deliver a glancing blow to a nearby building without shattering a window? How long before we found ourselves face-to-face with the dean, having to answer the question, "What in the name of Tiger Woods were you thinking?"

But winter was beginning to relent, and we felt this deserved some recognition. As denizens of the great state of Maine know all too well, spring is an understated late comer. After the marigold tones and lush reflection of autumn pass, winter settles in for months on end with all the swirling cold and arctic bombast that can be imag-

ined. Spring is then but a blip in the seasonal ocean before the expansive yawn of summer. Like your misfit cousin at a family reunion, spring in Maine is scruffy, doesn't have much to say, and slips out the door without saying good-bye.

Your average college student has a fine-tuned nose for the end of winter. Especially in Maine. Perhaps more than any other demographic, the college student possesses a certain mystical sensory perception that months of dark, chilly somnolence are about to break. Wearing beach sandals through charcoal-colored slush and yapping incessantly about the fortune of the upcoming Red Sox season may not directly bring about winter's demise. But the increase in activity in the middle of any campus is certainly a leading indicator that it's time to "think spring." Joe and I were simply trying to do our part, to open the floodgates as it were. Perhaps another intrepid group of outdoors-people would observe our round of golf, and head out for some Frisbee, or a game of catch. We knew that as the weather improved, droves of students would lollygag for hours napping, reading, and chatting away the afternoon. That was the easy work. Joe and I were willing to do the heavy lifting to get the ball rolling, to sing the siren song of spring. Even if it required turning the highest traffic area at school into a temporary driving range.

Living in Southern California now, I don't have to worry about waiting for the deep freeze to break. I can golf anytime I please without worrying about frost heaves. But for East Coast transplants like me, this is somewhat bittersweet. We're used to "toughing" out winter, to "surviving" until spring. In our past lives, springtime was a well-deserved reward. Lasting through the winter months was a true test of character. Or so we thought.

Maybe it's high time we got over ourselves. After all, living through crummy weather for eight months of the year doesn't prove anything.

But have you ever hit a perfect chip shot out of a melting snow bank? There's nothing quite like it.

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## STATE

# Immigration movement gets organized

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — They invoke the names of Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez, but the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who have marched nationwide are not following one charismatic leader.

Instead, they're loosely guided by Hispanic advocacy groups, churches and labor unions — organizations that have helped transform what began as isolated campaigns in major cities into a broad movement with a coordinated strategy.

"It's a shared leadership among people who we don't even always know," said Nativo Lopez, president of the Mexican-American Political Association, a central organizer of rallies in Southern California.

The young movement is still morphing, allowing both for a broad reach and quick reactions to a dynamic political situation. The marches by hundreds of thousands of people in dozens of cities Monday illustrated its scope and sophistication — the events were timed to the first day of a two-week congressional recess so lawmakers would be home to feel the impact.

It's a long way from two months ago, when a lively meeting east of Los Angeles resulted in a simple plan: Derail congressional efforts to crack down on illegal immigrants and push for a law to give those already here a chance at citizenship.

Since then, Roman Catholic churches have accelerated their campaign of preaching to immigrants and pressuring

politicians, unions have blanketed hotels and restaurants with fliers and Hispanic community leaders have enlisted Spanish-language deejays to convey protest instructions: wear white, remain peaceful. When marchers were criticized for carrying Mexican flags, organizers spread word to carry U.S. flags instead.

If any one person deserves credit for the movement, organizers say, it's a man who surely didn't seek the distinction.

Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., sponsored legislation which the House passed in December that would make being in the country illegally a felony instead of a misdemeanor and criminalize people who help illegal immigrants.

The bill provoked a groundswell of anger among illegal immigrants and their advocates. But while many groups held small protests in January, except for the Catholic Church's "Justice for Immigrants" campaign most efforts had no overarching vision.

That led a handful of civil rights groups in Southern California to convene a hastily arranged one-day national summit in Riverside on Feb. 11.

Hundreds of e-mails between groups foreshadowed a potentially contentious meeting in which disparate groups might insist on their own agendas.

About 500 people from unions, civil rights groups and religious organizations came from around the country, according to organizers, jamming a large room at the Riverside Convention Center.

"For about the first 30 minutes it was

chaotic with everybody raising their hands and speaking," said Armando Navarro, coordinator of the National Alliance for Human Rights, an umbrella organization for Hispanic activist groups in Southern California. "Then we got on track."

Organizers said they set aside fundamental divisions over whether illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay or given guest worker status and agreed on a series of mass mobilizations through April 1, in anticipation of the Senate taking up its own immigration reform legislation. The protest themes would be twofold: Opposition to the Sensenbrenner legislation and a call to give the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants the right to live in the U.S.

"I got the feeling like this was the beginning of a national movement," said Angela Sanbrano, executive director of Carecen, a Hispanic civil rights group in Los Angeles. "Everybody was talking about what they were going to do when they got back."

Discussions about what to wear or what flag to wave would come later — often with the coaching of Spanish-language deejays, whose potential impact was highlighted by a Chicago delegation of activists.

Ema Lozano, president of Chicago's Center Without Borders, said she told organizers in Riverside that popular Spanish-language disc jockey Rafael Pulido deserved much of the credit for a rally last July against immigration laws that separate families.

The first day Riverside attendees targeted March 10. While organizers in major cities such as Los Angeles weren't able to launch a protest, about 100,000 marched in Chicago.

In addition to radio, much of the communication was through e-mail, Web sites and cell phones.

"This was a high-tech march," said Antonia Zavala, an education coordinator with Casa Aztlan, a Hispanic activist group in Chicago.

Chicago served as an example — two weeks later, about 500,000 protested in Los Angeles.

By then, the Catholic Church and the Service Employees International Union were flexing their organizing muscle.

Hundreds of SEIU members have helped control crowds at California rallies. Ahead of Monday's march in Phoenix, the union's Washington, D.C., headquarters received a call from organizers who were having trouble getting a permit because of insurance issues.

"So we called around. We found a policy. We wrote a check," said Ben Boyd, a union spokesman.

The planning is far from over.

Organizers promise major voter registration drives and are promoting May 1 as a day on which immigrants are asked stay home from work and school, and refrain from buying U.S. products.

"It's great," said Magdalena Schwartz of Immigrants Without Borders in Phoenix, "because we see now we are not alone."

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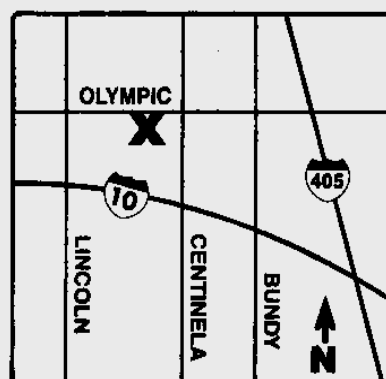
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# Nobel women lead campaign for peace

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

**LOS ANGELES** — Shirin Ebadi remembers a time years ago when she was one of 100 women judges in the courtrooms of Iran. And she recalls what it was like to be deposed from her job when the Islamic revolution changed everything.

"After the revolution, we were informed that women could not be judges anymore and women judges were demoted to administrative levels," she said in an interview Tuesday in Los Angeles. "I became the clerk of the court in which I had been the judge. Of course, I couldn't tolerate that and I got early retirement."

