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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In April, sculptor Daniel Edwards, creating a “Monument to Pro-Life,” ran a 10-day show at a gallery in Brooklyn, N.Y., consisting of his life-sized rendition of the singer Britney Spears, nude, on her knees and elbows on a bearskin rug, at the moment of birth of her first child, Sean Preston. Edwards did not speak with Spears ahead of time but said he was drawn to her high profile and that he “couldn’t come up with anybody” better to make his anti-abortion statement.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 143rd day of 2006.

There are 222 days left in the year.

On May 23, 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La.
In 1533, the marriage of England’s King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We do not usually look for allies when we love. Indeed, we often look on those who love with us as rivals and trespassers. But we always look for allies when we hate.”

ERIC HOFFER

AMERICAN AUTHOR AND PHILOSOPHER

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For luft of the game



Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II/Daily Press

Jason Baguio, from Texas, watches his opponent, Fen, make a move on his corner at Chess Park on the Ocean Front Walk, south of the Pier.

LOCAL

Homebuyers can’t contain excitement

By The Associated Press

REDONDO BEACH Sven and Anna PirkI are building their new home from recycled shipping containers.

The PirkIs went for the idea suggested by architect Peter DeMaria because they weren’t interested in more traditional Spanish or Mediterranean designs. “I love it,” Anna PirkI said. “I’m not really turned on by crown molding, the traditional.”

The house will be made of eight steel containers the couple bought in Florida to form the walls of their two-story, 3,500-square-foot home.

Sven PirkI said the home will cost between \$125 and \$150 a square foot — about half the cost of standard construction. In addition, the PirkIs won’t have to pay for exterior paint or insulation.

“In the research that we’ve done, we’ve found others that have placed a container within a structure,” DeMaria said. “But in this case, the containers are actually holding up a building.”



Kevin Herrera/Daily Press

Dan Alba (left), president of the freshman seminar, and guest lecturer Francis Bok, a former slave in Sudan, have an exchange at Samohi last week.

Fresh perspective

Samohi seminar faces up to history

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Francis Bok was just 7 years old when his childhood was taken from him by an Arab militia, as men on horseback stormed his village in southern Sudan, slaughtering everyone in sight.

Bok lost his family, friends and

his innocence in an instant. He was taken prisoner and forced into slavery. For 10 years, he lived as an animal — the slave of the Abdulla family. With no one to show him love, no one to guide him through his teenage years and into adulthood, Bok was forced to figure out life on

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Weller’s silence pushes civil trial

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE A Santa Monica judge on Monday postponed the civil trial involving an elderly man responsible for killing 10 people and injuring dozens more when he drove his car through a crowded Farmers Market nearly three years ago.

With more than 15 attorneys looking on, Judge Valerie Baker ruled in favor of City Hall and operators of the Farmers Market on Arizona Avenue by granting their request to delay the trial until Jan. 16, 2007, roughly 90 days after criminal proceedings against driver Russell Weller are expected to be completed.

Weller, 89, has pleaded not guilty to 10 felony counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. He is scheduled to go to trial Sept. 6. The trial is expected to last six weeks, attorneys for Weller said.

On March 29, Baker had ruled to move forward with six of the 36 civil lawsuits filed against Weller, City Hall and others believed to be liable for the July 16, 2003 accident because some of the plaintiffs are aging or their health is deteriorating. One of the plaintiffs has already died while waiting for the civil and criminal cases to proceed, thus rendering the pain-and-suffering clam null and void for her estate.

That ruling was challenged in April by attorneys representing City Hall, who requested the civil trial be delayed so they can gather statements from Weller.

Weller has thus far refused to give a deposition in the civil case out of fear that his statements may be used against him in the criminal trial. This has all but prevented attorneys for City Hall from moving forward with their defense.

Dana Alden Fox, an attorney

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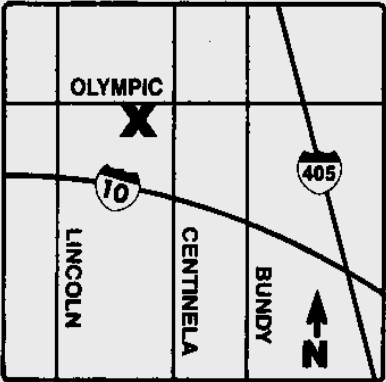
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Pressure builds when you least expect it. Investigate alternate possibilities that surround a personal or domestic issue. Right now is not the time to invest in property. Do what you are good at -- getting others motivated. Tonight: What makes you smile.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Take your time gathering information. Your ability to make situations work when others cannot emerges. Listen to your instincts about a situation that could be uncomfortable. Don't get into a no-win argument. Tonight: Keep a secret or your opinion under wraps.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You could be nodding your head at what someone thinks is a good deal. It might not be if you look at the hard facts or your finances. Examine your needs more carefully and don't say yes just to make a situation easier. Tonight: Find your friends.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Temper, temper! You might feel that what you are doing is justified -- which it may or may not be. Pull back and look at the hard facts, not the facts colored by what you want. Examine possibilities rather than get into an either-or situation. Tonight: Others are looking at how you handle a hot situation.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. Feedback could be rather hot or difficult. Read between the lines and get to the bottom of a problem. Don't settle until you have reached a comfortable conclusion. Tonight: Relax your mind. Try Scrabble or a movie.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Relate to others as if there is no one else in the room or on your mind. That ability could help bring forward an issue that is hard to deal with. Investigate another's opinions, but don't negate them. Tonight: Be a duo.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others seek you out, though you might lose your temper or do something different. You might come off a bit more aggressive than you realize. Your ability to understand and read between the lines comes out. Tonight: A must appearance.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Work with others on a more intense or direct basis. Investigate your alternatives with an eye to letting go of something that no longer works for you. Be optimistic and open to different thinking. Tonight: Focus on efficiency.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Work with others more directly than in the past. You find that even if someone loses his temper, you can rush in and put out the fire. Work with someone and let him or her open up doors. Passion runs high. Tonight: Follow the sparks.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Defer to others and get down to basics. Home and family become an even higher priority. Think about your long-term desires regarding a personal or domestic matter. Tonight: Happy at home.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Even the best chosen words could backfire when you least expect it. You might want to talk rather than deal with a problem. Understand more of what motivates an associate. Could you be a touch argumentative? Tonight: Relax with a pal.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ A risk could really cost you a lot more than you realize. Handle your finances with additional caution and care. Understand what is too much and what is not enough. Carefully check out a risk. Tonight: Your treat.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC launches program for personal trainers

By Daily Press staff

Responding to the boom in employment of personal trainers, Santa Monica College has announced the launch of the new Online Professional Certificate in Personal Fitness Training, with classes starting on May 29.

