

Stipe and Surmanian honored by chamber

Maria Stipe and Mark Surmanian have been named Garden Grove Woman and Man of the Year for 2025-2026 by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Stipe is the recently-retired assistant city manager for Garden Grove and Surmanian is the chief executive officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove.

Surmanian a former "Club Kid," now leads one of the top Boys & Girls Clubs in the nation, having devoted the past 18 years to serving the youth and families of Garden Grove.

Through the collective efforts of staff and board support, BGCGG serves nearly 6,000 youth daily across 67 sites in Garden Grove and neighboring cities.

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THAT'S A MIGHTY KITE



A kite soars in the sky during the 21st Kite Party in Huntington Beach on Sunday, March 9, 2025. For more thoughts on kites, see Jim Tortolano's Retorts column on page three. (Mindy Schauer/The Orange County Register via AP).

■ GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

How You'll Use Credit with City

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

In a move to save the city over \$400,000 annually, the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday night voted to approve a new way to process the charging of customers who use electronic payments.

On a 7-0 vote, the council approved the second of two options submitted by city staff. Under the current system, the city spends about \$450,000 in costs associated with that processing.

Under the options chosen by the council, the convenience fee will be charged directly to customers by the Point & Pay LLC, which handles the city's electronic payment processing from credit or debit cards.

Customers using MasterCard, Visa or Discover cards will be charged 2.2 percent, as will those using American Express and "digital wallets" such as Apple Pay and Google Pay.

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Six hurt in crash involving a Huntington police unit

A traffic collision involving a marked Huntington Beach police patrol vehicle on Sunday night sent six people to area hospitals with injuries.

According to Jessica Cuchilla of the Huntington Beach Police Department, the incident took

place around 10:15 p.m. in the area of Beach Boulevard and Yorktown Avenue.

The city's main police facility is located at 2000 Main Street at Yorktown Avenue, several blocks west of Beach Boulevard.

Involved were the HBPD

sport utility vehicle and a Kia.

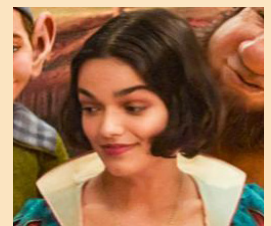
The extent of the injuries – or the identities of those hurt – has not been publicly disclosed and the accident is being investigated by the California Highway Patrol's Westminster station.

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Electronic check users will pay 20 cents.

Under the new system, the annual cost to the city is expected to drop to \$20,000.

Also on Tuesday night, the council approved:

- a written request from the Christ Cathedral parish for the

extension of operating hours and an exemption for the city's noise ordinance for three separate events;

- proclamations recognizing Black April Month (the fall of Saigon) and Arab American Heritage Month;

- the purchase of two new vehicles for the police department.

The man, woman of the year

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Stipe, who is the current secretary of the Garden Grove Rotary Club, has a career in public service that spans 26 years. As

assistant city manager, she is credited with bringing important programs, services, and vital funding to the city to improve the lives of residents and to support local businesses.

They will be honored at the annual Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Gala Dinner and Awards on Thursday, April 24 at the Embassy Suites Anaheim South on Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

Their "reign" will begin on July 1, 2025, and run through June 30, 2026.

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News & Views

A marble-ous tradition has passed away

America's kids have lost their marbles.

Also their kites and yo-yos. We have now stepped into spring officially, which – in the golden past of the Golden State – would signal kids to hustle on down to the Alpha Beta or Thriftmart and buy yourself a high-flying (some-times) paper-and-balsa wood kite and get “high” in a totally wholesome way.



Retorts Jim Tortolano

Nowadays the young folk are sequestered inside, hunched over their PCs or iPads, focusing on Pokemon, Minecraft and Roblox. Gorgeous weather is beckoning and they're carving a divot into a computer chair or couch cushion.

As Marcia used to say, scandalous.

Baby boomer games – back in the day – had seasons. Kites were for spring following marbles and yo-yos. The onset of the season was signaled by the ads on kid-oriented TV shows like “Jolly Roger” and “Skipper Frank.”

There was a certain hardening of the heart involved in our games. Marbles contested frequently were played “for keeps,” which meant that if defeated, you forfeited all of yours, even your favorite “cat’s eyes.”

Kite-flying could be painful as well. As was long-chronicled in “Peanuts,” Charlie Brown’s attempts at park aviation were frequently foiled by the devilish and heart-breaking kite-eating tree.