But retirement wasn't her style.

Ebadi was reborn as a human rights activist, published 14 books and founded three nonprofit organizations. In 2003, she won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Now she and other women Nobel laureates are launching a campaign to promote a peaceful solution to U.S.-Iran tensions.

Jody Williams, an American who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her work to outlaw the use of land mines, has teamed with Ebadi to spearhead the initiative.

"Shirin and I feel a particular responsibility to let the world know that the people of Iran and the United States do not support violent resolution of this crisis," Williams said.

"No more military attacks. No more war," they said in a written statement. "We demand a nonviolent world where human security is the basis of our common global security. We pledge to create such a world ..."

The new Women Nobel Peace Laureates' Initiative also includes Betty Williams of Ireland, Rigoberta Menchu Tum of Guatemala and Wangari Maathai of Kenya. The group of Nobel laureates

were to be honored Tuesday night in Beverly Hills by the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Event organizer Mavis Leno, head of the foundation's effort to help Afghan women and girls, said the fight for human rights worldwide must be linked to women's rights.

"There have been dozens of studies done on the need for women to have a voice in society," she said. "To the extent that women have a voice in the culture, the culture becomes peaceful and prosperous."

Ebadi and Williams believe they can have an impact. Thirteen years after Ebadi began advocating for women's rights in Iran, the government changed course and decided that Islam did not forbid women to be judges.

"Now we have a few women judges," she said, speaking through an interpreter. "When women unite, you can see the results. This is our philosophy."

Though they are still working out details of their campaign, Williams said they want to use the prestige of the Nobel Peace Prize to advance a new message.

"We want to redefine peace as not just the absence of armed conflict," Williams said. "If there is not equal and social justice in the world, it is not peace."

But they know there is a long way to go.

Ebadi recalls ruefully how the government virtually ignored her homecoming in Tehran after she won the Nobel Peace Prize.

"A million people came to the airport to greet me," she said. "But the government was not happy. The radio and TV in Iran is owned by the government and they didn't even broadcast the news."

"After all the international news, 24 hours later, one channel in Iran announced at 11 p.m. that Ebadi had won the prize. And that was it."

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#### Elks install new officers

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Elks recently held their 102nd installation of new officers for forthcoming lodge year 2006 to 2007.

Don Checchi, past district deputy grand exalted ruler, was the acting grand exalted ruler and the official installing officer.

The primary officers who were installed were: Mona Young Lopez, exalted ruler; R. A. Pickett, esteemed leading knight; Frank Frazier, esteemed loyal knight; and Hank Allen, esteemed lecturing knight.

Other officers that were installed were Don Chichi, secretary; Mark Hasson, treasurer; Bob Baldwin, trustee; Ed File, tiler; Anna Scully, chaplain; Will Cashew; and Doug Randall, esquire.

There were 106 people present for the installation. The formal inaugural ball was held April 8.

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STATE BRIEFS

Dirty water dooms development boom

By The Associated Press

**RIVERSIDE** — Housing developers are facing record fines for failing to contain storm-driven pollution, as the region undergoes an unprecedented construction boom, according to water board records and water quality officials. Fines totaling \$1.5 million have been leveled against 10 sites across the inland region.

“The amount of construction that is going on is a matter of concern for us,” said Nancy Woo, regional associate water director for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. “How that movement of water is controlled, what it comes in contact with, can all contribute to surface water pollution.”

The fines lodged in the past 12 months are the region’s highest yet over a one-year period, said Kurt Berchtold, assistant executive officer with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Nine of the year’s 10 fines have been settled for \$1.3 million.

A case against SunCal Cos. involving a construction site in Beaumont is still pending before the board. The company has been fined \$270,990 for allegedly letting some 13 million gallons of runoff flow into a creek at a golf-course development.

SunCal spokesman Ben Boyce declined comment on the action.

Much of the money from fines has been funneled into projects designed to benefit the region’s environment.

Schools gets a steadying influence

By The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — The Los Angeles Unified School District has retrofitted just nine of the 145 school buildings that safety experts determined are at risk of collapse during a major earthquake, according to a recent study by the district.

The buildings include classrooms, auditoriums and administrative offices on more than 60 campuses.

The cost of the retrofitting has not been determined.

“The price tag could be very little, or it could be beyond our wildest imagination,” school board member David Tokofsky said.

Voters have approved bond measures to pay for school construction, but much of that money has gone to ease overcrowding by building new campuses.

Once the seismic studies are completed, the district would have to seek money from the state and federal governments to pay for the work, or ask voters to approve another bond issue, said Bruce Kendall, the district’s deputy chief executive.

The 145 buildings do not include six schools located on or near earthquake faults. The district has already set aside \$100 million from its most recent construction bond to retrofit those schools.

Off-roaders are on their own

By The Associated Press

**SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.** — San Bernardino County supervisors unanimously approved restrictions on off-road vehicle riders tearing through private property.

The move on Tuesday came two weeks after Riverside County lawmakers approved similar regulations.

“This whole problem could have easily been solved by good manners, and some people don’t have them,” San Bernardino County Supervisor Dennis Hansberger said.

The new San Bernardino County ordinance establishes fines for off-roaders who ride onto private property without permission. It also fines riders whose vehicles, dune buggies or motorcycles are too loud or have excessive emissions.

Off-road enthusiasts were pleased with the rules, which are less restrictive than Riverside County’s regulations, said Meg Grossglass, a spokeswoman for the Off-Road Business Association. The Riverside County rules limit riding to between noon and 5 p.m., among other restrictions.

UC students tell chancellor not to sweat it

By The Associated Press

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** — About a dozen students occupied the chancellor’s office at the University of California, Riverside, to demand that clothes with the school logo not be produced in sweatshops.

The students entered Chancellor France Cordova’s office at about 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and vowed to stay until she endorsed a so-called designated supplier program that would require 25 percent of the apparel bearing the UC logo to be made in factories where workers are paid a living wage and represented by unions.

The students remained in the office until late that night, while dozens of others marched in front of the administrative office chanting “UC, sweat free.”

The 10 protesters who remained in the chancellor’s office were removed peacefully by police and cited for misdemeanor trespassing, UC Riverside spokeswoman Kris Lovekin said.

Cordova said she was sympathetic to the students’ goal of ensuring fair treatment for workers but would not endorse any proposals while a UC committee is reviewing the matter.

“I didn’t feel treated with respect when you barged into my office,” she chided the protesters.

The protest was part of a larger, union-supported effort to press universities across the nation to adopt tougher anti-sweatshop guidelines for college apparel.

Eighteen students were cited for trespassing during a similar protest at the University of California, Berkeley chancellor’s office the same day.

STATE



# First local election in 25 years marred by voter fraud allegations

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD  
AP Political Writer

**VERNON, Calif.** — It took a judge's order to force the first local election in 25 years in this gritty industrial city — and it was an election replete with allegations of voter intimidation, harassment and undercover surveillance.

Then, after polls closed Tuesday, a clerk promptly carried a metal ballot box into the City Council chamber and announced he wouldn't count the votes.

The bizarre, and some say illegal, decision comes as the latest eyebrow-raising political turn in Vernon, a city on the edge of Los Angeles where the mayor and City Council members have served for decades and most of the voters hold municipal jobs while living in city-owned houses.