The interactive, comprehensive web-based certificate program with an optional field internship elective course — offered through SMC's Continuing and Community Education Program — will allow students from around the world to fit courses into their work and home schedules.

The course is designed to train students in careers at medically-based fitness facilities, community wellness programs, personal training studios, physical therapy clinics, corporate fitness centers, and private and commercial health clubs.

“More people are turning to personal fitness trainers to design exercise programs and serve as guides to combat obesity and obtain health lifestyles,” said Ken Baldwin, coordinator of the online personal fitness training program. "Students will learn how to apply their client's health history, goals and abilities integrating exercise science curriculum and training techniques into a systematic model that teaches students to progress their clients through different training levels and phases."

The certificate program will include courses in anatomy and kinesiology, exercise physiology, fitness assessment techniques, designing exercise prescriptions, business administration for personal trainers, and the optional internship course.

For a basic certificate, five core courses are required; an additional three courses are needed for the advanced certificate. The cost for each certificate program is \$199.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, overall employment for personal trainers is expected to increase 44 percent from 2002 to 2012.

The program is offered in partnership with the American Council on Exercise. Students graduating from the program will be eligible to receive a preferred discount on the ACE Personal Training Certification Exam and study materials. Current ACE-certified professionals who complete courses in the SMC program will be eligible for ACE continuing education credits toward recertification.

For information, contact SMC's Office of Continuing and Community Education at 310-434-3400 or visit www.efs.pageout.net.

Elks welcome community for Memorial Day

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Elks will host the community on Memorial Day, May 29, at the Woodlawn Cemetery. The day will begin with members of the Santa Monica Elks, the Santa Monica Emblem Club and the American Legion Post 123 placing U.S. and Elks flags on all of the graves in the Elk portion of the cemetery.

The official program will begin at 11 a.m. James Mason, president of the California-Hawaii Elks, and Pamela Stein, president of the California, Hawaii, Nevada Emblem Association, will be the featured speakers. Vocalist Jeanie Talbot, from the South Bay area, will be the featured singer, performing a medley of patriotic songs.

The Santa Monica Emblem Club will demonstrate the proper method of folding the U.S. flag, as well as explain the meaning of each fold.

American Legion Posts 123 and 177, VFW post, the Santa Monica Police Department, the Santa Monica Fire Department and many other community groups will present wreaths and floral arrangements in honor of those who gave their lives in defense of our country.

There will be a brunch and bake sale at the S.M. Elks Lodge (1040 Pico Blvd.) after the ceremony. There is a slight charge for the brunch, but the public is invited to attend both events.

For more information, call Curt Curtiss at (310) 645-8989.



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CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING, CORN

MOUNTAIN HIGH

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NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 18"	LIFT HOURS 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 3/4
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HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	12:25AM	1.43FT	12:12PM	0.48FT
HIGH TIDE	6:05AM	4.06FT	6:48PM	5.40FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	1:23AM	0.56FT	12:54PM	0.83FT
HIGH TIDE	7:16AM	3.97FT	7:20PM	5.91FT
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:13AM	-0.22FT	1:32PM	1.19FT
HIGH TIDE	8:19AM	3.90FT	7:57PM	6.32FT
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:00AM	-0.82FT	2:11PM	1.54FT
HIGH TIDE	9:17AM	3.83FT	8:32PM	6.55FT
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The Q Line

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All the world's a stage ...
Or at least much of Santa Monica soon will be, as the Santa Monica Police Department finishes up installing 123 surveillance cameras in tourist-heavy areas such as the Pier, Third Street Promenade and downtown alleys. The security system, at a price tag of \$1.3 million, comes in response to a perceived terrorist threat on the pier last July.

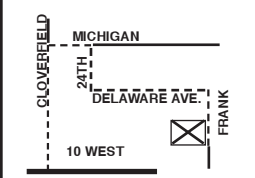
Still, a contingent of residents views the cameras as a step towards less privacy.
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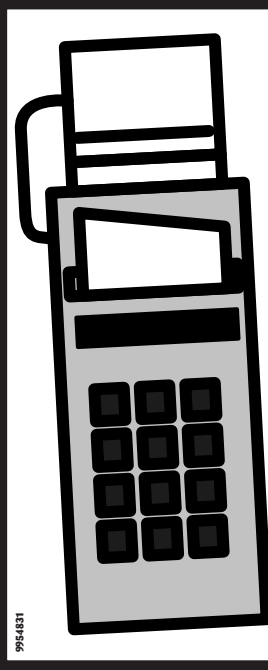
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editorial was breath of fresh air

Editor,
I'm writing to express my sincere thanks for your editorial on our community's support of our schools (May 19). As a School Board member, I constantly dwell on the challenges our district faces and on the students who struggle in our schools; they are what occupy my thoughts during the day and keep me up at night. And rightly so, since my main responsibility is to work with my colleagues to try to make things better.
Thus your editorial was a breath of fresh air, a chance to look at the big picture and remember that, despite our problems, we are indeed very lucky compared to most other districts in California and elsewhere.
Thanks again for writing such a positive and hopeful piece.

Jose Escarce
Santa Monica

Not all homeless are helpless

Editor,
In response to Lori Emerson's hate letter (SMDP, May 18, 2006, page 4): This lady obviously doesn't have a clue when she sums up every homeless person with one word — "bum." I am a 42-year-old white American male who, for the past 25 years, has worked construction up and down the Gulf Coast following hurricanes. Because I now have what appears to be an imperfect work record — six months in one place, three months in another — it is difficult for me to find work. I also believe that because I am a white American male, jobs that I would be competent to fill are being taken by illegal immigrants that are willing to accept half the pay because they cannot work legally in this country. I would like to point out that I am also a Veteran and served in the Army.
Not every homeless person is a stinky, smelly, psycho, mumbling bum. My dog, Reba, and I are very clean and respectable looking. I personally would rather work than be out here on the streets of Soviet Monica, where we are harassed by the Nazi stormtroopers (AKA — The Santa Monica Police Department).
Concerned citizens like (Emerson) should spend a day with us before writing hostile, mean-spirited letters using sweeping generalizations about human beings. I have a friend that recently lived in Brentwood, lost everything and now she is out here with us. She used to be one of you. She says she is in the "homeless protection program" now and she would like you to meet us for lunch.
This is an open invitation. Please bring the editor and your checkbook.

