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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Specialty Products:** The apparently successful Iraq Insurance Co. (a state-owned firm with 50 salespeople nationwide) is thought to be the only company in the world to offer "off-the-shelf" terrorism life insurance (paying a bodyguard's beneficiary, for example, the equivalent of about \$3,500, which is a policeman's yearly salary, for a \$90 premium, according to a New York Times dispatch). As of mid-March, no policyholder had been killed. (2) Among the "brand" names used by marijuana traffickers to sell dope-laced candy, according to federal agents who made arrests in March in Oakland, Calif., are Buddafingers, Pot Tarts, Double Puff Oreo, Puff-a-Mint Pattie and Toka-Cola.

■ In work by various labs in the United States, the Netherlands and Australia (reported by Toronto's Globe and Mail in March), meat was grown in test tubes, and such dishes may yet be a staple in progressive kitchens. "Before bed, throw starter cells and a package of growth medium into the (coffee maker-sized) meat maker and wake up to harvest-fresh sausage for breakfast," wrote the Globe and Mail. Engineered meat would taste like beef or pork, but could be created to be as healthful as salmon. One private group told researchers it was interested in growing human meat, but funding for any of the work will be difficult, said a Medical University of South Carolina scientist.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 108th day of 2006.
There are 257 days left in the year.

One hundred years ago, on April 18, 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Love has the quality of informing almost everything — even one's work."

SYLVIA ASHTON-WARNER
NEW ZEALANDER AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Post Office Lobby Director Carlos Antonio Jr. (left) assists Don Metzger at the downtown branch. Metzger, like thousands of others, was mailing off his tax returns to the IRS on Monday — the filing deadline for income taxes.

Cop-turned-author charges SMPD acted above the law

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — A law enforcement historian currently writing a book about the Santa Monica Police Department is demanding that the City Council launch an investigation into alleged misconduct by the chief of police and other officers.

Attorneys for police memorabilia collector and former SMPD officer Evan Mason confronted the council last week, at which time they charged the police department, including Chief James T. Butts Jr., of using the threat of a criminal investigation to pressure their client into giving up his rights to a manuscript detailing the history of the SMPD.

Mason's attorneys said officers falsified information to obtain a search warrant for Mason's home in Paso Robles, California, so they could seize documents relating to the book, including the manuscript. Mason's attorneys allege

Butts ordered the search out of spite following Mason's refusal to let the chief have final say over what would be published.

Police have accused Mason of stealing several, valuable collector's items from the department during his research for the book, including a 1930s-era chief's badge once worn by late Police Chief Clarence Webb, and a rare cartoon drawn by Elzie Segar, the creator of "Popeye," Mason's attorneys said.

A search warrant was issued in January to retrieve some of those items and anything else relating to the book.

Police department spokesman Lt. Frank Fabrega declined to comment because the matter is considered an ongoing criminal investigation.

"This is an example of the police department using limited Santa Monica funds to muscle Evan into giving up his rights to

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LOCAL

Two men found dead just minutes apart

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Two men, both believed to be homeless, were found dead on Saturday, police said. The causes of death remain unknown.

According to police, the deaths do not appear related, as neither of the incidents and corresponding evidence pointed to foul play.

The first body was discovered at 10:15 a.m. in a carport on the 1200 block of Ninth Street. A spokesman for the Los Angeles County Coroner's office identified the man as Daniel Arnold, 39, a white male from Santa Monica.

The second body was discovered about five minutes later, when officers responded to a report of a dead body in an alley in the 1500 Block of Lincoln Boulevard. When officers arrived, they found the body of

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Teachers dismiss long day proposal

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS — With the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District already offering a full day of kindergarten, teachers are recommending the school board not add an extra hour of instruction for fear of student burnout.

A joint district and teachers' union committee found that 47 of the district's 48 kindergarten teachers strongly oppose extending the school day to six hours instead of the current five hours of instruction, feeling that a longer day would "not be developmentally, socially or academically appropriate."

"We found that it's not the number of hours kids go to school, but the quality of instruction provided within that will determine student performance," said Grant Clark, a kindergarten teacher at Franklin Elementary School, and co-chair of the joint SMMUSD-SMMCTA Committee on Full-Day Kindergarten. "We felt that the time spent on an extra hour could better be used to help students who are struggling."

The committee found that 84 percent of kindergarten students are thriving under current conditions, scoring proficient or advanced on a literacy survey following their first year in school.

However, 16 percent are below proficient, and therefore, should receive extra attention in the form of tutoring or other programs, the committee recommended.

The committee presented its findings to the school board last week, at which time it also called for the board to lobby legislators in Sacramento to change the enrollment age for kindergarten.

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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 efforts don't go unnoticed, yet the personal toll could be greater than anticipated. As a result, you might go into full grump mode. Listen more to what is being shared among those in the know. Tonight: Yes, you will need to be a dominant force.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Relate to and work with each individual as if he or she is the most important person in your life at that moment. You might want to think through a decision that involves those around you. Reactions, as you'll see, might be strong. Tonight: Relax to good music.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Others let you know what they want and expect. It is your call if you are going to give it to them. Think positively and create more of what you want. You easily could overspend. Curb uncontrolled wildness. Tonight: As you like it.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might be more pushed than you realize and need to take a break. Think about what must be done as opposed to what you are going to get done. Be positive about your alternatives. Good things will happen. Tonight: Take a break from the pressure.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have the ability to creatively adjust. You might want to carefully rethink your priorities. If you want to make a move, you will need to investigate and get feedback. Evaluate more of what you feel, and situations will work. Tonight: Put your feet up.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You are coming from a solid space and might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. As you evaluate an event, you could decide on a major risk or change. Brainstorm but be open to potential changes. Tonight: Full of folly and laughter.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You are able to do things much differently than in the past. Relax and enjoy yourself with those in your immediate circle. Do not take another's comment seriously. This person could be having more difficulty than you realize. Tonight: At home.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your budget might be your highest priority, but at the moment you could have difficulty turning a situation around. You might be much happier if you relax. Decisions don't have to be made immediately. Tonight: As you like.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Risking might be important in order to accomplish what you want. Can you afford it -- either emotionally or financially -- if you fall flat on your face? Make your financial well-being an even high priority. Tonight: Listen to another's comments. You don't have to act on them.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Step back. Timing is working for you, as you will notice later today. You have seen different problems come up. Handle them, but only when you are ready and sure of yourself. Many different elements will work together. Tonight: As you like.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Move during the daylight hours, when you are a force to behold. You will like what goes on a lot more if you relax and think in terms of progress. Friends point out the path that leads to where you want to go. Tonight: Hide out with a favorite person.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Instigate changes and assume a more powerful stand. You will have a lot to do and accomplish. On some level you might be totally overwhelmed. Listen to what is being shared on a deeper level. Tonight: Find your pals.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

St. John's Jimmy runners are at the blocks

By Daily Press staff

Relay runners will have a chance to distinguish themselves as they improve their health and the well-being of a local hospital.

The 25th Silver Anniversary Saint John's Jimmy Stewart Relay Marathon will be held at 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 23, at Griffith Park.

Join hosts Robert Wagner and Isaiah Washington, community leaders, runners and spectators of all ages in one of the largest five-person relay marathons in the United States.

This year's event, in which more than 10,000 runners are expected to participate, will be comprised of 17 divisions based on age, gender and industry affiliation.

Participants run 5.2 miles before passing on the baton to a teammate for a total of 26 miles. All proceeds from the marathon benefit programs and services at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. Since 1982, \$8.8 million has been raised.

Poetry lovers are branching out

By Daily Press staff

Join fellow poetry lovers and recite a poem that you have memorized and share what that poem means to you.

The only stipulation is that the poem cannot be written by the person reciting.

The event is to be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at the Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Bring a copy of your poem.

Delving deeper into environmental issues

By Daily Press staff

Earth Day will be celebrated at Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23.

Visitors can participate in beach cleanups, workshops, games, and arts and crafts.

Classroom lectures and presentations by aquarium staff and Heal the Bay's scientists will delve deeper into environmental issues affecting the marine environment, including storm drain runoff, ocean pollution and the bacterial counts used to formulate the Beach Report Card.

Conservation-themed movies also will be screened.

The aquarium is located below the historic carousel at the Santa Monica Pier. Admission is free for children 12 and under; admission for ages 13 and above is \$2.