It's the latest twist in a story that began when a trio of new residents filed as candidates earlier this year to contest three of the City Council's five seats.

One of them is Don Huff. The paper company salesman alleges that soon he was being shadowed by private investigators, and that it wasn't long before city crews shut off the power and police watched his building. Eventually Huff, 41, was evicted, and lately he's been living in his car.

"They wanted to run us out, totally," he said. "The mayor owns the whole town. He controls it."

Huff filed a lawsuit along with the other two newcomers after the city of fewer than 100 residents threw their names off the ballot. The judge reinstated them as candidates.

In their legal papers, the challengers charge that voters here are beholden to a City Hall that dispenses paychecks and sweetheart rents. Vernon, they say, is the epitome of a company town where the government has become the company.

On Tuesday, acting City Clerk Bruce Malkenhorst Jr. said he would keep the ballot box locked until the court fight is resolved. An attorney for the challengers, Albert

Robles, called the decision to commandeer the votes "absolutely not legal."

If nothing else, it might be unprecedented.

"I've never seen anybody, en masse, take an election and say, 'I'm not going to count the ballots until a court tells me,'" said election-law attorney Fred Woocher, who is not involved in the dispute.

Although within sight of downtown Los Angeles, Vernon is a world away.

Founded in 1905, the motto of the 5-square-mile city is "Exclusively Industrial." Rutted roads and railroad tracks cut through a densely packed maze of warehouses, meatpacking plants, fuel tanks and an occasional overgrown, vacant lot. There is no high school, no movie theater, no parkland.

Under an unusual arrangement, Vernon owns virtually all the roughly two-dozen homes in town. In its century-long history, it's had just four mayors, all related to its founders. Mayor Leonis Malburg has held public office since the Eisenhower administration — first as a councilman and as mayor since 1974.

About the only city official to talk in recent days has been police Chief Sol Benudiz, who released a statement that the department is committed to the rights and safety of all residents.

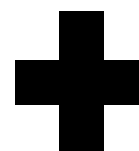
Councilman William Davis, questioned outside his home Tuesday, referred calls to City Hall. Attorneys representing Vernon and the city clerk's office did not respond to repeated phone calls.

City officials have previously charged that Huff was part of a group, linked to a corrupt politician from the nearby city of South Gate, trying to engineer a coup.

Last year, the Los Angeles Times reported that a city administrator had been paid \$600,000 in annual salary, bonuses and other compensation, and his benefits included a leased Cadillac Escalade, use of a city-owned apartment and \$120,000 for limousine services. The administrator, Bruce V. Malkenhorst Sr., father of the current clerk, retired last year.

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# City looks to lay foundation for the future

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they will prove lower than what’s been proposed in the past. Under the proposed laws, developers looking to build new office space will have to pay \$5.27 per square foot for child care needs. For retail, that figure falls to \$3.77 per square foot, and \$2.64 for hotels.

To fund art projects, developers would be required to dedicate 2 percent of their project’s building permit fee towards a work of art at the site. For those not interested in erecting a sculpture or art piece along those lines, they can pay an in lieu fee of 1 percent of the project’s building permit value. That money would then be funneled into an account to pay for art projects in other spaces and to help fund the performing and visual arts.

## GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE REST OF THE STATE

Several members of the Arts Commission as well as the Child Care Task Force were present at the City Council meeting and showed their support for the new fees, which were endorsed by the Planning Commission.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to expand programs and provide additional support to the youngest residents of our community,” said Patti Oblath with Connections for Children, a child care resource and referral agency based in Santa Monica. “It is important for not just the city, but for commercial and residential developers to be partners in long-standing support for child care and early childhood education.”

The fees are the highest in the state, which had some councilmembers concerned about potential lawsuits or a development backlash that would send retail and much-needed housing projects to nearby cities, leaving Santa Monica without new revenues, but more traffic as residents drive out of town to shop and go to work,

“This is so out of line with what other cities are doing that I’m concerned this will really deter people from coming into Santa Monica,” said Mayor Bob Holbrook, who tried to persuade his colleagues to approve a lower level of fees, suggesting \$1.25 per square foot for commercial development. “We’re all supportive of the arts and child care, and that’s why I ended up voting in favor of it, but I just don’t want retailers to see this and say it’s too expensive to come to Santa Monica.”

City staff will draft the ordinances in the coming weeks and present them to the council, at which time the council will further discuss what the fees should be.

The debate is expected to be robust, given the strong feelings in support of and against the current fee structure being proposed.

“We’ve been hearing more and more about scientific data in recent years about the crucial importance of child care and early education,” said Councilman Kevin McKeown, who created the motion to draft the ordinances. “It has even come up in the context of our gang issues in Santa Monica. We need to give the most support to our young children and their parents, and that support costs money. There is no other way around it.”

The creation of new fees surfaced in 2003 when the City Council hired consulting firm Keyser Marston to analyze the impacts that new development has on child care and the arts, and whether or not fees or other development requirements could offset those impacts.

Members of the Child Care Task Force raised concerns about the shortage of child care facilities within the city when compared to the rising number of workers who may need child care service close to their jobs.

City Hall has a long history of supporting child care, culture and the arts. Beginning in 1981, City Hall demonstrated its commitment to meeting the child care needs of residents and workers with the inclusion of child care in the development agreement for Colorado Place in the office district. City Hall has continued those efforts in six subsequent developments, according to a city staff report.

When the council adopted the Child Care Master Plan and Child Care Policy in 1991, it set forth a policy and



## COUNCIL COUNTDOWN

*(The following is a summation of what went on in the Santa Monica City Council chambers during the council’s April 11 meeting, including a timeline, notable public comments and excerpts taken.)*

**5:52 p.m.:** Mayor Bob Holbrook calls the City Council meeting to order. Councilmembers Richard Bloom, Kevin McKeown and Ken Genser are present. Genser, who returned from a short leave of absence following a kidney transplant, thanks all of those who were concerned about his health and who wished him well during his absence.

Holbrook reminds residents they can call City Hall at 458-8411 with any questions or requests. Holbrook also announces the impending publication of the second edition of the city’s customer services directory, which provides contact information for hundreds of services offered in the city. The directory will be available later this month in print or on CD.

**5:55 p.m.:** Public comment begins on items listed on the consent agenda.

**6:05 p.m.:** The council pulls several items from the consent agenda for discussion. Councilmember Pam O’Connor arrives. Council passes the remaining items, which include setting a \$30 per quarter year fee for limited employee parking near 10th Street and Pico Boulevard; awarding \$271,200 for courtyard construction near City Hall; the acceptance of a \$1.57 million in 2005 Homeland Security grant; awarding a bid for \$1.875 million for eight new dump trucks; and awarding \$133,500 to provide annual testing and maintenance for underground storage tanks at various city locations, where gasoline and diesel fuel is stored.

A contract for 20th Street and Cloverfield Boulevard streetscape designs is referred back to staff to see if another firm can be chosen. Councilmembers Genser and McKeown raised concerns that the company selected to work on the designs for the project performed poorly on the city’s Transit Mall project, which they said is not pedestrian friendly.