Barry Blanchard
Santa Monica

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WHAT'S THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISARRA

I am fond of saying, "This is America, we have more of everything!"
We are a people who revel in our gluttony. We take excess on a mass scale, to extremes that no other country can conceive of. The consumerism of the Saudi princes seems like small potatoes when compared to the mass consumption of the American in day-to-day life.
Summer is here, so I have switched from the environmentally so-so sport of snow skiing, to some very environmentally unfriendly jet-skiing. We do this at the Colorado River, which is the border of California and Arizona.
We stayed at one of the RV/Trailer parks that line the river. Our mobile home, which other than a microwave oven, had not seen an improvement since 1972, was perfectly suited for three men to swill coffee while prepping for a day of gas-guzzling and sunburning.
Being on the river is a wonderful experience. At daybreak, the birds are waking, and as I sat with a cup of coffee, enjoying the 80-degree sunrise, I marveled at the beauty of the setting. There were little white-tailed rabbits bounding all over the place finding their breakfasts. Lizards were moving into position to get the most sun, and the community of people around me began to waken.
In this trailer park there were maybe 30 mobile homes, that were not very mobile, and then there were spaces for a few hundred trailers and motor homes. I began to wander around the park. This being the river, most people had some type of watercraft.
There were boats of all types, from the lazy touring pontoon boats that one would use for a booze cruise, to the enormous speed boats that pull insane teenagers at high speed on water skis. There were cruisers with big racks that held lights so that night cruises could be enjoyed with all the brightness of a Hollywood premiere.
Jet skis are a popular choice. The sports car of the watercraft world, they allow for maximum fun in a fuel-efficient (relative to a speed boat!) manner.
Of course, if you have a boat or a jet ski, you must have a truck to pull it. The trucks were amazing. These fabulously painted behemoths of steel were everywhere, tattooed with the bumper stickers of their owners' favorite bands, and those little caricatures in the rear window showing one stick person for each member of the family.
The riverfront road dead-ended into a little hill. We were at the open end of the road, and there was one time where a man and woman drove past us towing their boat to get it

filled up with gas, then drove by us again in the other direction to pick up the kids; then back by us a third time, to launch the boat. I was amazed, because all of this happened in the span of 10 minutes. It just screamed out to me how lazy we have become as a society. Rather than have the kids walk to the end of this 500-yard roadway, the man would prefer to drive his truck, towing his boat, up and down it, twice.
All of this, however, is only a precursor to the amount of excess that is possible in America today. For every family must have at least one portable chair per person, a plastic bin of toys for the kids, a cooler for beers, a cooler for sodas, a cooler for food, a portable fold-up shelter ... and what day at the river would be complete without several blow-up toys? There's the floating cabana, the floating mattresses, the chairs that have the built-in drink holders because, God forbid, we were ever without something to stuff into our faces, even if it's only water (well, water that's been mixed with barley, hops and malt).
Walking through the park, I noticed that most trailers had all the comforts of home. Which is nice, though it does fly into the face of what camping and being away from home is about. The clubhouse at the park had two wireless set-ups, so that you could surf the web and get your e-mail on your laptop as you watch the half-naked people burn the fossil fuels on the river.
One of the most dramatic changes we noticed was the size of the boats. Back in the old days of the late 70's, when I would go water-skiing with my brother, the boats were sleek, low slung and built for maneuverability. Today, they have become grotesquely large. Seeing one of the old-style ski boats, it looked out of place, an anachronism similar to fringe coats and leisure suits.
The RVs and the trailers too, have exploded. No longer are these the Airstreams that Lucy and Ricky traveled with to California; they are gargantuan traveling homes. Some even have a built-in garage for the golf cart to be stored in, so that you should never be without transportation.
In my wandering, I came across an old edition of RV Life, it had pictures from the 30s of what campers looked like then. They were nothing more than a pup tent screwed onto the back of a pickup truck.
Next time you find yourself in a Wal-Mart/Target/K-Mart/HomeDepot/Lowes/Costco, just remember, this is really what we are about. Americans are about conspicuous consumption. We love to have stuff. The bigger, the better.
I'm ready for summer because my 60,000 btu gas grill with side burner has arrived for the summer, the second refrigerator in the garage is getting filled with sodas and ribs, and the invitations are going out.
Welcome to summer, now go shopping.

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



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Seeking shelter



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A man keeps dry next to the public beach restrooms as morning rains soaked Santa Monica on Monday.

Judge postpones Weller civil trial until January

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defending City Hall, said Weller's physical and mental state at the time of the accident are crucial to their defense, and without an opportunity to interview Weller or have him examined by doctors, Fox's ability to present an adequate defense would be jeopardized.

Weller reportedly lost control of his car after rear-ending a Mercedes Benz at the intersection of Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue. Police say he hit the accelerator instead of the brake. Weller traveled 995 feet through the Farmers Market at speeds of up to 60 mph, avoiding parked cars but hurling pedestrians into the air before stopping, a California Highway Patrol report said.

The 10 people killed ranged in age from 7 months to 78 years old.

Defendants in the civil matter include Weller, City Hall, the Bayside District Corp., which is a nonprofit that manages downtown with money from City Hall, the Southland Farmers Market Association, and Step Up On Second, a social service agency that helps mentally ill homeless people and plays a large role in weekly markets.

The statute of limitations in the case ran out in September of 2004 and no more lawsuits are expected to be filed.

The attorneys for victims of Weller see Baker's ruling on Monday as yet another attempt to deny them of their day in court. Representatives for the victims have continually charged District Attorney Steve Cooley with stalling the criminal case for political gain, a claim his office has denied.

Now, some of the victims charge defense attorneys with taking advantage of this alleged manipulation of court dates to further their cause as well. If more plaintiffs die during the delay, the less damages can be rewarded, victims' attorneys said.

"We're hearing from (Weller's attorneys) that this ain't over until it's over, meaning there are going to be appeals (after the crimi-

nal case is heard)," said Stanley Jacobs, an attorney representing Shamsi Khani, a 92-year-old whose health has deteriorated rapidly in the last year and is now unable to testify. Khani suffered several injuries in the crash, including fractures to her right hip and left leg, as well as a severed temporal artery.

"We could be talking about five years from now before Mr. Weller is ready to talk, and by that time, who knows what he'll remember ... He isn't some spring chicken," Jacobs added.

Fox said he has done everything he can to move the proceedings along, having asked the District Attorney's Office to grant Weller immunity, meaning his deposition in the civil case could not then be used against him in the criminal trial. Fox said that request was denied.

"I am committed to coming before the court ready for trial 90 days after the completion of the criminal trial," Fox told Baker. "That's the minimum amount of time we would need to prepare. That's no fluff. I'm talking about a full-court press. That's the bare minimum."

Baker said she weighed arguments from both sides equally, and that she was presented with a difficult decision. It was either grant the delay in the interest of justice for the defense, or stick with the July 10 trial date originally set in March in the interest of justice for the plaintiffs.

In the end, she felt the law favored the defense. Baker said she took into account statements from the judge in the criminal case that no further delays would be granted, opening the door for her to set a firm trial date in January.