CORRECTION — In the April 15-16 edition, the article regarding the Juarez murders in 1998 contained errors. Frank Juarez Jr. was shot three times — once in each leg and once in the torso. Juarez Jr. denies that he has ever been affiliated with any gang and his clothing store was not known on the streets as a place for gang members to buy clothing.

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BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 24" - 48"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 27	LIFTS OPEN 11/12
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CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Variable

JUNE MOUNTAIN

Closed

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 216" - 240"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 150	LIFTS OPEN 20/28
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CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 19	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
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CONDITIONS: Spring

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 18" - 34"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 4/4
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CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Spring

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 24" - 48"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 10/14
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CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Spring, Variable

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 24" - 60"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 21	LIFTS OPEN 3/11
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CONDITIONS: Machine Groomed, Hard Packed, Spring

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 57°

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Tomorrow the NW energy should stick around for some waist to possibly chest high surf. SW drops to knee to waist.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

NW hits Ncal on Friday, Saturday for SoCal...

Tracking SW for 27th...

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MONDAY				
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HIGH TIDE	1:18PM	2.8FT	11:44PM	5.3FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	7:45AM	0.0FT	5:01PM	2.6FT
HIGH TIDE	3:12PM	2.7FT	N/A	N/A
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	9:05AM	0.1FT	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	12:33AM	5.1FT	N/A	N/A
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	10:26AM	0.0FT	9:15PM	3.2FT
HIGH TIDE	1:48AM	4.8FT	6:33PM	3.3FT
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	11:31AM	-0.2FT	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	3:32AM	4.6FT	6:46PM	3.7FT

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The City Council and city staff are getting ready to draft a budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1. Residents are encouraged to submit budget requests for consideration through the city's Web site at www.santa-monica.org.

So this week Q-Line wants to know: **"What special items do you think should be included in the city's budget for the upcoming year?"**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

He’s gone, but not forgetting

Editor:
Well, it’s been three years since I left the Toilet-by-the-Sea and — surprise, surprise — you are all still crying the same song. Boo-hoo-hoo to all of the people who keep complaining about the homeless and yet allow the city to elect leaders who remain exactly the same politically — hippy-dippy, feed-the-world, pony-tailed losers that will forever continue to allow (no, encourage) a large homeless population in Santa Monica.
You want to vote in some new level-headed people that actually have the best interests of Santa Monicans? Then demand that any proposed homeless “stabilization facilities” be located in the NOMO neighborhood. The NOMO liberals will be quick to end the city’s homeless-friendly nature faster than you can say “decaf, no-foam latte.”
As for the latest “educated” homeless editorial by Theodore Henderson (SMDP, April 7, page 7), it’s obvious that he has put the new \$70 million library to good use. Henderson lists among other reasons for homelessness, “the lack of affordable

housing,” “low-wage jobs,” “high unemployment,” “racism,” and “growing affluence.” The unemployment rate (which is the lowest in decades) notwithstanding, it seems as if LA is just a hard place to make it. My question is, why would anyone who is on the low rungs of the socio-economic ladder ever choose to locate in Santa Monica given those harsh realities?
I’m guessing that it has something to do with the fact that you get a lot of free stuff from City Hall, that you can always find a nice comfy “sandbed” to sleep on, that the weather is great most of the year, and you can continue to entertain thoughts making it as a famous — (fill in the blank — thespian, writer, director, etc.)
Santa Monica will be stuck with the same old communist/socialist mentality in City Hall until the number of market-rate renters outnumbers the amount of rent-controlled renters. Then and only then will Santa Monica get rid of the homeless problem once and for all. See you then.

Tony Street
Bend, Ore.

GUEST COMMENTARY BY MICHAEL S. BERLINER

Garden of Eden is great, but can’t live there

Earth Day approaches, and with it a grave danger faces mankind. The danger is not from acid rain, global warming, smog, or the logging of rain forests, as environmentalists would have us believe. The danger to mankind is from environmentalism.
The fundamental goal of environmentalism is not clean air and clean water. Rather, it is the demolition of technological/industrial civilization. Environmentalism’s goal is not the advancement of human health, human happiness, and human life; rather, it is a subhuman world where “nature” is worshipped like the totem of some primitive religion.
In a nation founded on the pioneer spirit, environmentalists have made “development” an evil word. They inhibit or prohibit the development of Alaskan oil, offshore drilling, nuclear power — and every other practical form of energy. Housing, commerce, and jobs are sacrificed to spotted owls and snail darters. Medical research is sacrificed to the “rights” of mice. Logging is sacrificed to the “rights” of trees. No instance of the progress that brought man out of the cave is safe from the onslaught of those “protecting” the environment from man, whom they consider a rapist and despoiler by his very essence.
Nature, they insist, has “intrinsic value,” to be revered for its own sake, irrespective of any benefit to man. As a consequence, man is to be prohibited from using nature for his own ends. Since nature supposedly has value and goodness in itself, any human action that changes the environment is necessarily immoral. Of course, environmentalists invoke the doctrine of intrinsic value not against wolves that eat sheep or beavers that gnaw trees. They invoke it only against man, only when man wants something.
The ideal world of environmentalism is not 21st century Western civilization — it is the Garden of Eden, a world with no human intervention in nature, a world without innovation or change, a world without effort, a world where survival is somehow guaranteed, a world where man has mystically merged with the “environment.” Had the environmentalist mentality prevailed in the 18th and 19th centuries, we would have had no Industrial Revolution, a situation that consistent environmentalists would cheer — at least those few who might have managed to survive without the life-saving benefits of modern science and technology.
The expressed goal of environmentalism is to prevent man from changing his environment, from intruding on nature.

That is why environmentalism is fundamentally anti-man. Intrusion is necessary for human survival. Only by intrusion can man avoid pestilence and famine. Only by intrusion can man control his life and project long-range goals. Intrusion improves the environment, if by “environment” one means the surroundings of man — the external material conditions of human life. Intrusion is a requirement of human nature. But in the environmentalists’ paean to “nature,” human nature is omitted. For environmentalism, the “natural” world is a world without man. Man has no legitimate needs, but trees, ponds, and bacteria somehow do.
They don’t mean it? Heed the words of the consistent environmentalists. “The ending of the human epoch on Earth,” writes philosopher Paul Taylor in *Respect for Nature: A Theory of Environmental Ethics*, “would most likely be greeted with a hearty ‘Good riddance!’” In a glowing review of Bill McKibben’s “The End of Nature,” biologist David M. Graber writes (*Los Angeles Times*, Oct. 29, 1989): “Human happiness (is) not as important as a wild and healthy planet ... Until such time as *Homo sapiens* should decide to rejoin nature, some of us can only hope for the right virus to come along.” Such is the naked essence of environmentalism: It mourns the death of one whale or tree but actually welcomes the death of billions of people. A more malevolent, man-hating philosophy is unimaginable.
The guiding principle of environmentalism is self-sacrifice, the sacrifice of longer lives, healthier lives, more prosperous lives, more enjoyable lives, i.e., the sacrifice of human lives. But an individual is not born in servitude. He has a moral right to live his own life for his own sake. He has no duty to sacrifice it to the needs of others and certainly not to the “needs” of the nonhuman.
To save mankind from environmentalism, what’s needed is not the appeasing, compromising approach of those who urge a “balance” between the needs of man and the “needs” of the environment. To save mankind requires the wholesale rejection of environmentalism as hatred of science, technology, progress, and human life. To save mankind requires the return to a philosophy of reason and individualism, a philosophy that makes life on earth possible.
(Dr. Michael S. Berliner is a member of the board of directors of the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine. The Institute promotes the philosophy of Ayn Rand.)

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Teachers tell board to put down pencils

KINDERGARTEN, from page 1

Currently, children who will turn 5 years of age by Dec. 1 can enroll in kindergarten. Teachers here would like to see that changed to Sept. 1.

"The standards have become so rigorous and expectations so high, that by pushing the date back we would have children who are a lot more mature," Clark said.

With more demands being placed on students to achieve, kindergarten has changed dramatically over the last 15 to 20 years, educators said. Instead of worrying about finger-painting or identifying vowels, students are required to locate the title, table of contents, the name of the author and the illustrator of any book they read, as well as distinguish fantasy from realistic text and use letters or phonics to write about experiences, stories and people.