**6:21 p.m.:** The council goes into closed session to discuss litigation against City Hall.

**7:29 p.m.:** The council reconvenes. Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Shriver is present. Council approves a settlement among Morley Construction, Watson Land Company and City Hall in a dispute over asbestos removal from the Main Library site, with City Hall being removed as a party to the suit and Morley agreeing to pay \$6 million to Watson. The council also approves a settlement with Coalition for a Livable Santa Monica, in which City Hall will give up all documents requested and pay \$36,000 in the coalition’s attorney fees.

The council honors Fairview Branch librarian Sylvia Anderle, City Hall’s children’s Latino outreach librarian, for receiving a New York Times Librarian of the Year award and for being named Woman of the Year by State Assemblywoman Fran Pavley.

**7:40 p.m.:** The council hears reports from staff on the impacts that new development has on childcare and the arts, and whether or not a fee should be assessed on new development to help increase funding for both.

**7:56 p.m.:** Public comment begins.

**8:27 p.m.:** Public comment ends. The council orders staff to draft two ordinances requiring developers to pay fees when developing new commercial and residential projects.

**9:07 p.m.:** The council hears comments from the public and adopts an interim ordinance modifying automobile dealerships and the city’s density housing bonus and affordable housing incentives. The council holds first reading of an ordinance allowing the Bayside Hotel to continue operations in an area of the coastal zone that does not allow hotels. The council also holds first reading of an ordinance establishing a Transportation Preservation District to protect the MTA’s Exposition right of way, allowing for interim parking, film production and commercial nurseries.

**9:55 p.m.:** City Manager Lamont Ewell gives a presentation to the council on the city’s financial health and budget forecast. He recommends that \$2.5 million in additional revenues not be spent until next year’s budget is completed. The council agrees and approves a grant for \$24,807 from the council’s contingency fund to Meals on Wheels West to help pay for tenant improvements at their new office.

**10:52 p.m.:** The council puts the meeting on hold and convenes a special meeting of the Housing Authority, in which council members approved the Public Agency Housing Plan for 2006-07.

**10:57 p.m.:** The council reconvenes and hears a report from staff on extending preferential parking zones by 150 feet in areas near Montana Avenue. The council discusses the issues and does not take action on the item.

**11:25 p.m.:** The council continues appointments to the Pier Restoration Corp., Commission for the Senior Community and the Commission on the Status of Women. The council also votes to remove Commissioner Marizsa Bravo from the Social Services Commission for non participation, and directs City Clerk Maria Stewart to publish the vacancy.

**11:36 p.m.:** The council hears from the public on issues not included on the agenda.

**11:46 p.m.:** The council adjourns.

framework to address the existing shortage in child care facilities for resident and non-resident full-time workers. The document set a goal that the city integrate the child care needs of those who live or work in the community into the land use planning process.

For culture and the arts, the city’s Public Percent for Art Program, enacted in 1986, requires that 1 percent of public projects be set aside for on-site art. Since 1981, City Hall also has negotiated at least seven development agreements that have included a public art requirement. The requirement has been satisfied by both the provision of on-site art and payment of a fee in lieu of installing on-site art.

**NOT BREAKING NEW GROUND**

Santa Monica is not alone. According to the California League of Cities, several other municipalities require public art for private developments, and have studied child care requirements. But none have instituted fees as high as Santa Monica’s, city staff said.

The reason why the child care fees have been proposed at such high levels is because of the high cost of land in the West Los Angeles area, city staff said. In a report to the council, the average cost per child care space is \$18,500 without land acquisition, and \$55,400 with land acquisition.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Time spent on the top three issues facing Santa Monicans based on city surveys:

**Homelessness:** 0 minutes  
**Traffic:** 0 minutes  
**Parking :** 28 minutes  
**Public comment:** 1 hour, 33 minutes  
**City Council/staff discussion:** 3 hours



## LET’S TALK CHIT

### “Chits” (Public addressing City Council)

■ “If other cities can spend a fortune on sports teams, we can do the same thing with the arts.”

— **Lawrence Shapiro**, a resident and member of the Arts Commission, on the council’s consideration for placing a fee on developers to pay for art projects on new developments.

**Joy Fulmer Incite:** (Joy Fulmer speaks at every City Council meeting regardless of the topic up for discussion.)

■ “I think the thing that is really bothering the kids is that you treat them like precious idiots, always protecting them. When we were children, we were encouraged to participate in other things. We went out to help firemen, we learned self-esteem that way. We took risks. That’s how things were.”

## QUOTE OF NOTE

“I want to send out a special thank you to the city of Santa Monica, because you arranged on the very morning after the first night home (from the hospital) a construction crew right outside my home, complete with jackhammers. And they started right at 8 o’clock. I think that is such a wonderful greeting. So thank you very much.”

**Councilman Ken Genser’s** sarcastic remark about his first day home from the hospital following his kidney transplant.

“We need to make it public record that if you are using your computer in the council chambers do not use them to exchange e-mails with the councilmembers. We need everything on the record, to be on the record.”

**City Attorney Marsha Moutrie**, advising members of the audience about laws governing open meetings following the announcement that the council chambers now offer free, wireless Internet access.

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With the fees for art, Jessica Cusick, City Hall’s cultural affairs manager, said 2 percent for on-site art is higher than what other cities charge, however, she recommended the council adopt the fee to ensure that there is adequate funding available for quality art projects.

“We know that most developers who are really into this will spend more than the 2 percent, so those who are not interested, and just want to get by, will opt to pay the in lieu fee of 1 percent, which is the norm,” Cusick said. “We wanted to set the on-site fee high enough so as to deter those who are not as enthusiastic and, therefore, would not create the best quality.”

## ONE MAN’S REMBRANDT IS ANOTHER’S RUBBISH

Councilman Ken Genser, who created a motion to include residential development in the child care ordinance, expressed his concern with the type of art that could be considered. He mentioned public art at a Home Depot that was essentially there to hold up signs advertising the store, not to provide aesthetic value.

“How are we going to determine what is meaningful?”

# LOCAL



## Suits them just fine



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Local business people gathered at the Yahoo Center for the 4th annual Westside Business Expo on Tuesday. The Expo is a combination trade show and network mixer, promoting business-to-business opportunities on the Westside. The after-hours event included prizes, food, and numerous exhibitors from the local business community.

## Dozens of tenants face May 1 deadline to move

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More than 55 tenants have already been evicted and dozens more still living on the property face a May 1 deadline to pack up and move.

"We're hoping that we can reach some kind of an agreement before that deadline," said Jan Book, a former tenant of Lincoln Place, who said she and others are fighting for 180 units of low-income housing to be developed at the site. They also share concerns that the sense of community fostered at Lincoln Place will be lost if redevelopment changes the "openness" of the location.

A spokeswoman for AIMCO declined to comment on the mediation because of a gag order imposed by the mediator.

In previous interviews, Patti Schwayder, vice president of government relations and

communications for AIMCO, said the company offered a "generous" relocation package to tenants, which has played a large part in the site's declining occupancy. AIMCO also has offered 140 units of affordable housing to former tenants.

Lincoln Place, a garden-style campus of 52 buildings built in 1951, east of Lincoln Boulevard near Rose Avenue, was originally backed by the Federal Housing Authority to support World War II veterans and their families.