Still, Baker's decision didn't sit well with Jacobs, who said the court should treat Weller as if he was a man in a coma because of his advanced age and poor recollection of the accident.

"He's an old, confused man," Jacobs said. "Getting information out of him will be, quite frankly, like trying to get blood out of a turnip ... Sometimes you can't get the whole enchilada."

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Former slave speaks to a healing Samohi

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his own, all the while holding desperately onto the slightest bit of hope that one day he would be free.

Today, Bok is more than just a free man, having escaped his captors with the help of a stranger. Bok is now a human rights activist and author who travels the world teaching people about the ills of slavery.

Last week, he visited Santa Monica High School as part of a nationwide tour based on tolerance, responsibility and civic engagement.

“What I want the students to take away from this is that they have the power to make a difference, that it is important to do something urgently to help those still in bondage around the world,” Bok said, following a question-and-answer session with several hundred Samohi freshmen. “Students need to feel they have the power to make a difference because they are the next generation of leaders. To educate them is to ensure that this never happens again, anywhere in the world.”

Bok’s connection to Samohi goes deeper than just another stop of his tour. His autobiography, “Escape From Slavery,” played a critical role in shaping the newly-designed freshman seminar, “Facing History and Ourselves,” a required course for freshmen that seeks to teach them tolerance and the impacts of their individual actions by studying events in history such as the Holocaust and the eugenics movement. Students also discussed homophobia, racism and class division.

“If we give students opportunities to think critically about decisions made in the past, they can make some connections about moral choices they confront every day,” said Dan Alba, president of Facing History and Ourselves, a 30-year-old educational development organization that created the curriculum for the freshman seminar. “We don’t simply regurgitate history, we investigate how history unfolded. We look at the decisions that ordinary people have made so that we can begin to understand the incremental steps that ultimately lead to genocide, murder. The question becomes, ‘How is that humanly possible?’”

The new freshman seminar was created following a series of racially-charged incidents on the Samohi campus, in which students of color began lashing out at one another. A group of teachers subsequently gathered to discuss ways in which this tension could be addressed. The freshman seminar, which continually evolves, was seen by some as being outdated and ineffective, and ripe for a revamping. Teachers looked at the success others had using the Facing History curriculum and decided to shape the seminar around that.

“Freshman seminar at that time was really about skill development, but there seemed to be a lack in focus and we felt there were more pressing issues on campus that needed to be addressed,” said Mary Hendra, a history teacher at Samohi who, along with others, helped develop the new freshman seminar. “We really felt the kids were struggling with issues of identity and division into groups and what that means when a community breaks down, because we really did have our community break down.”

A group of teachers presented the plan to the school board in May of last year.

This year’s roughly 850 freshmen were the first to experience the course, and judging from their reactions to meeting Bok, it seems the class is a success.

The students treated Bok as if he was a celebrity, begging to take pictures with him, get his autograph, and shake his hand. Several students said they were inspired by Bok’s life and pledged to do what they could to make a difference. Some students started a club on campus to raise money for Sudanese refugees and pledged it to Bok, who is in the process of creat-

License to kill

Indians want to down bald eagles for religious ceremonies

By The Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. The Northern Arapaho Tribe and a man accused of shooting a bald eagle on the Wind River Indian Reservation say the federal government should make it easier for American Indians to apply to kill bald eagles for use in religious ceremonies.

The tribe has filed a brief in the case of Winslow Friday, who allegedly shot the eagle without a permit in March 2005, and planned to make its arguments before U.S. District Judge William Downes on Monday.

The case moves forward as the federal government considers removing protections for bald eagles as a threatened species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is taking public comments on the proposal through June 19.

Federal law allows enrolled tribal members to get a permit to kill bald eagles in certain cases. But Friday and the Northern Arapaho say there is no clear way to apply for the permit. They also say the bald eagle population in Wyoming and other states has grown large enough to enable some of the birds to be killed with little harm to the species.

In the federal government’s response, Assistant U.S.

Attorney Stuart Healy said allowing people to shoot eagles without permission would undermine the current balance between preservation and religious freedom.

Healy argued that there was no evidence Friday was selected to hunt an eagle or that he had purified himself prior to shooting the eagle. Purification is said to be necessary for the eagle to be used in a ceremony, Healy wrote.

Also, also noted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service maintains a repository in Denver of eagles shot illegally or killed by cars or power lines. Friday and the Northern Arapaho say relying on the eagle repository results in long delays and that those eagles can’t be used in some traditional ceremonies.

If convicted, Friday faces up to a year in jail and a fine up to \$100,000.

Bald eagles were listed under the Endangered Species Act in 1978. They were reclassified from endangered to threatened in 1995 and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service now estimates that more than 7,700 nesting pairs of bald eagles inhabit the lower 48 states.

Even if bald eagles were removed from Endangered Species Act protection, they would continue to be protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

ing a non-profit to help those in southern Sudan who have been displaced by Arab militias from the north.

“At first, I thought the (freshman seminar) was going to be pointless, like just another history class that really didn’t mean anything to me,” said 14-year-old Jessica Soltan. “But after the first week, I really started to enjoy it. I learned a lot about identity, how people perceive different cultures, stereotypes and that everyone does it, even if you don’t mean to. When I read Mr. Bok’s book, my heart just dropped. It really inspired me to want to do more for my community and for others who are suffering.”

Freshman Dimitri Malkov, 15, said he too thought the seminar was going to be just another history class, but soon became engaged by the steady diet of studying court cases, hate crimes and the Holocaust as he tried to make connections to events in his own life.

“We learned what is really going on in the world today, not just 50 or 100 years ago,” Malkov said. “It’s not just about facts. We learned life lessons. It’s not just about yourself, but about what is going on in the world around you. We learned about homophobia, slavery, genocide, and how we can make an impact.”

Hendra said the seminar has been a big hit with students, faculty and administrators, and there are plans to keep it going next year. There is hope that as more students move through the seminar, attitudes on campus will change. Students may begin to see commonality, where in the past they saw differences, Hendra said.

“It’s really about giving students the tools to think about their actions and how they may affect those around them,” Hendra said. “It’s about letting them learn from the mistakes of the past so that we may never repeat them.”

As for Bok, he has found a new base of support in his fight against slavery, and with each smile he receives from students, the more his hope grows for a better tomorrow.

“These children say that I inspire them,” Bok said. “But they have truly inspired me. Here they are, strangers to me, but willing to give all they can to help those they have never met. I think this is the power of understanding.

“This is what happens when people take time to listen instead of turning their backs.

STATE BRIEFS

Metal madness hits a snag

By The Associated Press

FONTANA Authorities staged a sting at a recycling center aimed at catching metal thieves.

Deputies inspected metal scraps and wire brought to the site Sunday by people seeking cash, police Detective Joe Silva said.

