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April eighth has seen the culmination of the 30-year relationship between Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles where they wed at Windsor Castle. Although



Charles and Camilla

Camilla will never hold the title of queen, she will eventually be called "Her Royal Highness Prince's Consort" instead.

Speaking of Wales, Ioan Gruffudd,

a Welshman, who probably refuses to change his name, will be Reed Richards, also known as "Mr. Fantastic" in the 20th Century Fox's "Fantastic Four" movie. He's also rumored to be a candidate to play James Bond when Pierce Brosnan retires.

Time Warner's HBO network has inked a deal of selling 78 episodes of "The Sopranos" to A&E Network.

They will fetch more than



Ioan Gruffudd to play James Bond

\$2.5 million apiece, the most ever for a syndicated television show.

ABC has jumped from number four to number two, primarily because of the introduction of "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost." Two highly acclaimed and highly watched television series. NBC usually on top, is now in third place. NBC Universal Television President, Jeff Zucker, admitted that the loss of "Friends" turned out to be "a little tougher than we expected," and that the network could possibly sink to fourth place among younger viewers.

Golden Globe awards handed out to the drama series "Nip/Tuck" on FX.

Top actor, Ian McShane on "Deadwood," and



Ian McShane

actress Mariska Hargitay for "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit." Musical or comedy saw ABC's "Desperate Housewives" winning for series, actor Jason

Hollywood Hills. Movie Golden Globes went to "The Aviator" for Best Picture; Leonardo DiCaprio in "The Aviator" for best actor; Hillary Swank for Best Actress in "Million Dollar Baby"; and director Clint Eastwood as well for "Million Dollar Baby."

Musical or comedy winner went to "Sideways" for Best Picture;

Jamie Foxx for his stirring rendition of Ray Charles in "Ray"; and veteran professional Annette Bening in the movie "Being Julia." Highly respected actor Morgan Freeman got Best Supporting Actor for



Cate Blanchett

"Million Dollar Baby," and Cate Blanchett got Best Supporting Actress for "The Aviator."

A federal appeals court in L.A. reversed a lower court's ruling

that Anna Nicole Smith can get nearly \$90 million from the estate of her late husband. Henry Rollins of the seminal punk band Black Flag has a new show that's a film critic's show put out by IFC

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Mariska Hargitay

Bateman of "Arrested Development," and best actress went to "Desperate Housewives" Terry Hatcher. "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria is the new spokesperson for Dads Against Cancer, and has purchased a new home in the

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Continued from page 1 called "Henry's Film Corner." The Screen Actors Guild 11th annual awards ceremony chose best movie cast from "Sideways" was Paul Giametti, Virginia Madsen, Sandra Oh, and Thomas Hayden Church. Jamie Foxx picked up a Best SAG actor statuette to go with his Golden Globe for his title role in "Ray." And Oscar-nominated drama "Million Dollar Baby" showed Hillary Swank being named Best Actress again, while Morgan Freeman again picked up Best Supporting Actor honors.



Shannen Doherty

Shannen Doherty is in New York filming a show for HBO

about New York's social

life. Nine years ago the Walt Disney Company bought ABC so they could profit from both making and broadcasting the hits from the network. The deal is finally paying off, ABC stands to make hundreds of millions of

dollars from advertising syndication and DDD revenue from "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost,"

two of the season's top rated programs. The shows are the work of Touchtone Television, which is Disney's TV studio.

Where to see the latest "24" spin-off?

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small screen. "Conspiracy" is produced by 20th Century Fox Television, a division of Newscorp, and is one of the three original series making their debut on Verizon's V-test, a high-speed cellular phone network.

Keanu Reeves has received finally his star on the Hollywood walk of fame.

Superstar women whom you would never think would change their trademark look are to help market a new hair care line for dog styling. Marge Simpson has given up her towering blue inferno of hair and is

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part of a new magazine ad. Also featured are Wilma Flintstone of "The Flintstones," Jane Jetson of "The Jetsons," and Velma Dinkley of "Scooby-doo."

In Mexico, the union actors who dub "The

Simpsons" into Spanish

are asking for help as they fight for their livelihood. In a labor dispute that could change the original Spanish voices from the 15-year old series. The Spanish voice of Homer Simpson, Humberto Velez, says he only \$55 an episode.



Stan Lee

Speaking of comics, or rather comic books, a federal judge ruled

last week that Marvel Comics owes millions of dollars to its long-time writer Stan Lee in unpaid profits from movies based on the characters he created; Spiderman, X-men and the Incredible Hulk.

Hasbro introduced a new G.I. Joe action figure

of Lieutenant John Fox, one of the first African-Americans to receive a

medal of honor. It was given posthumously in 1977 for heroism during World War II. Posh Spice and soccer star David Beckham gave birth to their third son named Cruz. The marriage of Britain's number one

than 3,000 costume changes and sold three million tickets. **Jackie Chan is leaving us for China.** He has put his Beverly Hills home on the market for nearly \$7 million. He has been manufacturing in China motorcycles and cars, and owns quite a bit of real estate.