The new demands have placed tremendous pressure on districts to deliver, meaning each has had to overhaul its programs to make the adjustment.

"This isn't the kindergarten you remember 10 years ago," said school board member Shane McLoud, a 5th grade teacher at a charter school in Los Angeles. "Back then, it was more about just being in the classroom, learning how to be in that setting along with drawing shapes, counting to 10. Now, standards have changed, with high expectations that are much more challenging, where students and districts are being asked to do a lot more. Everyone has been trying to adjust."

During contract negotiations more than a year ago, district officials, including then-Superintendent John Deasy, flirted with the idea of expanding kindergarten by one hour to get the full amount of instruction time allowed under the law.

"I had always wanted to expand to the full hours possible," said Deasy, who left the district earlier this month to become the chief executive officer of a school district in Prince George's County, Maryland.

"It is my hope that we would want to work with our kids at the earliest age, as much as possible.

"So, yes, I would hope that in the near future they would move to extend the hours."

However, many teachers are concerned, having reviewed conflicting studies that show six hours of instruction can be of tremendous benefit for some students, but could cause problems for others who find it difficult to stay focused for an extended period of time, and therefore, may develop negative attitudes about school.

A compromise was reached in which members of the teachers' union and district officials formed the committee to study full-day kindergarten, in which they surveyed teachers as well as principals to judge the desire for extending the hours. The committee worked through the 2005-06 school year.

While teachers were overwhelmingly against extending instruction, nine out of 10 principals favored the idea, with one remaining neutral, according to the committee's report.

Despite their support and the recommendation of Deasy, the board seemed to favor suggestions made by teachers, and directed district staff to examine ways in which the district could better target those small number of children who are not achieving at the same level as others. The board asked staff to find out how much it would cost to extend instruction by one hour and to see if that money could be used to fund developmental programs to assist struggling students.

"There certainly was the feeling that the principals wanted it, but the teachers, as a collective body, felt it wasn't necessary (to add another hour), and they are the experts," McLoud said. "Teachers I've talked with really don't see the benefit, but what they do see, and what staff has suggested, is we still need to figure out strategies to catch those students who are falling behind."

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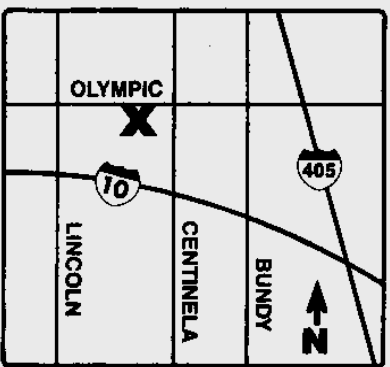
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Warrant for concern? Ex-cop wants PD probe

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the book," said Stephen Q. Wood, one of Mason's attorneys. "Mr. Mason would like his manuscript returned, and he would like to have his name cleared as he was a police officer for the department who served with distinction and retired honorably."

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie told Wood it was not in the council's authority to launch such an investigation and suggested Mason file a complaint with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, which investigates allegations of police misconduct.

"It is my impression that the city would be vindicated in this dispute," Moutrie said in an interview Monday.

District Attorney spokeswoman Jane Robison would neither confirm nor deny that an investigation into Mason's claims is already underway.

Mason is seeking a publisher for his book, but that search has proven even more difficult in light of the police department's investigation and seizure of the manuscript, Wood said.

Mason gained access to the SMPD's archives after he was named the department's honorary historian. A member of a committee formed to help celebrate SMPD's centennial celebration in 1996, Mason was allowed to interview relatives of former police officers as well as look through old police files, including log

books, arrest reports and jail records.

Mason's attorneys said he was also given an official "historian badge" and permission to store several boxes of memorabilia at his home while doing research for the book. Mason has since returned those items at the police department's request, his lawyers said.

At no time was Mason being paid by the SMPD for his work, and therefore, his book should not be considered property of the SMPD, Wood said.

Wood alleges officers lied about the 1938 Webb badge so that they could gain a search warrant for Mason's home. Wood said officers knew that Mason did not possess the badge, but merely photographed it at the home of Webb's daughter, Fay Webb. The pictures were used to illustrate an article written by Mason, Wood said.

A sworn declaration by Webb states that the badge, and two others photographed by Mason, never left her possession, Mason's attorneys said. The declaration was presented to the council last week.

"We were there to show the City Council that there has obviously been some confusion and some false statements made by the police department," Wood said. "We are willing to sit down with the department any day to talk about this. We believe this can be handled civilly through negotiations or civil litigation, but not through intimidation. No Santa Monica resident would be allowed to do that."

Coroner awaiting toxicology tests

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what appeared to be a homeless, Latino man. No identification was found at the scene.

A spokesman for the Coroner's office said the second man found has been identified, but his name could not be released Monday evening because a next of kin had not been notified.

Autopsies were performed on both of the men, but the results of toxicology tests will not be available for several weeks.

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Help wanted: County looking for bus drivers

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The county transit agency is having trouble hiring enough drivers for its buses and trains.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials said the agency needs to add 260 people to its 4,500-member work force.

The staffing pinch has forced the MTA to pay \$57 million in overtime this year, officials said.

The MTA is working on recruitment strategies and intends to discuss the issue as it negotiates a new contract with workers, officials said.

Full-time drivers receive \$41,500 a year, plus benefits.

Some potential applicants are discouraged because they must first work as part-timers before receiving full-time assignments, officials said.

Only one in 10 applicants gets hired, officials said. Many are turned away because of bad driving records or poor communication skills.

Teachers to Bill Gates: Thanks, but no thanks

By The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — Teachers at Carson High School turned down a \$1.5 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to pay for education reforms.

But Jordan High, another campus in the Los Angeles Unified School District, accepted a grant from the foundation and will phase in the changes starting in the fall.

In January, teachers at Carson rejected the so-called Talent Development reform program that came with the grant from the foundation.

The program intensifies efforts to keep students from dropping out during their first year of high school. It also breaks school years into quarters and school days into 90-minute classes.

Talent Development administrators were accused of pushing their inflexible program on unwilling teachers.

“We didn’t see the advantage,” said Kary Harger, a social studies teacher who chairs the Carson chapter of the United Teachers Los Angeles union. “We didn’t want the change.”

Talent Development administrators said the Carson teachers didn’t give their program a fair chance.

“There was a lot of misinformation,” said Tara Madden, the Western regional coordinator for Talent Development.

City finds it hard to cement a deal

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A pilot program has left some city officials encouraged about the prospects of reducing an 85-year backlog of sidewalk repairs.

The effort involves the city splitting the cost of the work with households.

In the pilot program, 535 households agreed to pay an average of \$1,200 for the work. The results reflect the need for more funding in the upcoming city budget, Councilwoman Wendy Greuel said.

“I made it very clear the 50/50 program had to be included and it had to be more than the existing budget,” she said.

In some districts, few households signed up for the program.

“Those people are not going to spend \$1,200 to put in a sidewalk,” said Edward Ramirez, who leads the Pacoima Neighborhood Council.

“It’s a good program for the people who have the money,” he said. “It’s not a good program for the people who don’t have the money.”

Homeless man returns lost wallet

By The Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A homeless man searching through garbage bins for recyclable cans found a missing wallet and had it returned to its owner.

Kim Bogue, who works as a janitor in the city’s government buildings, realized that her wallet was missing last week and doubted she’d ever get back the \$900 and credit cards inside, she said.

“I prayed that night and asked God to help me,” said Bogue, who was saving the money for a trip to her native Thailand.

Days later, a homeless man found the wallet wrapped in a plastic bag in a trash bin, where Bogue had accidentally thrown it away with her lunch. He gave it to Sherry Wesley, who works in a nearby building.

“He came to me with the wad of money and said, ‘This probably belongs to someone that you work with, can you return it,’” Wesley said.

Workers at a nearby relief kitchen said the man, who didn’t want to be identified, insists on paying for his food.

“He has a very good heart,” said Bogue, who gave the man a \$100 reward. “If someone else found it, the money would be gone.”