“If it was marked Wal-Mart then we knew who to contact to check if it was stolen,” Silva said.

Three people were arrested in connection with metal theft, Silva said.

Deputies also arrested nine others on a variety of other violations, including possession of an illegal drug or paraphernalia.

In the past six weeks, as many as 30 local businesses have been hit by metal thieves, authorities said.

Experts said the increase follows a nationwide trend as the market value of metals increases.

City puts new spin on payroll

By The Associated Press

TEMECULA Officials have filled the city’s newest position — disc jockey.

The city is contracting with Timmy Daniels, the owner of Timmy D Productions, to be its DJ, master of ceremonies and audio equipment provider.

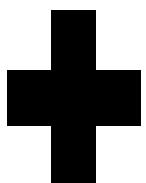
The deal will pay Daniels’ firm \$80,000 during the next 14 months to host more than a dozen community events and special functions.

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Illegal immigrants' children can return

BY GIOVANNA DELL'ORTO
Associated Press Writer

NORCROSS, Ga. Laila Montezuma was 16 when she sneaked across the Rio Grande from Mexico with her mother, only to be abandoned by the smuggler paid to get them into the United States. They had to hire another "coyote" to reach Houston.

But Montezuma's own daughter will be spared those struggles. Even if Montezuma and her husband are both deported for being illegal immigrants, little Alma could eventually return to enjoy the opportunities her parents sought here.

"She's not going to have to fight for anything for the simple fact that she was born here," Montezuma said as her infant daughter played in a waiting room at a pediatrics clinic in suburban Atlanta.

About 2 million families face the risk of being split up because the children are U.S.-born citizens but the parents are illegal immigrants. At least one lawmaker has proposed ending citizenship by birthright, restricting automatic citizenship at birth to children of U.S. citizens and legal residents.

The United States has one of the most liberal citizenship policies in the world, granting citizenship to anyone born on U.S. soil based on an 1868 constitutional amendment. About 3.1 million children are U.S. citizens by birth, even though one or both of their parents are here illegally, according to estimates by the Pew Hispanic Center.

Supporters of that measure say it is the only way to fully integrate immigrants.

"A person has a stake in the society where they are, and you can't beat that as an integration measure," said Demetrios Papademetriou, president of the Migration Policy Institute, a Washington think tank.

But critics who want to eliminate the right insist it is a magnet for illegal immigration and an obstacle in efforts to deport millions of illegal immigrants.

"It's not as large a magnet as jobs, but it will be easier to solve the problem of illegal immigration if we avoid the mixed-family situation," said Rep. Nathan Deal, R-Ga., who tried unsuccessfully to revoke the citizenship-by-birth right in the immigration bill passed by the House in December.

Deal and other advocates of stricter controls say immigrants come to the U.S. in part to have "anchor babies" — children who can offer their parents some immunity from deportation and then petition for them to receive green cards after turning 21. But just how many immigrants do so is unclear.

Border Patrol agents rescue one or two immigrants in labor every year.

Daniel McClafferty, part of a Border

Patrol medical team, found an 18-year-old woman in shock with her newborn daughter last month about 20 miles north of the border in the desolate foothills of the Arizona desert.

A fellow immigrant had helped deliver the baby, cutting her umbilical cord with a nail clipper. McClafferty helped evacuate the mother on a helicopter and carry the baby to the closest road, four miles away.

Alejandro Ramos with the Mexican consulate in Tucson, Ariz., said the mother had asked for a U.S. birth certificate for her daughter, but her whereabouts were unknown.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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DEMETRIOS PAPADEMETRIOU
MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE
PRESIDENT

officers try not to separate families but they do "arrest and remove people every day who have dependents in the U.S.," said agency spokesman Marc Raimondi.

Immigrants who are ordered deported can ask a judge to let them stay if, among other things, they are able to prove their deportation would be an "extremely unusual hardship" to a U.S.-citizen spouse or child.

Immigration judges typically consider whether children can speak the language of their parents' native country, whether they have enough money to survive and whether they have serious health problems, said Elaine Komis of the Executive Office of Immigration Review, which runs federal immigration courts.

Even though Luz Maria Medrano of Las Vegas was ordered deported along with her second husband, the couple won permanent residency after a six-year legal battle when a judge found her 7-year-old, U.S.-born son would not receive proper treatment for his learning disability in Mexico.

She's especially happy for her other 17-year-old son, who was born in Mexico. She carried him across the Arizona desert when he was 12 months old to flee an abusive ex-husband.

"I felt very responsible," said Medrano, a 40-year-old real estate agent. "It was for him that I would have suffered more if they had sent us to Mexico. Now the future for him will be grandiose. Here, whatever you do, you'll be successful at."

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Dear Dorie

By Dorie Meek

Nipping feeding concerns in bud

Dear Dorie,
I'm breast-feeding my two-month old and I'm not sure he's ever getting to the "hind" milk before switching sides. Should I force him to continue on that side even when it feels empty, just in case? Should I switch him back and forth at different feedings and walk around lop-sided? Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Milk Momma

Dear Momma,

I was just having a conversation with another breast-feeding mom about this very same subject — small world full of great moms. These are very good questions and very typical scenarios. As I'm not a lactation consultant, I'm going to refer you to La Leche League. This is a national organization that promotes breast-feeding and the health and well-being of all mothers. They provide access to support groups, lactation consultants and various other informational items you may need. Their website is www.lalecheleague.org, and your local chapter may have its own website as well.

Until you can get to that, my personal opinion about switching is: Let your body do the talking. There are feedings where you know for a fact that you will not make it a few more hours without switching sides (pain, leaking, etc.) You may have experienced this already. In those cases, rotate when it feels right. Trust your instincts and good luck.

Dorie

(Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program. Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call (310) 452-6132; fax (310) 452-6392)

Holding hammer is easy



HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

"We had been paying the children for doing chores. I know that works well in some families, but it was getting out of hand. Our third- and fourth-graders started asking to be paid for everything. They didn't appreciate anything, and they whined and complained a lot."

Julie told her story with the high-gee energy of a parent who has triumphed over a problem. "When I asked Carrie to take her clean laundry to her room and she asked how much money she would get, I blew!" Julie smacked a fist in her palm. "I said it's time for the hammer to come down!"

Julie's friend startled: "What was the hammer?"
"They had to pay for everything. I told them that from now on nothing was free. Everything they did, everything that was given to them, they had to earn. Everything cost points."

Soon the children were identifying ways to earn points. They posted their point lists on the refrigerator. What did they have to pay for? Everything! Julie was relentless.

Breakfast — 10 points, Lunch — 20 points, Snacks, an apple — 5 points, A cookie — 15 points

A ride to soccer practice — 25 points

"Can Lisa come over to play?"