Once offering 795 affordable apartments, the site has been largely abandoned in the face of the ongoing legal battle between residents and the owner that began shortly after 1992, when AIMCO proposed a redevelopment plan that called for 850 total units, most of which would be market rate condos.

## In further developments, builders feel being targeted

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Cusick suggested the council direct city staff to draft the ordinances so that art projects must follow the same approval process for projects being built by the city for a public project.

### SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO PAY

Creating art and helping children should be a concern of City Hall, but why should developers be required to pay for it, asked Marios Savvides, a developer who owns mixed-use buildings downtown.

"I support the services for the children and I support the arts, but I think if the city wants these things, they should give the developers an incentive," Savvides said. "The fees they are asking are just too high. They have to give something back in return."

Savvides said the fees will force developers to charge more money to lease office space, or raise the asking price for new condos or apartments.

"It's an issue of supply and demand," he said. "People will not want to come here to build because it's too expensive. But people still need a place to live."

Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp., said Santa Monica already has a reputation for being a "tough place to do business," and the new fees will not help.

"The sponsors of these fees, while working for worthy causes, have to think about the consequences. Will this further drive businesses away, taking with them high-paying jobs?" he asked.

"That's something that needs to be considered."

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# Business



## SANTA MONICA BUSINESS BRIEFS

### SM resident hops along Wells Fargo board

By Daily Press staff

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles (JFS) has announced that David Marks, executive vice president and head of U.S. Corporate Banking for Wells Fargo, has joined its board of directors.

"We are delighted to welcome David Marks to the JFS Board," said Paul S. Castro, JFS's executive director. "Wells Fargo and its executives have long been a source of support and leadership to JFS, and David's appointment continues this valuable partnership."

In 2004, Wells Fargo received the first Anita and Stanley Hirsh Award, presented annually by JFS to an individual, organization, or corporation that has made a significant, ongoing contribution of service and/or financial support to JFS. The award was named in memory of long-time JFS supporter Stanley Hirsh.

Marks leads more than 400 Wells Fargo team members who focus on generating ideas that create value and improve Wells Fargo's relationships with large corporations across the U. S. He is responsible for Wells Fargo's nine corporate banking offices in the U.S., its financial institutions division, and the California government, education and labor division. In addition, Marks' responsibilities include Wells Fargo shareowner services, the premier provider of stock transfer and related services to public companies and their shareholders.

Marks was born in Minneapolis. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from Carleton College. He and his family live in Santa Monica.

For more than 151 years, JFS has provided the highest quality social services to individuals and families in need, regardless of age, ethnicity, religion or ability to pay. Vital programs of JFS counsel families in crisis, support the elderly, house the homeless, feed the hungry, assist people with disabilities and work with victims of violence. JFS is the first call for families in need. For more information visit [www.jfsla.org](http://www.jfsla.org).

JFS is a beneficiary agency of The Jewish Federation and the United Way.

## Work for a jerk? You can succeed anyway

By Daily Press staff

We've all seen them — those self absorbed, arrogant, sarcastic and credit-hoarding managers that, as you read this, are getting under the skin of subordinates from coast to coast.

So, outside of telling the jerk to take the job and shove it — no matter how satisfying the fantasy — what can one do to keep their career on a growth track despite, or in spite of, the narcissist they report to?

World-class business coach and author of "21 Ways Women in Management Shoot Themselves in the Foot," John McKee, offers these insights:

**Take stock.** Someone in this position should ask themselves if they have a clear idea of what really makes them happy. If they don't, a personal action plan will help lay out a roadmap of where they are, where they are going, and where they need to be for self-fulfillment.

**Understand the "circle of success."** It's advisable to spend a measurable amount of time ensuring the boss looks good, however deserved or not. When he or she understands that you are able to help her/him succeed, you and your team will get more time, positive attention and resources facilitating your own productivity.

**"Presence" pays.** Sharks smell blood. Dogs sense weakness. So do bad bosses. Carry yourself with best posture and wear attire that imparts your professional stature, abilities and success. If the boss knows you are easily intimidated, you might as well wear a target on your chest.

**Pace your boss.** Let your boss see that you share the same work ethic, and you might just end up on his/her good side, however shallow that may be. Simply put,

if your boss is at work, you should be as well. If (s)he has decided that it's necessary to be there after hours, on weekends, or early in the morning, it is entirely to your advantage to be there at the same time.

**Circumnavigate.** It is imperative that those above and/or lateral to your boss who are in the position to benefit your career in any way know who you are and what you've accomplished. Letting others know about your successes will make you a hot commodity for promotions out from under the appalling administrator. If done properly, it will not be construed as bragging or conceit and may win your parole in short order.

**Fish or cut bait.** Consider having a private one-on-one dialogue with the boss to discuss what can be done to better satisfy both his/her needs as well as that of the company and, if reasonable, try to provide it. Doing so may help you better emotionally connect with management at large.

**Hunting season.** If all else fails and one simply cannot muster the emotional strength to deal with the sinister superior, it's time to spit shine the resume. Use this time as an opportunity to re-focus and fine-tune your career path to assure you're heading in the best direction both professionally and personally.

"The cold, hard truth is that psychotic bosses, and even psychotic organizations, do exist," McKee said. "The workplace is not a controlled environment in that there are many personalities, politics and other office culture landmines to navigate. The key is to know how to effectively identify and anticipate a malicious manager's 'triggers,' and, subsequently, manipulate each problem situation as it arises to your ultimate advantage."

## Clearing cap space always a good decision



**MIND YOUR BUSINESS**  
BY KIRK G. AUGER

When considering individual stocks for your portfolio, a company's size is one of the key ways of categorizing potential investments.

Generally, companies issuing common stock fall into one of three size groups: large-cap, mid-cap or small-cap, based on the total stock market value of the company that underlies the stock. This is commonly referred to as "market capitalization."

Large-cap stocks usually refer to companies with total market capitalization of more than \$5 billion. Large-cap companies tend to be well-established, well-known household names and are likely to be stocks listed on the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 stock indexes.

Mid-cap stocks typically refer to companies with market capitalizations of between \$1.5 billion and \$5 billion. Mid-cap companies tend to be those that are beginning to mature but are still in the

growing stages.

The small-cap designation is usually assigned to companies with market capitalizations of less than \$1.5 billion. Small-cap stocks usually represent new businesses and young companies that are often still in their start-up phases.

Investments in the common stock of small and mid-sized companies may provide the potential for greater growth opportunities but generally involve greater risks than those typically associated with the common stock of larger companies, because smaller companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, among other things. Of course, those categories may overlap and the designations should be used only as general guidelines on the size and status of companies that have issued stock. Your financial advisor can help you determine which combination of stocks is suitable for you, based on your particular circumstances, individual financial situation and investment goals.

*(Kirk Auger is a financial advisor at MorganStanley. To reach him, contact him at his Santa Monica office at (310) 319-5220.)*



### THE WEEKLY RECKONING

BY BILL BONNER

## Where gold stops nobody knows

"You cannot step twice into the same river, for other waters are continually flowing in," said Heraclitus, circa 500 BC.