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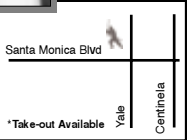
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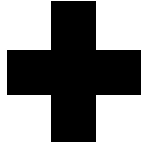
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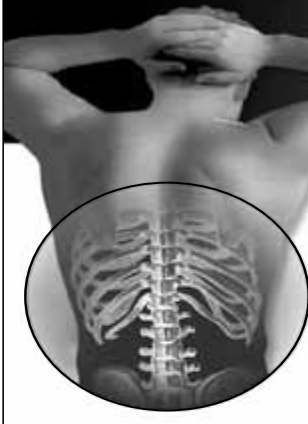
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Tax returns show Schwarzenegger makes most money from investing

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger released three years of tax returns Friday, showing that the actor turned politician is now making more money in investments than he is through his movie company.

Schwarzenegger reported earning a \$4.2 million salary in 2004, largely from film revenue, which was a significant drop from the \$18 million he made in 2002 when he starred in Terminator 3.

But in his first full year as governor, Schwarzenegger accumulated most of his income through capital gains, according to copies of tax returns that his investment firm allowed reporters to read but not copy.

Schwarzenegger's tax returns showed he made almost \$16.8 million through wages and investments in 2004. The bulk of that income, \$9.6 million, came from capital gains payments made from a blind trust that Schwarzenegger set up after he took office in 2003. The trust also yielded much of Schwarzenegger's \$1.1 million in dividends and \$1.3 million in taxable interest.

"As the movie income comes down, it leads to a lower salary, and capital gains will keep going up," said Paul Wachter, chief executive officer of Main Street Advisors, the governor's investment firm.

Wachter said the boost in Schwarzenegger's capital gains payments could reflect a combination of stock and mutual fund sales and a broader, more diverse portfolio. He declined to go into specifics about the blind trust or say how much the governor is worth. He is estimated to be worth about \$100 million.

Schwarzenegger has filed an extension for his 2005 taxes and likely will file his return in October, Wachter said. The regular tax deadline is Monday.

State Controller and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Westly has called upon his opponents to release 10 years of tax records. His primary opponent, State Treasurer Phil Angelides, has released returns dating back to 1998, the year he took office. Schwarzenegger has released four years of returns.

The governor is not accepting his state salary of \$175,000 and directed his financial advisers to put his investments into a blind trust so he could avoid any potential conflicts of interest. As a result, neither he nor taxpayers can know how he is making his money.

"If we sold something or bought something, he wasn't part of it," Wachter said.

Until the creation of the trust, Schwarzenegger reported holdings that included dozens of blue chip stocks such as Starbucks, Wal-Mart, IBM and Microsoft. Records show he reported \$31.1 million in income in 2000.

His tax returns did offer a glimpse into how Schwarzenegger spends some of his money. In 2004, he gave 1,190 shares of Starbucks to his children's school, Brentwood School in Los Angeles. The shares were worth \$55,985 at the time.

He also gave \$404,087 in cash to a variety of charities, which his advisers declined to name.

Schwarzenegger paid his household staff \$390,472 in 2004. His advisers said they did not know how many staff members were on the payroll.

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TV networks fight FCC's indecent proposals

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Four TV broadcast networks and their affiliates have filed court challenges to a March 15 Federal Communications Commission ruling that found several programs “indecent” because of language.

ABC, NBC, CBS and Fox, along with their network affiliate associations and the Hearst-Argyle Television group of stations, filed notices of appeal in various federal courts, including in Washington, D.C., and New York. Some were filed late Thursday and the rest Friday morning.

The move represents a protest against the aggressive enforcement of federal indecency rules that broadcasters have complained are vague and inconsistently applied. Millions of dollars in fines have been levied based on those rules.

The appeals challenge the FCC's finding that profane language was used on the CBS program “The Early Show” in 2004, incidents involving Cher and Nicole Richie on the “Billboard Music Awards” shows broadcast by Fox in 2002 and 2003 and various episodes of the ABC show “NYPD Blue” that aired in 2003.

The FCC did not issue fines in those cases because the incidents occurred before a 2004 ruling that virtually any use of certain expletives would be considered profane and indecent.

While none of the cases involved NBC, the network filed a petition to intervene on behalf of the other networks and stations.

Separately, CBS asked the FCC to reconsider a proposed record fine of \$3.6 million against dozens of CBS stations and affiliates for a 2004 episode of “Without a Trace” as well as a proposed \$550,000 fine for the Janet Jackson “wardrobe malfunction” during the Super Bowl in 2004. Friday was the deadline for the requests.

The networks and affiliate groups, representing more than 800 individual stations, issued a rare joint statement Friday calling the FCC ruling “unconstitutional and inconsistent with two decades of previous FCC decisions.

“In filing these court appeals we are seeking to overturn the FCC decisions that the broadcast of fleeting, isolated — and in some cases unintentional — words rendered these programs indecent.”

The networks and stations said the FCC “overstepped its authority” and acted arbitrarily in not giving the networks a clear standard for what content is objectionable.

FCC spokeswoman Tamara Lipper said Friday that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled more than 20 years ago that comedian George Carlin's monologue on the “7 dirty words you can't say on television and radio” was indecent.

“Today, Disney, Fox and CBS challenged that precedent and argued that they should be able to air two of those same words,” Lipper said. “We are reviewing their filings.”

The Walt Disney Co. owns ABC.

In three of the cases being appealed, the FCC found that violations occurred dur-

ing live broadcasts. A contestant from the CBS show “Survivor: Vanuatu,” for instance, used a variation of the “S” word when referring to another contestant on “The Early Show” in December 2004.

The FCC found the use “indecent,” but did not issue a fine because “our precedent at the time of the broadcast did not clearly indicate that the commission would take enforcement action against an isolated use of the ‘S-word,’” the FCC wrote in its March 15 order.

In the case of “NYPD Blue,” the FCC found that the show's use of a variation of

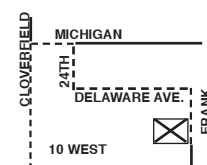
the “S” word was indecent because the episode aired at 9 p.m. in the Central and Mountain time zones. The use of the word after 10 p.m. in the Eastern and Pacific time zones was not objectionable, the FCC found.

The networks and affiliates Friday said they objected to the “growing government control over what viewers should and shouldn't see on television.”

The group said parents already have the ability to block certain programs by using the V-chip and various other parental controls.

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A WEEKLY LOOK AT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR SA

Let your children play a part in behavior

BY LINDA MILO

Special to the Daily Press

Children, like teens, like to feel personal power. Power is mostly the ability to influence some aspects of our lives by the choices we make. Giving a child a choice is the most powerful way to build personal power and self-esteem for your child's lifetime. Children exert their personal power when they refuse to go to bed, or decide not to take a bath, or have temper tantrums. To help your child use their power in a positive way and to strengthen your child's sense of competence, give them the power to make positive personal behavior choices.

A choice for any of us means that we are using free will, exercised by our own mind and judgment. A choice communicates to your child that you trust him to learn and grow from his experience with choices, actions and mistakes. Your child will feel more powerful and use their power in a positive way because choices:

- Are a good way to defuse potential power struggles.
- Help a child take responsibility for their actions.
- Let your child know they have power.
- Provides a way for children to use their power.
- Helps a child to manage their own behavior.

CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES

When you provide your child with a choice for their behavior, you are also letting them know that there will be consequences if the choice is unwise. When a child has no power to make an independent, thoughtful decision that carries specific consequences, your child feels he has no control over his environment and life. Telling your child that they can make a decision, a choice, is also telling them that they must learn to live with the results of their own actions.

When you use choices and consequences, first state the options children have and then the consequences of each of those choices. For example:

■ Tom, I really expect you to quietly eat your dinner at the table. If you continue to act silly, you will have to leave the table. It's your choice.

■ Jane, you can take your bath now and watch TV after bathing. If you don't take your bath now, there won't be time to watch your favorite TV program. It's your decision.

■ Children, you can both play together enjoyably and share your toys, or both of you will have to take a quiet time-out. You both decide about that.

When you use choices and consequences remember to never give ultimatums as choices. For example: "I won't love you if you don't eat your dinner." Ultimatums are usually not carried out and soon your child will believe

that what you say is truly hot air.

Also, never give choices where there aren't any. For example: "Jim, would you like to put on your coat now? We have to go." If your child says, "no," but he really has to get his on coat anyway because it's freezing outside, he never really had a choice in the first place.

Most importantly, never use threats as choices. For example: "If you don't leave your sister alone, I am going to break your neck." Clearly, a parent should not carry through on such a threat.