IBM Corporation formally unveiled what it describes as a "super computer on a chip that will dramatically increase the computing power in video game systems, televisions and other electronics.

Who today is the biggest star in Hollywood?

Will Smith, he is still number one at box office, and considered Hollywood's most bankable star.

Early Bob Dylan tapes were donated to the Minnesota Historical Society by a Minneapolis man who said he made the reel-to-reel tape in an apartment in 1960 after

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getting to know Dylan in coffee houses. Dylan was, at the time, a student at the university and did not make any formal recordings until two years later. On the tape he sings traditional folk songs.

Electronic retailer Best Buy Corporation plans to open 75 new stores

in the United States and Canada during the next year. 2007 will see the final year for the Hubble telescope, which has given us incredible images of deep space for more than 14 years,

unless a repair mission is launched soon. Time Warner is going to stop offering stock options to its entire 80,000-person work force. Exxon Mobile Corporation has passed General Electric to become the largest U.S. corporation, according to stock market value. British singer Seal and his fiancée, German supermodel Heidi Klum, have purchased a Bel Air estate for \$4.3 million. Oracle said it will eliminate 5,000 jobs after it acquires former software rival Peoplesoft.

Adriana, who died on HBO's "The Sopranos" has found new life as Matt LeBlanc's charac-



Sylvester Stallone

ter's sister Gina on NBC "Joey," and now will play Iris, a tough-talking gun moll in "Assault on Precinct 13," a remake of the '76 John Carpenter cult film. Drea Matteo is turning her outspoken role on "The Sopranos," the hit series

about the mob, into a girl actress who is well on her way to super stardom.

Sylvester Stallone is going to, he says, make another "Rambo" film.

There were three films about the mentally unstable Vietnam War veteran that were huge box office successes, and is interested in pursuing "Rambo Four." This is certainly exciting news for all Sylvester Stallone fans and Rambo fans.

More people work in entertainment jobs in California, but they've become more dependent on jobs outside

because of the sporadic nature of the work, according to a study released by the Entertainment Economy Institute. The total number of entertainment industry jobs was almost 300,000, but the number is still down dramatically from the employment peak of 1999.

English soccer star David Beckham has his legs insured for \$70 million, quite a bit up from the '40s when Betty Grable's legs were insured for

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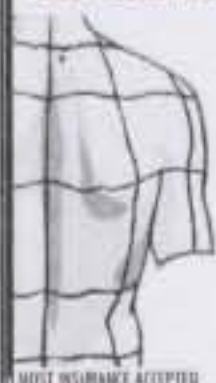
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only one million dollars. At Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago the oldest African elephant in the United States has passed away at the age of 55.

Sprint has acquired Nextel for \$35 billion

and could challenge Cingular Wireless and Verizon Wireless for top dog in a constantly competitive business. The last of the reel-to-reel recording companies manufacturers filed for bankruptcy protection. Everything now of course is on digital. Since film companies are spending less money on soundtracks this year independent composers have a chance to create soundtracks where before they didn't have a chance. In the late '90s, big bands could charge a film company a million dollars, but today the President of Worldwide Music for Sony Pictures Entertainment said that

that money has declined by half.

Tom and Jerry cartoons are at the center of a huge Chinese controversy



Tom and Jerry

over what languages are permitted to be dubbed in. Anyone who does not speak Mandarin, which of course is the only language that the central government in Beijing feels should be used, means that people who speak Shanghainese, or Cantonese, will not be

able to see or hear their favorite American or foreign-language television shows dubbed in their own dialect.

Larry David's hit HBO show "Curb Your Enthusiasm" has started production on ten

new episodes for a fifth season. Advertising of course is the thing that makes the entertainment industry and sports industry so powerful.

And ABC, NBC and CBS's daytime soaps are huge cash cows that generate about \$2 billion in daytime and ad revenue alone. Also, a lot of product placement has become incredibly intense, from everywhere to movies, film, music, sports car racing and sports in general. Everybody's favorite Wolverine, Hugh Jackman, is negotiating for "X-Men 3," is making a science-fiction movie called "The Fountain," and is also working on a spin-off Wolverine. He's also the voice of Uptown Rat in "Flushed Away." Walt Disney Company said its fiscal first quarter profit rose five percent due to a great performance in broadcast and cable television revenue. Disney said most of this strength is resurgence in ratings at ABC and ESPN. Revenue for media networks grew 11 percent to \$3.5 billion, while segment operating income rose to \$487 million. 2005, of course, is Disneyland's 50th

anniversary, including the opening of Hong Kong Disneyland and the dvd release of "The Incredibles," the animated film that dominated the box office grosses of a quarter of a billion dollars.

While Napster posted a message saying that their digital music tracks are no more susceptible

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