Heraclitus, we suspect, would have been astounded at the spectacle of the United States in 2006 AD. Up and down the imperial nation, people insist they can step into the same water, not only this year, but the next year and every year after. They persist in believing that nothing can possibly change, especially for the worse. After all, they reason, American jobs have always paid the most, America's industry and science has always led the world. The American dollar has always been the world's reserve currency. Will it not always continue to be so?

But our theme this week, as it has been for many, is the delusion of thinking that change — or history — comes to a shivering halt just because we want it to. With two billion hungry workers in Asia eager for a job, Americans and Europeans must know by now that new waters are flowing in to the river — every second.

But jobs are not the only things in flux today. Other things are changing rapidly too — pensions, retirements, savings, and even life expectancy. We imagine that the landscape is going to look shockingly different on a number of fronts in the few next decades.

At any rate, it seems that gold believes it. It has been warning us about something. But what?

According to an expert quoted in the Financial Times last week, the supply of gold might be peaking out, just like oil.

Yes. Mine production is beginning to flatten out and decline, explains the expert. There's only so much gold near the surface. Most of the world has been well explored. There's been no major gold discovery for many years. The low hanging fruit has already been picked.

We bought gold from under \$300 up to \$500. Each time, we set a target price and waited for the price to dip below it before buying. We felt smart. Then, the price rocketed over \$500 and we couldn't keep up with it. We waited for the correction to come. The price should have dropped below \$500. When it didn't, we finally moved our target price to \$550 and even that was too low. Gold just didn't want to go down. Now we feel stupid. A hundred dollars was added to the gold price while we sipped our tea and watched the world's leading economy degrade, degenerate and decline. Didn't we know the dollar was doomed? Didn't we know that gold had to go up? Didn't we say so over and over again?

We don't know where the price will go in the weeks and months ahead. But we're willing to guess about where it will be a year or two from now — higher. The more you accumulate, the happier you're likely to be a few years from now.

*(For more insight and analysis, visit [www.dailyreckoning.com](http://www.dailyreckoning.com).)*



## Migrants rush to border anticipating the passage of a guest worker plan

BY OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press Writer

**NOGALES, Mexico** — At a shelter overflowing with migrants airing their blistered feet, Francisco Ramirez nursed muscles sore from trekking through the Arizona desert — a trip that failed when his wife did not have the strength to go on.

He said the couple would rest for a few days, then try again, a plan echoed by dozens reclining on rickety bunk beds and carpets tossed on the floor after risking violent bandits and the harsh desert in unsuccessful attempts to get into the United States.

The shelter's manager, Francisco Loureiro, said he has not seen such a rush of migrants since 1986, when the United States allowed 2.6 million illegal residents to get American citizenship.

This time, the draw is a bill before the U.S. Senate that could legalize some of the 11 million people now illegally in the United States while tightening border security. Migrants are hurrying to cross over in time to qualify for a possible guest-worker program — and before the journey becomes even harder.

"Every time there is talk in the north of legalizing migrants, people get their hopes up, but they don't realize how hard it will be to cross," Loureiro said.

South-central Arizona is the busiest migrant-smuggling area, and detentions by the U.S. Border Patrol there are up more than 26 percent this fiscal year — 105,803 since Oct. 1, compared with 78,024 for the same period a year ago. Along the entire border, arrests are up 9 percent.

Maria Valencia, a spokeswoman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said the rise in detentions did not necessarily mean more people were crossing. She attributed at least some of the additional detentions to an increase in the number of Border Patrol agents.

"We've sent more technology and agents there, and I think that's had an impact," she said.

But Loureiro, who has managed the shelter for 24 years, said the debate in the U.S. Congress has triggered a surge in migrants. In March, 2,000 migrants stayed at the shelter — 500 more than last year.

Many migrants said they were being encouraged to come now by relatives living in the United States.

One of them is Ramirez, a 30-year-old who earned about \$80 a week at a rebar factory in Mexico's central state of Michoacan.

He spent an entire night walking through the Arizona desert with his wife, Edith Mondragon, 29. When her legs cramped, their guide abandoned them and the couple turned themselves in to U.S. authorities. They were deported.

But they said they would try again when they regained their strength.

"We want to try our luck up there," Mondragon said. "We can't go back to Michoacan because there is no future there."

Ramirez said the draw was not only the prospect of work in Minnesota, where two of his brothers milk cows on a ranch. He was also excited about the idea he might be able to do it legally.

"My brothers said there is plenty of work there, and that it looks like they will start giving (work) permits," he said.

Many of the migrants also are being driven by a desire to get into the United States before the likelihood that lawmakers further fortify the border.

Since the United States tightened security at the main crossing points in Texas and California in the 1990s, hundreds of thousands of migrants have turned to the hard-to-patrol, mesquite-covered Arizona desert, risking rape, robbery and murder at the hands of gangs and now facing armed U.S. civilian groups.

About 2,000 people a day pass through Sasabe, a hamlet of just a few dozen houses and a Western Union office west of Nogales, says Grupo Beta, a Mexican government-sponsored group that tries to discourage migrants from crossing the border and helps people stranded in the desert.

# Scientists use Labradors to hunt up Arctic seals

BY MARY PEMBERTON

Associated Press Writer

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** — America's most popular dog is a big hit with scientists who are using Labrador retrievers to hunt up seals for study in the Arctic.

The dogs are proving nifty at finding the breathing holes and snow lairs of ringed seals, which after centuries of being hunted by human and beast alike, are strictly covert.

"Ringed seals are pretty well adapted to not being found because they live in a world with polar bears and human seal hunters," said Peter Boveng, program leader for the National Marine Mammal Laboratory in Seattle. "You can walk along on top of the snow on top of the ice and see no sign of them whatsoever."

Seals begin maintaining breathing holes in the ice at freeze-up in the fall. Once there is enough snow, they excavate snow caves.

"They come up, they clear holes through long cracks in the ice and excavate little caves in the snow," Boveng said.

Boveng and Brendan Kelly, an associate professor of marine biology at the University of Alaska Southeast, as well as other scientists, are entering into a second season of tagging ringed seals to get basic information about numbers and breeding sites. The study hinges on being able to find the seals — no small issue it turns out.

"Fortunately, for us the problem had been solved a long time ago by Inuit hunters," said Kelly, who has been tagging seals since 1982. "They figured out their dogs could smell the seal holes under the snow."

Kelly learned to use Labs to find seals from a Canadian biologist and an Inuit hunter in the Northwest Territories of Canada. He trained his first Lab to find seals by burying sealskin slippers in the snow.

During the hunt, the dogs run ahead of researchers traveling on snowmobiles. Hand and voice commands are used to tell the dogs to find 'natchiq' — the Inupiaq word for ringed seal.

When the dogs get a whiff of seal, they run in a zigzag pattern, which gets shorter as the dogs zero in on the source, and presto — a breathing hole or lair. The dogs start digging at the spot, but are quickly called off so that researchers can set up a capture net at the hole.

Kelly said the net fits in the bottom of the hole.

"What happens is that the seal swims up through an open net into the breathing hole. We hear the seal breath-

ing through a microphone and transmitter that we've placed in the snow and that transmits back to our hut," Kelly said.

When the scientists hear the seal breathing, they close the net using a radio trigger.

"Then we get on our snowmobiles and take a quick ride back to the seal hole," Kelly said.

Once there, the snow cover is swept off and the seal is grabbed and pulled onto the ice for tagging.