Start by giving your child choices from birth. You can ask your child which they would like to do when it comes to:

Dressing: "Which skirt would you like to wear today?"

Eating: "Jane, would you like to eat your meal on the red dish or the white dish?"

Play time: "Do you want to play outside now, or would you rather play games indoors?"

Bath time: "Amy, do you want to take your bath now, or take it a little later?"

Anytime you offer a choice to do something, you empower your child to think that he actually can choose for himself what he believes is best for his life. That creates a sense of independence, which enables children to feel more self-sufficient, less hostile toward their parents. A very wise parent watches over the drama of growth, but resists the impulse to intervene too often. Parents, out of respect and concern, should allow their child to make his own choices and to use his own powers. After allowing your child to make a decision and a choice for his life, you are letting your child know that you have faith in his ability to make the right decision.

Effectively communicate to your child that you believe whatever choice he makes will be a beneficial one to him. If the choice turns out to be a disaster, your child will reap the consequences and realize a mistake has been made. This is the only way — choices and consequences — for your child to truly understand that the power he possesses can be either rewarding or disappointing. This also is an obvious way of revealing to your child that letting the consequences of his actions provide the lessons of life, which is experiencing personal responsibility. Give your child the opportunity to make mistakes and to live with the results. That teaches your child that not only will their actions have consequences, but also their world will not crumble as a result of their poor decision-making or unfortunate decision.

(Linda Milo, the Parent-Child Connection Coach, specializes in helping mothers and fathers turn their parenting challenges into a more livable, more workable, and more enjoyable family life. Call her at (310) 458-2079 and visit her Web site: <http://www.empoweringparentsnow.com>.)



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— Sleepless in Santa Monica

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You can try dietary changes, like limiting sugars after 4 p.m. for example. Or you can try nighttime rituals that creep into the two-hour length and make you feel like an idiot for even trying to put your child to bed earlier than he or she wants, letting them "cry it out" which establishes you as parent/torturer — always a guilt-ridden experience for me personally — or turn it over to someone else entirely (spouse, nanny, etc.) just to regain sanity. Some of these things may work for you and some may not.

My best advice on sleep disruptions is to establish your own unique response and stick with it for the long haul. I use the same repetitive verbiage ("hi honey, mommy's here, you're safe, it's time to go back to sleep, the whole world's asleep"); the same physical routine (pick up, comfort, rock in same chair, put back in bed, pat back, leave room) and remind myself that this too shall pass. I figure just when we get them sleeping through the night consistently, they'll hit puberty and not want to wake up. Hang in there.

— Dorie

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



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“A union of music, arts, science, healing and ceremony...” Begins with 10:00 a.m. yoga to 5:00 p.m. drum circle. Topanga State Park, Nature Center, Trippet Ranch, 20825 Entrada Rd. Proceeds benefit local organizations: Turtle Project and Stream Team. \$10 suggested donation or volunteer. Visit www.topangaearthday.org for more info.

WHOLE CHILDREN, WHOLE PLANET EXPO – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SAT. & SUN., APRIL 22 & 23 – LA Convention Center
This first ever expo, the brainchild of Kathy Arnos, a California-based mother, author and producer, features resources, healthy alternatives and answers to some environmental issues that nourish families as well as the earth. Arnos says, “There is no handbook for raising healthy children – mind, body and spirit – or for guidance in supporting a sustainable planet for their future. My goal is to offer families, teachers and friends all of these resources under one roof. Also featuring celebrity cooking demos, yoga and storytelling. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 14 – 18, free for those 14 and younger; \$10 parking. LA Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa, 708-361-6000, www.wcwpexpo.com.

THURS., APRIL 20 – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

DARWIN'S EXOTIC ANIMAL SHOW – Experience the wonder of Darwin's gentle tropical animals. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 392-8304
SPRING BREAK DECOUPAGE CRAFT PROGRAM – 4:00 p.m.
Decoupage a glass bud vase, beginners welcome! Sign-up at the desk, space is limited. 6th – 12th graders. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 829-7081.
Visit www.smpl.org for more spring break activities at the libraries.

SAT., APRIL 22 – 2:00 p.m.

David Shannon, best-selling author and illustrator, will be at Every Picture Tells a Story, along with the real-life subject of his new book, GOOD BOY, FERGUS. Hear David's stories, see original artwork and have his new book pawed by Fergus. You can purchase personalized copies of all of his books including NO DAVID, DUCK ON A BIKE and more. 1311-C Montana Ave., 451-2700, www.everypicture.com.

FAMILY YOGA and ROCK CLIMBING RETREAT

May 12 - 14, Joshua Tree National Park
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Presented by Kids' Yoga Circle; (310) 260-2736, www.KidsYogaCircle.com.
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TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Next session May 2 – June 6 for:
Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3, next session begins Apr. 25.
Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, next session begins Apr. 25
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., current session thru May 16, registration required.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class – 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36

months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASS-ES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

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

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – Newborn group - call for time.
4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Next session begins Apr. 26 for:
Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. April 12 – May 17.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. For toddlers. \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmachild.net for more info and session dates.
Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For ages 3 – 5 with parents. This theatrical adventure includes story time, theatre games, crafts, play building and lunch. Reservations required 24 hours in advance, \$19.50 includes lunch for child and lunch.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., \$15
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

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

Other

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

THURSDAY

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

Storytelling

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Next session May 4 – June 8 for:
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m. April 13 – May 18.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Current session Apr. 11 – May 16.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class – 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASS-ES – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
An advanced 10-week parent education

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

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups
11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 sblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. ww.childsplayonline.net
Planetarium Show at SMC's John Drescher Planetarium, 7:00 p.m. – Night Sky Show, 8:00 p.m. – featured program. \$5 adults, \$4 children. Pico and 17th St., 434-3000.

Classes

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

Yoga & Exercise

Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.

Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes

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

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonica yoga.com
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicipolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Precious Prints – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime
Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.precioussprintstudios.com for more info.
Lakeshore Learning Stores “Free Crafts for Kids” – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.

“A Faery Hunt” – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.
Princess Bean's Messy World – 2:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun. in April and May. A musical about real princess spirit featuring Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Princess Bean. Rock and roll dance party after performance. Ages 3 – 9. Electric Lodge Theatre, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice, 823-0710. \$10 admission.

SUNDAY

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

music, lots of vendors and great family socializing. April 23 – Rhythm Child plays from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicipolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
9:30 – 10:30 a.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. 393-2721for more info.
Princess Bean's Messy World – 2:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun. in April and May. A musical about real princess spirit featuring Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Princess Bean. Rock and roll dance party after performance. Ages 3 – 9. Electric Lodge Theatre, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice, 823-0710. \$10 admission.

MONDAY

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

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110
Baby Time – 9:30 a.m. Storytelling for babies up to age two. Followed by Family Connections. Joslyn Park Craft Room, 633 Kensington Rd.

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

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class – 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; “Playtime – A combination play time and parent support time”, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Breastfeeding Group

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

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 pm, \$15
Yoga Garden, - Restorative yoga for pre/postnatal – 6:30 p.m., 310-450-0133. www.yogagardenstudios.com
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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Non-Hispanics feel lost in shuffle

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Hamid Khan stood out among the Hispanics he marched alongside at a recent immigration protest. When one demonstrator asked Khan where he was from and the reply was Pakistan, the man asked, "Then what are you doing here?"

Khan was surprised.

"I said, 'Look, there are non-Latino groups who are also suffering under these laws,'" said Khan, 49, a commercial pilot and director of an advocacy group called the South Asian Network.

Hispanics, the nation's largest immigrant group, are leading the movement to demand a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants and defeat legislation that would criminalize them.

Khan's experience provides a glimpse into the ambiguous role non-Hispanic immigrants play in a public debate that has yet to fully include them.

While some Asian, European and Middle Eastern immigrants support calls for sweeping immigration reform, most have been absent from the widespread protests that have captured the nation's attention.

The reasons are many. Some complain congressional debate overlooks the needs of their communities. Others fear a law granting amnesty would also bring stricter enforcement.

And many non-Hispanic illegal immigrants are hesitant to join undocumented Hispanic immigrants, who have been emboldened by the size of the protests.

While Hispanics make up the majority of immigrants, there are millions of others from all over the world.

Forty-eight percent of the 34 million foreign-born immigrants come from Asia, Africa, the Middle East and countries like Canada, with the rest coming from Latin America, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants, 78 percent come from Latin America, according to the Pew Hispanic Center. The next largest undocumented population comes from Asia, with 13 percent.