"Yes, that will be 20 points."

"But Mom, she wants to come now. If I practice for 20 minutes, maybe she won't want to come."

"Maybe not. And you lose 10 points for whining."

Carrie and Raymond quickly learned to bank points. The lists on the refrigerator became more sophisticated.

Julie's friend was intrigued. "Didn't this take a lot of work on your part?"

"No. It took less energy than dealing with the whining.

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- Feed the cat — 10 points
- Change the litter box — 40 points
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- Make your bed — 10 points
- Straighten your room — 20 points
- Clean your room — 60 points
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We played it like a game, and as soon as the children got over being shocked, they started to come around. We had great discussions. The issue of the school bus was a biggie. Why the school bus was provided, why it wasn't safe for them to walk, how many points for a ride if they had a big project to carry to school versus if they just missed the bus."

"How long did this go on?"

"Four days. It only took four days for them to get it. We agreed they could stop paying points as long as they did their tasks without grumbling and appreciated all they were getting. And no more paying for chores. They each get an allowance, but they do household tasks because we all live in this household. It's been over a year now and they still talk about the week we did points. The other day, it was raining and Raymond had a big project to take to school, so his dad drove him. As Raymond left the car he called, 'Thanks a lot, Dad.' My neighbor, who had also driven that day, heard Raymond. She called me to ask how we did it. I said 'Sometimes you have to bring down the hammer!'"

Adults who participated in the Overindulgence Research Studies indicated that one of the hazards of having been overindulged as children was not having given up believing they were the center of the universe.

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THURSDAY

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

Storytelling
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Current session 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., June 1 – July 6.
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, May 18 – June 22.
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.stroller-strides.com for more info.

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

FRIDAY

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

Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.childsplayon-line.net

Classes
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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.
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SATURDAY

Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., 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.santamonicayoga.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
Cinderella at The Santa Monica Playhouse
This Weekend Only! Saturday & Sunday at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

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

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

“A Faery Hunt” – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.
Princess Bean's Messy World – 2:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun. May 27, 28.
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. Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA
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Senate a big supporter of Bush immigration plan

BY DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON The Senate, eager to stanch the flow of illegal immigrants, signaled overwhelming support Monday for President Bush’s plan to dispatch National Guard troops to states along the Mexican border.

No tour of duty could last longer than 21 days and troops would be excluded from “search, seizure, arrest or similar activity.” They would support the Border Patrol, which has primary responsibility for intercepting illegal immigrants.

The vote was 83-10 on an amendment by Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., to authorize governors to order their states’ National Guard units to perform annual duty training in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona or California. Administration officials have said Bush has the authority needed to deploy the Guard, making the vote a largely symbolic show of support.

The agreement came as the Senate moved toward an expected vote later this week on the most far-reaching immigration bill in two decades. The measure would strengthen border enforcement, create a new guest worker program and provide an eventual opening for citizenship to many of the millions of men and women already in the country illegally.

In contrast to the Guard-related provision, a proposal to assure identical wage floors for two groups of immigrant farm workers sparked a spirited debate.

Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., said farm workers who hold temporary visas should be paid along the same lines as up to 1.5 million future agriculture laborers under a new program envisioned in the legislation.

He said both groups should be paid whichever was higher, the minimum wage or the prevailing wage — a calculation that takes into account skill, experience and the geographical area where the job exists. “The workers (in the two groups) are mostly the same,” Chambliss said, adding that most come from Mexico and are in the United States to earn money to support their families.

“Should they not be treated the same? I believe they should,” he said.

Critics argued that Chambliss’ proposal would result in a reduction in already low wages. “They’ll be treated the same, but they’ll be treated shabbily,” said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. Other critics, including Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said Chambliss’ proposal would change a carefully negotiated compromise between farmers and groups advocating on behalf of migrant workers.

But Chambliss, who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee, told Kennedy and others that when it came to 40,000 temporary workers already in the country, “you’re reducing their wages immediately.”

The amendment was sidetracked on a vote of 50-43.

Airstrike targets Taliban

BY NOOR KHAN
Associated Press Writer

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan A U.S.-led nighttime airstrike against Taliban rebels in southern Afghanistan killed up to 80 suspected militants, the coalition said Monday. The local governor said 16 civilians were killed and 16 wounded.

At a hospital, wounded residents of Azizi village described how aircraft bombed mud-brick homes where Taliban rebels were hiding, having fled there from a religious school after the airstrikes started. Among the wounded was an 8-month-old infant.

In a statement, the coalition said it had confirmed 20 Taliban killed in the attack on the village in Kandahar province late Sunday and early Monday, while there were “an unconfirmed 60 additional Taliban casualties.”

U.S. commander Lt. Gen. Karl W. Eikenberry told The Associated Press that the military was “looking into” civilian casualties. The airstrikes brought the death toll of militants, Afghan forces, coalition soldiers and civilians to as many as 285 since Wednesday, according to coalition and Afghan figures. The storm of violence that erupted last week in the south was among the deadliest combat in Afghanistan since the ouster of the Taliban regime in 2001.

At Mirwaise Hospital in Kandahar city, a man with blood on his clothes and turban said insurgents had been hiding in an Islamic religious school, or madrassa, in the village since the recent fierce fighting.

“Helicopters bombed the madrassa and some of the Taliban ran from there and into people’s homes. Then those homes were bombed,” said Haji Ikhlaq, 40. “I saw 35 to 40 dead Taliban and around 50 dead or wounded civilians.”

Another villager, Zurmina Bibi, cradled her wounded 8-month-old. She said about 10 people were killed in her home, including three or four children.

“There were dead people everywhere,” she said, crying.

A doctor, Mohammed Khan, said he had treated 10 people from the village. Moments later, a pickup vehicle pulled up at the hospital with five wounded men lying in the back.

“These sort of accidents happen during fighting, especially when the Taliban are hiding in homes,” Kandahar Gov. Asadullah Khalid told reporters. “I urge people not to give shelter to the Taliban.”

U.S. military spokesman Col. Tom Collins said, “It’s common that the enemy fights in close to civilians as a means to protect its own forces.

“We targeted a Taliban compound and we’re certain we hit the right target,” he told The Associated Press.

It was not possible for reporters to reach Azizi village because police and foreign troops had blocked off the area, about 30 miles southwest of Kandahar.

The village, also known as Hajiyan, has about 30-35 large mud-brick compounds, each housing an extended family with up to 50 members. The village has a mosque and one madrassa, where boys study. It has no electricity and relies on wells for water.

The Taliban resurgence, despite the presence of more than 30,000 foreign troops, including 23,000 from the United States in Afghanistan, has halted postwar reconstruction work in many areas and raised fears for this country’s future.