Kelly tried finding seals without the help of dogs, using an infrared camera that detects body heat. It didn't work.

"Under ideal conditions, we could detect the seal holes under infrared sensors only if the dogs first showed us where it was," he said.

The dogs have an 80 to 85 percent success rate within several miles of the campsites and can find between 100 and 200 holes a month.

The satellite tagging study in Peard Bay and Point Barrow in northernmost Alaska, more than 300 miles above the Arctic Circle, is entering its second season. Kelly expects to return to the Arctic on May 8. Last year, 13 seals were tagged. This year the goal is 20.

Last year, they learned that ringed seals use the same breeding sites each year. What they hope to find out this year is whether the seals breed with each other throughout the Arctic, in effect creating one big gene pool, or if breeding takes place locally.

Preliminary findings suggest the seals are breeding locally, but more study needs to be done, Kelly said, and with a lot more DNA samples. To get more samples, scientists are extracting DNA from skin samples left by the seals at the breathing holes.

"These are like little pepper flakes on the ice," Boveng said.

Global warming is raising concerns for the future of the seals, especially if they're breeding only locally, Kelly said.

"One of the things we are seeing is increasingly early snow melts," he said. "The pups' very survival depends on inhabiting the snow cave for the first couple months of their lives while they are still nursing."

Early snow melts expose the pups to the harsh Arctic and leaves them vulnerable to predators. They can freeze to death, Kelly said.

"If you have lots of small isolated populations, each one of them is more vulnerable to local extinction," Kelly said.

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Acting speaker expected to convene parliament to push political process

BY SAMEER N. YACOUB  
Associated Press Writer

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — The acting parliament speaker said Wednesday he will convene the Iraqi legislature next week to push forward the formation of a new government stalled over the issue of who will serve as prime minister.

Adnan Pachachi, a Sunni Arab, told a press conference he decided to convene the assembly because “it’s my duty to the Iraqi people in order to preserve the credibility of the democratic process.”

Pachachi added that Shiite politicians told him they hope to have the deadlock over the nomination of Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari resolved in time for the session. Parliament was elected Dec. 15 but has held only one session because of the dispute over the prime minister.

As the biggest bloc in parliament, the Shiites have the right to nominate the head of government. But Sunni and Kurdish parties oppose the Shiite choice of al-Jaafari for another term and the Shiites have not agreed whether to replace him.

That has stalled formation of a unity government which the United States believes is necessary to halt the country’s slide toward anarchy.

But Pachachi, a former foreign minister, said he was hopeful for a breakthrough on the prime minister issue. “There are indications that cause us to be optimistic that an agreement will be reached on all the sticking points regarding forming a national unity government,” he said.

Under the constitution, parliament must elect a national president, who in turn designates the nominee of the biggest bloc to form a new government. The prime minister-designate then has 30 days to name a Cabinet, which must be approved by parliament.

The Shiites hold 130 of the 275 seats, not enough to govern or win approval for their nominee without the support of other parties, including the Sunnis and Kurds. Shiite politicians conferred again Wednesday over the al-Jaafari issue and were to meet again in the evening.

“The consultations have come a long way and there are reasons for us to believe that from now until April 17, some of the problems could be resolved,” Pachachi said. “The important thing is that the Iraqi people want to see the parliament and the democratic political institutions start their work.”

Iran declares it’s moving toward large-scale uranium enrichment

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
Associated Press Writer

**TEHRAN, Iran** — Iran intends to move toward large-scale uranium enrichment involving 54,000 centrifuges, the country’s deputy nuclear chief said Wednesday, signaling its resolve to expand a program the international community has insisted it halt.

Iran’s president announced Tuesday the country had succeeded in enriching uranium on a small scale for the first time, using 164 centrifuges. The U.N. Security Council has demanded that Iran stop all enrichment activity because of suspicions the program’s aim is to make nuclear weapons.

“We will expand uranium enrichment to industrial scale at Natanz,” Deputy Nuclear Chief Mohammad Saeedi told state-run television Wednesday.

He said Iran has informed the International Atomic Energy Agency that it plans to install 3,000 centrifuges at Natanz by late 2006, then expand to 54,000 centrifuges, though he did not say when.

He said using 54,000 centrifuges will be able to produce enough enriched uranium to provide fuel for a 1,000-megawatt nuclear power plant like the one Russia is currently putting the finishing touches on in southern Iran.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced the enrichment success Tuesday in a nationally televised ceremony, saying the country’s nuclear ambitions are peaceful and warning the West that trying to force Iran to abandon enrichment would “cause an everlasting hatred in the hearts of Iranians.”

But the announcement quickly raised condemnations from the United States, who said the claims “show that Iran is moving in the wrong direction.” Russia also criticized the announcement Wednesday, with Foreign Ministry spokesman Mikhail Kamynin saying, “We believe that this step is wrong. It runs counter to decisions of the IAEA and resolutions of the U.N. Security Council.”

The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, was heading to Iran on Wednesday for talks aimed at resolving the standoff. The timing of the announcement suggested Iran wanted to present him with a fait accompli and argue that it cannot be expected to entirely give up a program showing progress.

Former Iranian president Hashemi Rafsanjani — a powerful figure in the country’s clerical regime — warned that pressuring Iran over enrichment “might not have good consequences for the area and the world.”

If the West wants “to solve issues in good faith, that could be easily possible, and if they want to ... pressure us on our nuclear activities, things will become difficult and thorny for all,” Rafsanjani said in an interview with the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Rai Al-Aam, published on Wednesday.

Rafsanjani — who heads Iran’s Expediency Council, a powerful body that arbitrates between the parliament and the clerical hierarchy — said planned talks between Iran and the United States on stabilizing Iraq could lead to discussions on the nuclear dispute.

“We don’t have a mandate to discuss the nuclear issue with the Americans ... but if the talks on Iraq go in the right direction, there might be a possibility for that issue,” Rafsanjani said in an interview with the Al-Hayat daily. “There have been many cases where big and wide-ranging decisions had small beginnings.”

Iranian and U.S. officials have insisted the talks will deal only with Iraq. So far, no date for the talks has been set.

Enrichment is a key process that can produce either fuel for a reactor or the material needed for a nuclear reactor. But thousands of centrifuges — arranged in a network called a “cascade” — are needed for either purpose, and getting any number of centrifuges to work together is a very delicate and difficult task.

Iran resumed research on enrichment at Natanz in February. Saeedi said scientists there slowly built up the number of centrifuges in the cascade — first using four, then 10, then 20. On Sunday, they succeeded in enriching an amount of uranium to the 3.5 percent needed for a reactor, using 164 centrifuges.

“The next stage is to install 3,000 centrifuges. We definitely won’t have problems doing that. We just need to increase our production line,” he said.

Enriching uranium to the much higher levels needed for a nuclear warhead is even more difficult, requiring tens of thousands of centrifuges or much longer periods of time.

The IAEA is due to report to the U.N. Security Council on April 28 whether Iran has met its demand for a full halt to uranium enrichment. If Tehran has not complied, the council will consider the next step. The U.S. and Europe are pressing for sanctions against Iran, a step Russia and China have so far opposed.