"That's part of the reason why our community hasn't rushed out to protest. They are afraid of what will happen to them with immigration reform."

SABIHA KHAN

Spokeswoman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Southern California

All illegal immigrants could benefit from proposals in Congress that would give them a chance at citizenship. But many non-Hispanic immigrants say lawmakers should take into account people's reasons for coming to the country illegally.

"In the Latino community, people come here illegally for jobs," said H. Chang, a 23-year-old Korean college student who asked her full name not be used because her parents are living in Los Angeles illegally. "For us, a whole family comes here for a student, and many stay illegally."

So far, discussions on increasing visas have focused on guest worker programs for low-skilled laborers, not people like Chang's parents.

For Vietnamese immigrants, a central complaint is the wait time for relatives to be allowed to come to the United States, which can take 10 years, said Duc Nguyen, a 31-year-old Vietnamese health worker who lives in Orange. He said he doesn't see Congress focusing on that.

"Why are they (lawmakers) only doing a half reform?" asked Nguyen, who said he went to a few protests, but only to observe.

Many non-Hispanic immigrants are simply weary of any new immigration law.

A bill passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee last month, which some Hispanic advocacy groups called a good compromise because it included steps to citizenship for illegal immigrants, would also fortify the borders, expand immigration detention centers and speed up deportation proceedings.

That sent shivers through communities of Middle Eastern immigrants, who already feel scrutinized after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"That's part of the reason why our community hasn't rushed out to protest," said Sabiha Khan, spokeswoman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Southern California. "They are afraid of what will happen to them with immigration reform."

Still, the council and numerous activist groups representing non-Hispanic immigrants have encouraged participation in the marches. They say it's a matter of immigrant solidarity — and of ensuring non-Hispanic voices are heard.

"If we just look at the Latino community coming out, we are missing the bigger picture," said Eun-Sook Lee, director of the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium, an advocacy group that has helped plan Southern California demonstrations.

Hispanic groups also have been contacting other immigrant groups, and expect thousands to participate in the next national protest planned for May 1, said Nativo Lopez, president of the Mexican-American Political Association.

As the rallies continue, more non-Hispanics are showing up.

During nationwide rallies last Monday, dozens of Haitians, Filipinos, Indians and others participated in New York. In Los Angeles a Korean drum band lead about 7,000 protesters through the streets.

That hasn't convinced J. Park, a 17-year-old illegal immigrant from Korea, to start protesting. He fears authorities could learn about his immigration status if he protests.

"I don't want that to be known," said Park, who asked his full name not be used. "Going back to Korea is not an option."

Video gamers earn new life in prime time

BY MAY WONG

AP Technology Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Professional video gaming is set to debut on cable television later this year, potentially paving the way for the kings and queens of game controllers to become as familiar to American households as the faces of Johnny Chan or Annie Duke in televised poker.

Major League Gaming, the world's largest organized video gaming league, on Monday will announce a programming deal in which USA Network will air seven one-hour episodes in the fall, featuring the pro circuit and its players.

Though video gaming fans have been able to follow competitions on game Web sites for years already, MLG's television deal marks the first time regular TV viewers would be able track the ups and downs of a pro tournament, watching video gaming as a new kind of extreme sport.

"This is the sign that pro gaming has finally arrived to the mass market," said Matthew Bromberg, MLG's president and chief operating officer. "It's like poker was two years ago, or NASCAR 15 years ago."

The upcoming televised series will aim to engage viewers with not only with the game play itself — featuring top players of "Halo 2" on Xbox and "Super Smash Bros. Melee" on Nintendo — but also sports-like commentary and profiles of the players.

Among them: Bonnie Burton, also known as "Xena," a 15-year-old from Pennsylvania who is the only female in the pro league and one of the best "Halo2" players in the world; and Tom Taylor, who's known as "Tsquared," an 18-year-old from Florida and budding entrepreneur whose Gaming-Lessons business has already helped hone the video-gaming skills of numerous celebrities and star athletes.

"I'm excited to compete on TV in front of an audience. This will take video gaming to the next level," Taylor said.

Taylor, who gained more fame after he was recently featured on MTV's documentary series, "True Life," takes his sport seriously — from keeping a healthy diet to daily practice sessions of three to four hours a day. He's also ended habits that could harm his hands, such as letting his pet dog routinely nip at his hands and using a knife to pick the bread out of the toaster.

"It is an extreme sport," he said. "It's about quick reflexes and also outsmarting people."

Some top players earn winnings in the range of a couple hundred thousand dollars a year, and the tournaments by MLG usually draw thousands of spectators at its arena venues and thousands more online, said Michael Sepso, MLG's chief executive and co-founder.

But going before a mainstream television audience could raise video gaming's visibility, leading to more sponsorships and advertising.

And drawing viewers shouldn't be a stretch, since "video gaming has always had a spectator-element to it anyway," Sepso said.

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Justices debate retaliation for discrimination

BY TONI LOCY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. businesses are confronting a new dilemma: how to maintain control in the workplace after an employee complains of sex or race discrimination without drawing a more damning charge of retaliation.

Retaliation claims have risen dramatically, and the Supreme Court considers Monday what legal standard should be used to evaluate the seriousness of changes in employment made by supervisors who may be angry over an employee's discrimination complaint.

A decision by the court could affect the balance of power in government and private workplaces nationwide.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Co. wants justices to overturn a decision by the Cincinnati-based 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals that found that suspending a female forklift operator for 37 days without pay and transferring her to a more physically demanding job were "materially adverse" changes in her employment.

Businesses warn they will be hamstrung if justices side with workers and create a "superprotected class" of employees who can't be disciplined or transferred once they file a discrimination complaint.

Lawyers for the railroad predicted that a ruling in favor of forklift operator Sheila

White could lead to more lawsuits.

From 1992 to 2004, they said, employees filed nearly twice as many complaints with the government alleging retaliation by employers, making it the fastest-growing category of complaints in job discrimination-related cases.

Labor unions and women's groups disagree. In friend-of-the-court filings, the groups said businesses must not be allowed to use seemingly innocuous schedule changes or transfers to send not-so-subtle messages to pressure workers "to remain silent rather than rock the boat."

White, the only woman working at a railroad yard in Memphis, Tenn., complained that her foreman was sexually harassing her and that other workers disparaged her by saying a rail yard was no place for a woman.

A company investigation led to the foreman's suspension and enrollment in sensitivity classes. But the railroad also transferred White to work as a regular track worker, a more physically difficult job than operating a forklift.

After she filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, White was suspended without pay for 37 days around the Christmas holidays in 1997. The railroad eventually rescinded its decision — clearing her of insubordination charges — and compensated her for back pay.

A jury hearing her lawsuit rejected the

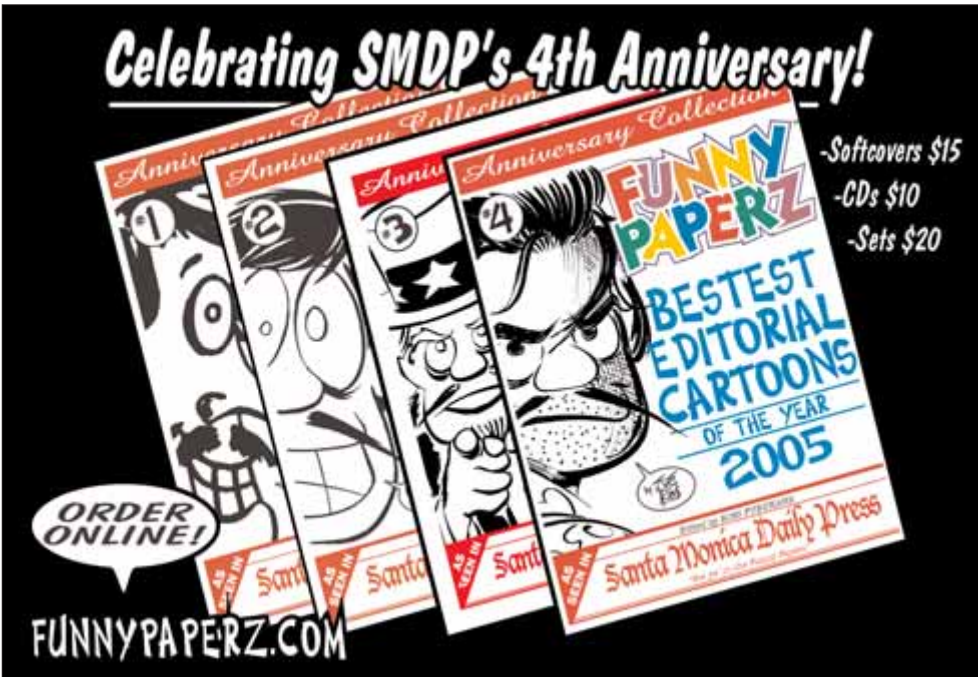
discrimination charge but found in her favor on the retaliation claim, awarding her \$43,000.