In other violence, Mohammed Ali Jalali, the former governor of eastern Paktika province, was found dead after being kidnapped Sunday, local police chief Abdul Rehman Surjung said.

Hamas clashes with Palestinian police

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK
Associated Press Writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip Hamas militiamen and Palestinian police traded heavy fire near Gaza City’s parliament building Monday, killing the driver of the Jordanian ambassador in Gaza and wounding 11 people in the worst internal fighting in weeks.

At one point, Hamas gunmen holed up in two buildings under construction, hurling grenades and firing a rocket-propelled grenade at police. Other militants took up positions behind trees, cars and buildings, turning downtown Gaza into a battle zone.

Monday’s battle was the most intense in an increasingly bloody confrontation between gunmen loyal to the Hamas government and the Palestinian security forces allied with moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. The Hamas government deployed a 3,000-member force of militants last week, sending tensions soaring.

The dead man was identified as 45-year-old Khaled Radaida, the driver of the Jordanian ambassador in Gaza. Three bullets hit the windshield of Radaida’s vehicle, marked with Jordanian diplomatic license plates.

TV video showed two gunmen pressed against a wall, firing across an intersection. A few moments later, the Jordanian vehicle was shown slowly approaching from the opposite side of the intersection, stopping, then trying reverse. There was no video of gunmen aiming at the vehicle, as was initially claimed.

The ambassador, Yehiya Qarallah, was not in the vehicle at the time.

Under police escort, the ambassador was taken to the morgue of Gaza City’s Shifa Hospital and identified the driver. The diplomat wept as he emerged from the morgue.

Radaida’s death brought to eight the number of people killed in internal fighting in Gaza this month.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar called Qarallah and expressed his condolences. Zahar said the death would be investigated.

Hamas and Palestinian security forces gave conflicting accounts of how Monday’s fighting started.

The Preventive Security Service, a branch loyal to Abbas, said Hamas militiamen stopped one of its vehicles in the street and fired at the car. Hamas said some of its members came under fire during a patrol and sought cover in the abandoned building, then fired back.

During the fighting, Hamas gunmen closed main junctions and with raised weapons ordered drivers to turn back.

The militiamen closed a large area between the parliament building and Palestinian police headquarters.

Abbas’ Fatah movement, defeated by Hamas in January parliament elections, held Hamas responsible for the death of the Jordanian driver. Maher Maqdad, a Fatah spokesman in Gaza, said the Hamas militia is illegal and had no business patrolling near the police headquarters Monday.

“When are they (Hamas leaders) going to realize that this unit is illegal and when are they going to dismantle it?” Maqdad said in a text message sent to reporters.

A Hamas spokesman, Sami Abu Zuhri, alleged the fighting was triggered by what he called “suspicious figures” who he said opened fire on Hamas and police to stir trouble.

Earlier Monday, a gunman linked to Abbas’ Fatah movement was killed in fighting with Hamas near the southern Gaza town of Khan Younis. Fatah said two of its fighters were ambushed in their car, while Hamas said the firefight was triggered by Fatah’s attempt to kidnap a Hamas member. A second Fatah gunman was wounded.

Tempers were also running high after two assassination attempts against security chiefs loyal to moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas over the weekend.

On Sunday, police found a 154-pound bomb on the road used by Rashid Abu Shbak, a commander recently appointed by Abbas to keep Hamas-controlled troops in check. On Saturday, a bomb planted in the elevator shaft of the Palestinian intelligence headquarters seriously wounded the Palestinian intelligence chief.

Fatah officials hinted they believed Hamas was behind both incidents but stopped short of making an open accusation against Hamas.

Abbas, also the Fatah leader, called on both sides to avoid violence and said he would open talks with Hamas later this week to end the dangerous power struggle.

“Civil war is the red line that nobody dares cross, no matter which side they are on. ... Civil war is forbidden,” Abbas said at the World Economic Forum in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheik, where he met Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni on Sunday.

In an interview with the Palestinian daily Al Quds, Abbas reiterated that as president, he has the power to disband the government and call new elections. However, Abbas said he would not take this step lightly.

“It is one of my rights as president to take this step,” Abbas said. “But such a decision would not be justified unless Hamas gets a full opportunity (to rule). If it fails, then we can talk about disbanding the government.”

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VITALS Ryan Sim, 30, Hollywood
TATTOO TIME 5 hours
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TATTOO TIME 7 years
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Prince is baa humbug

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK Prince has been voted the “world’s sexiest vegetarian” in PETA’s annual online poll.

A strict vegan, Prince, 47, wrote in the liner notes of his latest album, “3121,” about the ills behind wool production. He closed the disc with a quote from Mohandas Gandhi: “2 my mind, the life of a lamb is no less precious than that of a human being.”

Prince shares the honor with Kristen Bell, the 25-year-old star of “Veronica Mars,” which is being carried over from UPN to the new CW network this fall.

Bell, in a statement, said of her vegetarianism: “I had a hard time disassociating the animals I cuddled with _ dogs and cats, for example _ from the animals on my plate, and I never really cared for the taste of meat. I always loved my brussels sprouts!”

Runners-up in the poll, which PETA said Monday received over 40,000 votes, include Natalie Portman, Nicollette Sheridan and Joaquin Phoenix.

Last year, Coldplay singer Chris Martin and “American Idol” Carrie Underwood were picked as the two “sexiest vegetarians.” Other previous winners include Andre 3000, Tobey Maguire, Josh Hartnett, Alicia Silverstone, Lauren Bush and Shania Twain.

NEW YORK Julia Roberts didn’t receive a Tony nomination for her Broadway debut in “Three Days of Rain,” but she will be on stage at the 60th annual Tony Awards when they are presented June 11 at Radio City Music Hall.

Roberts will be among the presenters during the three-hour show, which will be televised by CBS (8 p.m. EDT). Also announced Monday as presenting awards for the best of the 2005-06 Broadway season: Ralph Fiennes, Eric McCormack, Cynthia Nixon, Martin Short, Alfre Woodard and Anna Paquin.

No host has been announced yet. The Antoinette Perry Tony Awards, founded in 1947 by the American Theatre Wing, are presented by the Wing and the League of American Theatres and Producers.

LONDON Keith Richards has returned to the United States after being treated for a head injury in New Zealand, his publicist said.

“He is feeling great, happy to be home and looking forward to getting back on the road with the Rolling Stones next month,” according to a statement Monday from LD Communications in London.

The 62-year-old guitarist, who lives in Weston, Conn., was injured April 27 in Fiji. News reports have variously claimed that he fell out of a palm tree or from a jet ski.

Richards later had surgery in Auckland to relieve pressure in his head.

A revised tour schedule will soon be announced, according to a statement on the Stones’ Web site.