Iran is pressing for further negotiations with the IAEA or with Western countries, hinting that it could agree to keep its enrichment program on a small scale under IAEA inspection without giving it up entirely.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Doherty blames it on Babyshambles

By The Associated Press

**LONDON** — Pete Doherty failed to appear at a London court Wednesday for a review of his progress in drug rehabilitation.

Doherty's representatives told Thames Magistrates' Court that he had been unable to return from Paris, where his group, Babyshambles, had played a concert Tuesday night.

The case was adjourned until May 12. Doherty, 27, was sentenced in February to 12 months of community service and ordered to submit to regular drug tests after pleading guilty to drug offenses.

He faces an April 20 appearance in the same court on separate drug charges. Doherty pleaded guilty last month to seven charges of possessing drugs including heroin, crack cocaine and marijuana.

His drug problems gained international attention after a newspaper published photos of then-girlfriend Kate Moss allegedly using cocaine at a music studio where Doherty and Babyshambles were recording.

**LOS ANGELES** — Tori Spelling's first marriage will be officially over next week, clearing the way for her to marry fiance Dean McDermott, according to a report.

In court documents obtained Tuesday by syndicated TV news magazine "Entertainment Tonight", a Superior Court commissioner stated that Spelling's marriage to actor Charlie Shanian will be dissolved on April 20.

Shanian filed for the divorce in October, a little more than a year after marrying the former "Beverly Hills, 90210" star. He cited dissolution of marriage.

Spelling and McDermott became engaged in December. The two met last year while working on the TV movie "Mind Over Murder."

Spelling, who is the daughter of producer Aaron Spelling, is starring as a fictionalized version of herself in VH1's "so noTORious."

**NEW YORK** — Amanda Peet, Patrick Wilson,

Jill Clayburgh and Tony Roberts will be out of work on Broadway next month.

The foursome star in the revival of "Barefoot in the Park," Neil Simon's romantic comedy, which announced Tuesday it would close May 21 after a run of 108 performances.

The play, Simon's first big Broadway hit, opened in February to mostly negative notices. The play concerns a free-spirited young woman, played by Peet, married to a buttoned-down lawyer (Wilson).

The original 1963 production starred Elizabeth Ashley and Robert Redford and ran for over four years. Redford and Jane Fonda starred in the 1967 movie version.

**BEIJING** — Bob Geldof's accusation that Beijing is to blame for the continuing civil war in Sudan would have more bite if China knew who he was.

Asking "Who?" several times, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao finally shook his head and said, "I am sorry," after a reporter asked for comment on Geldof's claims that China was protecting the Sudanese government because of its oil needs.

Geldof, 51, has won international acclaim for his humanitarian efforts and last year organized the Live 8 concerts. The Irish rocker also organized the Live Aid concert in 1985.

Liu, who said he'd never heard of the anti-poverty campaigner, didn't respond directly to Geldof's claim.

"Anyway, I can brief you on China's position on Sudan," Liu said Tuesday. "We are making efforts to restore peace in Sudan. We hope both parties can implement the agreements reached. We hope to see a stronger role for the African Union in solving the Sudan problem."

No official figures exist but the conflict in Sudan is estimated to have claimed more than 180,000 lives since 2003 and driven millions from their homes.

"I was in Darfur 20 years ago and people were killing each other then. It's an ancient battle between nomadic people and settled people,

between Arab-Africans and black Africans, between Islam and Christians. ... The reason why it has not been resolved is because of China," Geldof said in Athens, Greece, on Monday.

"The Chinese protect the Khartoum government ... and they will not allow a vote in the Security Council," he said.

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.** — The original policeman from the disco hitmakers the Village People is in trouble with the law — again.

Victor Edward Willis, 54, was back in court Monday in San Mateo County where a judge decided there's enough evidence for him to face trial on drug-related charges.

Willis, who's being held without bail in the Redwood City jail, has three cases pending against him, according to prosecutor Morly Pitt.

The first involves two felony charges, a probation violation and possession of cocaine, to which he's pleaded no contest, Pitt said. Sentencing on those charges is pending.

In the second, Willis pleaded no contest to cocaine possession and being a felon in possession of a gun. He was facing a maximum 16 months in state prison, but he failed to show up twice for a sentencing hearing last December.

Then, Willis was stopped again by police on March 26, for what began as a traffic violation, Pitt said. He and passenger Stacy Brandt, 40, were arrested. Brandt pleaded no contest to possession of narcotics and was sentenced to 60 days in jail and three years' probation.

Willis was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and providing false information to police for using a fake name. He has not entered a plea in that case and he's due back in court next Tuesday when the cases will be consolidated. He will return to court again April 25 "when a judge will figure out what we're going to do with Mr. Willis," Pitt said.

A call to Willis' lawyer wasn't immediately returned.

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Phat Girlz (PG-13)  
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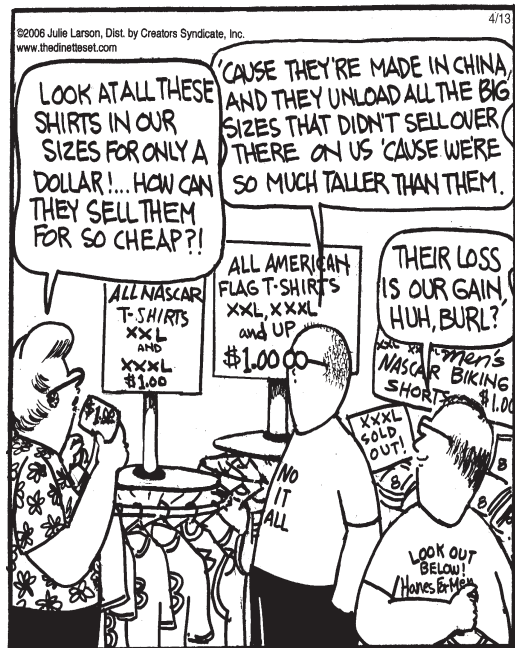
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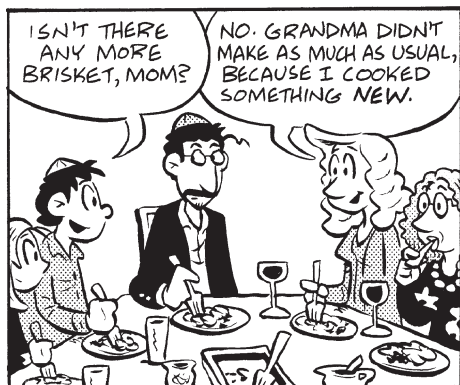
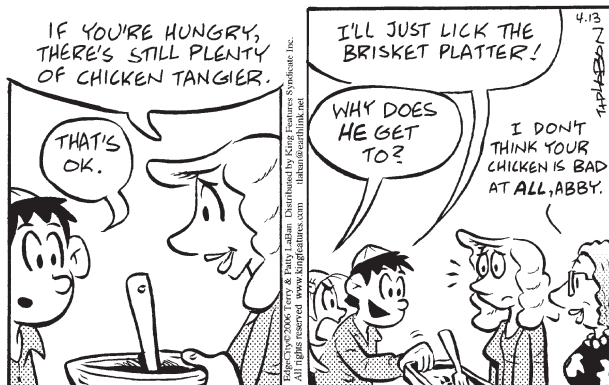
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