"What happened to (White) in this case is emblematic of a continuing widespread problem of sex discrimination against women, particularly in nontraditional settings, and of the nearly limitless methods some employers use to punish and deter employees from seeking to enforce their ... rights," The National Women's Law

Center said in a court filing.

The Equal Employment Advisory Council, a nationwide association of employers, said in a filing that businesses must keep order in workplaces, often by suspending disruptive workers.

If White wins, the council said, employers will face "a Hobson's choice" of allowing disruptions in the workplace or suspending workers pending investigations at the risk of a lawsuit for retaliation.



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Violence continues as leaders keep talking

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sectarian fighting continued Monday in Iraq after efforts to form a unity government suffered a new setback. Leaders again failing to agree on a prime minister and postponed a parliament session to give the religiously and ethnically based parties more time to negotiate.

Four Marines were reported killed in fighting west of Baghdad, bringing the U.S. death toll for this month to 47 — compared with 31 for all of March.

At least Iraqi one civilian was killed and seven were wounded in a gunbattle in northern Baghdad on Monday, while a series of bombs killed at least two people in Baghdad and the city of Baqouba.

U.S. officials believe the best way to stem the violence is for the Iraqis to establish a government comprising Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds, paving the way for the United States to start withdrawing its 133,000 troops.

Progress has stalled over Sunni and Kurdish opposition to the Shiite choice of Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari to head the new government. With al-Jaafari refusing to step aside, acting speaker Adnan Pachachi called a parliament session for Monday, hoping the full legislature could agree on a new leadership after the politicians failed.

On the eve of the session, Pachachi announced a delay of “a few days” to give the parties more time to agree on the new prime minister, president and five other top posts that require parliamentary approval.

Before the announcement, Shiite official Hussain al-Shahristani told Sunni and Kurdish leaders that his bloc, which controls 130 of the 275 parliament seats, would decide what to do about al-Jaafari “within the coming two days,” Kurdish lawmaker Mahmoud Othman said.

Voters chose the new parliament on Dec. 15, but the

legislature met briefly only once last month.

Pressure has been mounting on the Shiites to replace al-Jaafari, whom critics accuse of failing to curb sectarian tension that has soared since the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra, which triggered a wave of reprisal attacks against Sunnis.

In an interview Sunday on CNN’s “Late Edition,” Iraq’s ambassador to the United States, Samir Sumaidaie, said Shiite lawmaker Ali al-Adeeb had emerged as a possible prime minister candidate. Al-Adeeb is a member of al-Jaafari’s Dawa party but spent many years in Shiite-dominated Iran — which could cause problems with the Sunnis.

The Shiites, however, are maneuvering carefully because they suspect the Sunnis and Kurds want more of a role in the new government than they would be entitled to based on their showing in the December election.

Al-Jaafari won the nomination in a vote last February by Shiite lawmakers — thanks to strong support from radical anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The cleric, who heads the dreaded Mahdi Army militia, has vowed to stand behind the incumbent.

With little progress on the political front, Iraq’s slide toward chaos continued.

Four Marines — three from Regimental Combat Team Five and one from the 2/28 Brigade Combat Team — died Saturday in Anbar province, the U.S. command said Sunday.

Their deaths raised to at least 2,376 the number of U.S. military members who have died since the war began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The rise in U.S. casualties followed a sharp drop in March, which saw the lowest number of American dead in Iraq since February 2004.

A gunbattle erupted between insurgents and the Iraqi army early Monday in Azamiyah, a mostly Sunni Arab neighborhood of Baghdad, killing at least one civilian and wounding seven, hospital officials said.

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A roadside bomb targeted an army patrol in central Baghdad, killing a civilian and wounding nine, including some soldiers, police said. The explosion of a bomb hidden in a garbage can near a market in New Baghdad wounded at least four civilians, and a roadside bomb wounded one policemen in eastern Baghdad, officials said.

In central Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, a roadside bombing near a medical clinic killed one civilian and wounded two others, police said.

Gunmen in the southern city of Basra kidnapped three employees of a state-run electrical company on their way to work. The body of a Basra policeman kidnapped three days earlier was found near the Iranian border, Basra police Capt. Mushtaq Khazim said.

Also near Basra, gunmen attacked a convoy carrying the deputy culture minister, who was attending a poetry festival in the region. His bodyguards exchanged fire with the assailants but there were no casualties, a ministry spokesman said.

Back in Baghdad, police discovered three bodies of blindfolded and handcuffed men in the mostly Shiite Arab neighborhood of Shula. Assailants attacked a police patrol in western Baghdad in a drive-by shooting, wounding two policemen, police said.

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Fonda checks herself, baggage

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jane Fonda says she would like to tour the country and speak out against U.S. involvement in Iraq, but her controversial history of Vietnam War protests leaves her with “too much baggage.”

“I wanted to do a tour like I did during the Vietnam War, a tour of the country,” the Oscar-winning actress said Monday on ABC’s “Good Morning America.” “But then Cindy Sheehan filled in the gap, and she is better at this than I am. I carry too much baggage.”

Sheehan, whose soldier son, Casey, died in Iraq in 2004, has become a leading anti-war figure.

Fonda said that during a recent national book tour, war opponents — including some Vietnam veterans — asked her to speak out.

Last month, the Georgia Senate overwhelmingly rejected a resolution honoring Fonda, an Atlanta resident, for her work preventing teen pregnancy, donations to universities and charities, and role as goodwill ambassador for the United Nations.

Her political activities protesting the Vietnam War, including a trip to North Vietnam in 1972, have long made her a target of veterans.

Fonda, who won Oscars for 1971’s “Klute” and 1978’s “Coming Home,” was interviewed shortly after returning from a vacation trip to Argentina with ex-husband Ted Turner. Fonda said she and Turner remain close.

“He’s my favorite ex-husband,” the 68-year-old actress said. “We get along great. I love to fish, and he has some beautiful property down there.”

NEW YORK — Grammy winner Rob Thomas will tour with Jewel starting May 23 in Clearwater, Fla.

Jewel’s new album, “Goodbye Alice in Wonderland,” is set for release May 2. Thomas, who fronts matchbox twenty, will tour in support of his debut solo album, 2005’s

“...Something to Be,” Atlantic Records has announced.

The seven-week tour will include stops in Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Nashville, Tenn., and San Diego. The final stop will be July 8 in Kelseyville, Calif.

Toby Lightman will open for the duo.

BEIJING — Steven Spielberg will join filmmaker Zhang Yimou in designing the opening and closing ceremonies for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Zhang, whose films include “Hero” and “House of Flying Daggers,” was named Sunday to lead a team that includes Spielberg.

“I’ve promised not to direct any films in the next two years so as to make full preparations for the Olympics,” Zhang was quoted as saying by the official Xinhua News Agency.

Zhang said his hiatus will start after he finishes his latest project, “The City of Golden Armor,” starring Chow Yun-fat and Gong Li.

He is to stage the world premiere of countryman Tan Dun’s opera “The First Emperor” for New York’s Metropolitan Opera later this year. It wasn’t clear how that commitment would be affected by his new Olympics role.

Spielberg’s films include “Schindler’s List,” “Saving Private Ryan” and “Munich.”

DETROIT — Marshall Mathers, the state of Michigan has something of yours.

The 33-year-old rapper better known as Eminem may not be hurting for cash, but if he ever runs low, he can pick up the unclaimed property turned over by Michigan National Bank. The state Treasury Department lists Mathers on its unclaimed property Web site.

Eminem’s publicist, Dennis Dennehy, declined to comment.