HOUSTON Bob Geldof has been honored with a humanitarian award by the Holocaust Museum Houston for his work organizing 1985’s Live Aid concert.

Geldof received the 2006 Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award at the museum’s annual dinner Sunday night. He told the audience that he was humbled by the award.

“I can honestly say I feel fraudulent standing here” among survivors of the Holocaust, the 51-year-old Irish rocker said. “Their greatest triumph was that they defeated history. Their unique triumph is the grace with which they lived their lives.”

Geldof was inspired to organize the concert after watching a nightly news broadcast on the Ethiopian famine.

“The next day I thought, ‘This requires more than simply putting a pound in the charity box,’” he said.

He composed “Do They Know It’s Christmas” and recorded it with his friends in the rock ‘n’ roll business.

That recording led to Live Aid fundraising concerts in London and Philadelphia, which featured 60 top acts and a worldwide TV audience. Geldof organized last year’s Live 8 concerts.

CANTON, N.Y. Viggo Mortensen didn’t wear a cap and gown to his own graduation from St. Lawrence University 26 years ago as a protest against alleged unfair labor practices by their manufacturers.

But the 47-year-old actor, who starred in “The Lord of the Rings” trilogy and 2005’s “A History of Violence,” wore the cap and gown Sunday as he encouraged graduates to stand up for their own beliefs.

“I’m certainly not asking anyone to run out and burn down city hall, or to necessarily engage in any overt protest,” Mortensen told the 567 graduates at St. Lawrence’s 150th commencement. “I simply advocate your continuing to explore being involved citizens. Don’t ever be afraid to ask the question, ‘Why?’”

Mortensen received an honorary doctor of arts degree.



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MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006

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

Da Vinci Code

11:00am

Goal! The Dream Begins (PG)

1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

Just My Luck (PG-13)

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

RV (PG)

1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30

United 93 (R)

1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

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

An American Haunting (PG-13)

7:30, 9:40

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)

1:00, 3:10, 5:20

Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)

12:30, 1:20, 3:20, 4:10, 6:10, 7:20, 9:00, 10:20

Poseidon (PG-13)

11:30am, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:30

Scary Movie 4 (PG-13)

12:00am

See No Evil (R)

12:50, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

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

Akeelah and the Bee (PG)

1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

Da Vinci Code, The (PG-13)

12:20, 1:30, 3:00, 3:45, 5:00, 6:30, 7:10, 8:30, 9:50, 10:30

Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)

1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

Over the Hedge (PG)

12:10, 1:00, 2:35, 3:20, 4:50, 5:40, 7:20, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20

Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310)281-8228

Art School Confidential (R)

11:30am, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

Thank You for Smoking (R)

11:40am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

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

Down in the Valley (R)

4:30, 9:50

Friends With Money (R)

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

Sketches of Frank Gehry (PG-13)

12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55

Wah-Wah (R)

1:45, 7:20

Water (PG-13)

1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

Information: calendar@smdp.com

MORE TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1906, Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik Ibsen died in Christiania, Norway, at age 78.

In 1937, industrialist John D. Rockefeller died in Ormond Beach, Fla.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces bogged down in Anzio began a major breakout offensive.

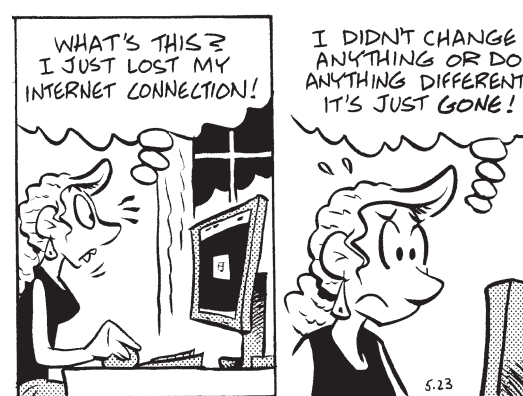
In 1960, Israel announced it had captured former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann in Argentina. (Eichmann was tried in Israel, found guilty of crimes against humanity, and hanged in 1962.)

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the appeals of former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell in connection with their Watergate convictions.

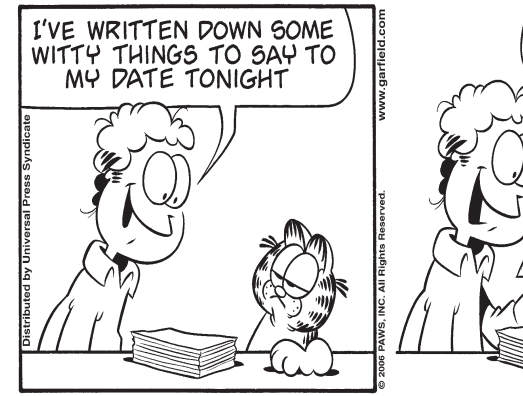
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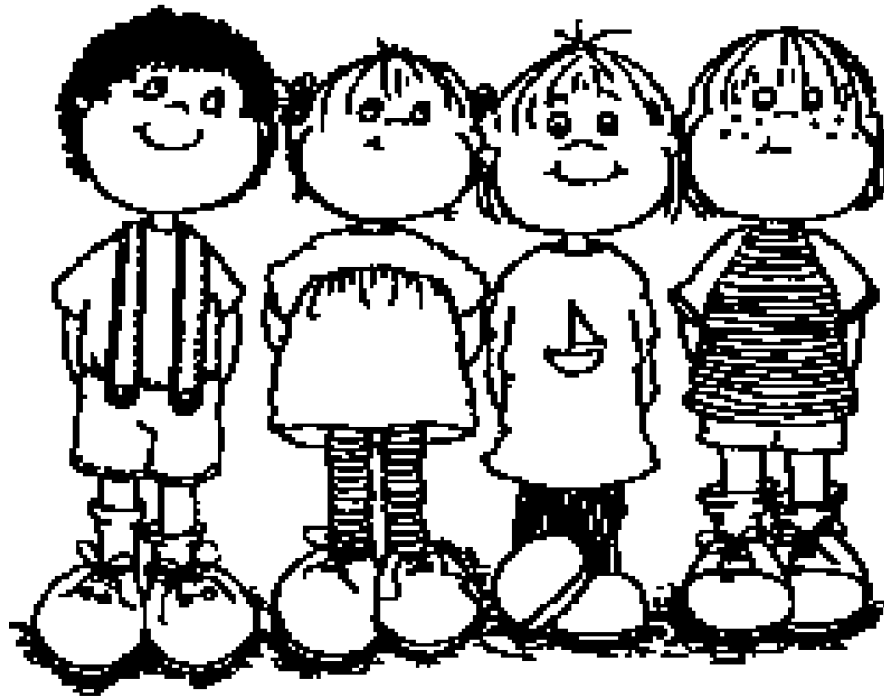
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