The Treasury Department holds on to millions of dollars in forgotten bank accounts, uncashed paychecks, dividend payments and other property sent to the state when a company can’t find the person owed the money or property.

It’s up to people to look on the Web site and make a claim.

“A lot of it is bank accounts; people moved and maybe forgot about them,” state treasury spokesman Caleb Buhs told The Detroit News. “If the account remains dormant for a year, the banks are legally obligated to turn it over to the state.”

Other well-known names on the list include Aretha Franklin, Domino’s Pizza founder Thomas S. Monaghan and former Gov. John Engler.

DALLAS — The diamond-studded watch Buddy Holly was wearing when he was killed in a plane crash has been sold at auction for \$155,350.

The buyer was a woman near San Francisco who wants to remain anonymous, said Heritage Auction Galleries spokesman Doug Norwine. He said she was a “tremendous” fan of the rock ‘n’ roll pioneer and had even flown to London and New York to see a musical based on his life.

“She didn’t buy it as in investment,” Norwine said. “She just really loved his music and is starting her collection.”

Holly received the diamond-and-white gold Omega wristwatch as a gift from his wife, Maria Elena Holly. He wore it “the day the music died” on Feb. 3, 1959, when he and singers Ritchie Valens and J.P. “The Big Bopper” Richardson were killed in a plane crash in Iowa. Holly was 22.

The watch is inscribed “Buddy Holly 12-1-58,” the date his wife gave it to him as an early Christmas present. It was recovered at the crash site. Later, Holly’s father, Laurence, wore it in honor of his son in the family’s hometown of Lubbock.

Also sold at the auction Saturday was Holly’s passport for \$26,290 to a different buyer, who also wanted to remain anonymous.

Despite his short career, Holly wrote several legendary songs, including “Peggy Sue,” “That’ll Be the Day” and “Maybe Baby.”

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Brick (R)

1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45

Failure to Launch (PG-13)

2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

Phat Girlz (PG-13)

7:20, 10:00

Shaggy Dog, The (PG)

2:30, 5:30

She's the Man (PG-13)

1:50, 4:30

Stay Alive (PG-13)

8:00, 10:30

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Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)

11:30am, 12:00, 1:50, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30

La Mujer de Mi Hermano (R)

12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Lucky Number Slevin (R)

12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30

Take the Lead (PG-13)

1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

V for Vendetta (R)

1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:20

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Benchwarmers, The (PG-13)

11:50am, 1:10, 2:20, 3:40, 4:40, 6:00, 7:20, 8:30, 9:30

Inside Man (R)

11:40am, 12:30, 2:25, 3:25, 5:10, 6:40, 8:05, 9:50, 10:50

Scary Movie 4 (PG-13)

11:00am, 12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:10, 10:40

Wild, The (G)

11:10am, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00

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Notorious Bettie Page, The (R)

12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

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11:45am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50

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Friends With Money (R)

12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

Kinky Boots (PG-13)

11:45am, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10

Maxx (NR)

10:00

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In 1946, the League of Nations went out of business.

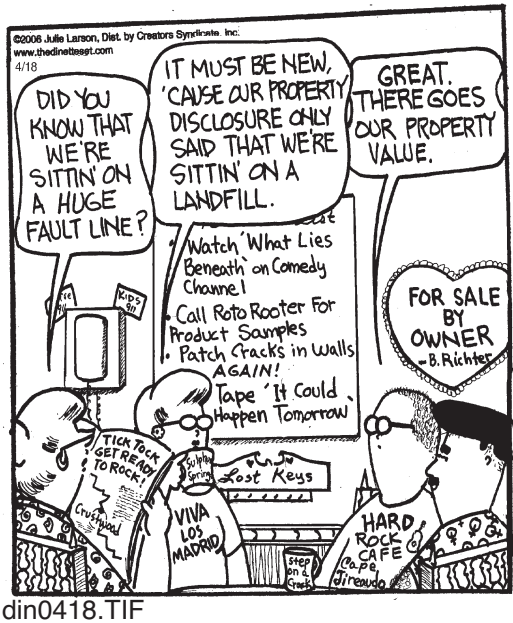
In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J., at age 76.

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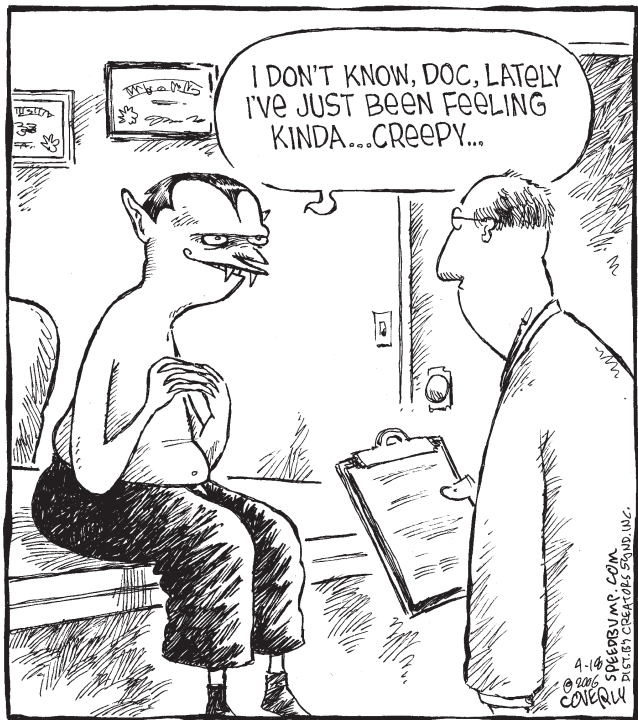
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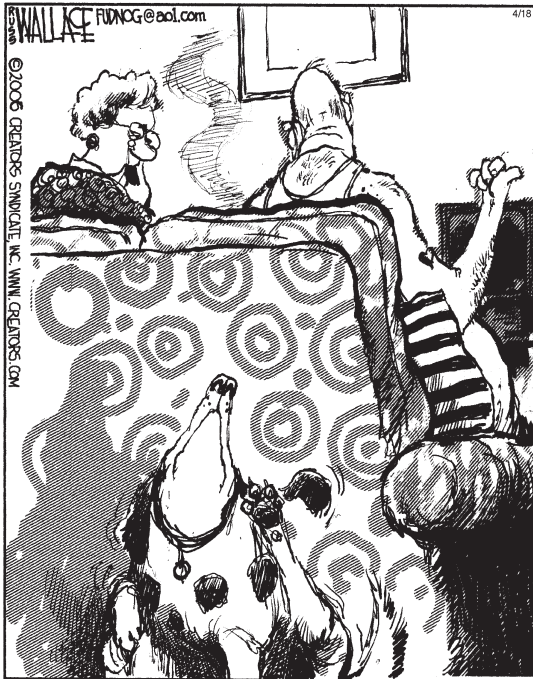
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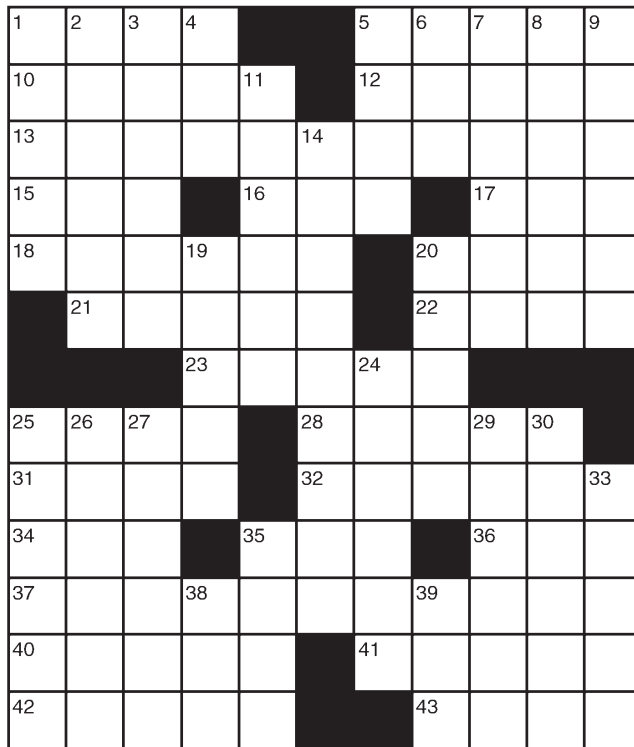
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