And yo-yo’s ... which of you baby boomers hasn’t been hit painfully in the shin by a

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News Briefs



ARLO FRAVIEN at the National Civics Bee Regional Competition in Yorba Linda (GGUSD photo).

Walton student is headed toward the state civics bee

Arlo Fravien, a seventh grader at Walton Intermediate School in Garden Grove recently took second place at the National Civics Bee Regional Competition at the Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda.

He was one of 20 students selected after writing an essay proposing a “Trash Force” to reduce waste in Orange County.

His performance as one of the top three students won him \$250 and a trip to the California State Championship at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley.

Also competing in the regional event from the Garden Grove Unified School District was Ronald Bui from Stanford Elementary School in Garden Grove.

Ashley Stevens helped Arlo prepare for the competition.

Don't drink and drive in G. Grove

Saturation patrols by the Garden Grove Police Department earlier this month to combat driving under the influence netted results.

On Friday, March 14, police issued 35 citations for various vehicle code violations and made four DUI arrests.

On Monday, March 17, police issued 15 citations and made two DUI arrests.

Westminster High teacher honored

Khang Bao, a science teacher at Westminster High School, was honored recently for 15 years service with the Huntington Beach Union High School District.

What's the thing most loved about the job? “I love being at WHS because of the diverse student demographics and cultures. As

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Police Beat

Suspect is arrested for elder abuse in G. Grove

Highlights of weekend activity from the Garden Grove Police Department.

Officers were dispatched to a room-and-board care facility in reference to alleged elder abuse against a mentally ill adult.

After an investigation, the suspect/caretaker was arrested for elder abuse and found to have methamphetamine in his possession.

Three suspects held in robbery of 7-11 store

The robbery of a 7-11 convenience store was followed by the arrest of three suspects who were located hiding in the laundry room of an apartment complex,

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NewsUpdate

Citizenship Proof Required to Vote In Trump Order

An executive order requiring documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in order to vote in federal elections was signed by President Donald Trump on Tuesday, an order which would also require that all ballots be received on Election Day.

According to the Associated Press, the order threatens to withhold federal funds from states that don't comply with the order.

The order is certain to draw widespread challenges from states who have long had extensive authority to set their own election rules.

Trump's order follows a history of his complaints against the processes by which elections are held.

He claimed –without evidence – that the 2020 presidential election was rigged and that he was the actual victor.



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That theory is believed to have played a role in the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of Trump.

Voting by non-citizens in federal elections is illegal and can be prosecuted as a felony, and state voter registrars of both parties believe that election fraud is rare

Limited cease-fire deal for Ukraine and Russia told

A cease-fire in the Black Sea and end to attacks on energy facilities between Russia and Ukraine has been reached, the White House announced on Tuesday.

According to The New York Times, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said it's "too early to say that it will work."

Many details remain to be worked out. Russia will agree to a suspension of combat on the Black Sea only if Western countries – including the U.S. – drop the ban on the importing of Russian agricultural products.

Weather: Hope you like clouds

Lots of clouds will be the story for the next few days in our West Orange County area. The forecast for Wednesday calls for morning clouds and afternoon sun with a daytime high of 65 and an overnight low of 56. Thursday should be cloudy all day with temps of 67 (55). Friday is expected to be similar to Wednesday with temps of 66 (52) and Saturday will warm a bit to 68 (52) with partly cloudy skies.

Invitation To Bid

McGuire Builders, Inc. is seeking Licensed Concrete, Electrical and Audio/ Visual Subcontractors for new Ropes Course at the Garden Grove Great Wolf Lodge (City of Garden Grove, California). Please note that this a prevailing wage project.

Work consists of new foundations for the new ropes course, site electrical (power and lighting) and AV throughout the course.

Bid documents will be available on Friday 04/04/25. Bids are due by 2pm on Tuesday 4/15/25. Please reach out to Carlos Garcia (garcia@mcguirebuilders.net) or Kathy Angerbauer (kathy@mcguirebuilders.net) if you are interested in bidding this project.

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McGuire Builders, Inc. is seeking Licensed Demolition, Flooring, Painting, Electrical, Millwork/ Finish Carpentry, and FF & E Installation Subcontractors to renovate the guestrooms at the Garden Grove Great Wolf Lodge (City of Garden Grove, California). Please note that this a prevailing wage project.

Work consists of demolition of existing carpet and base, installation of new LVT flooring and rubber base, painting of walls, ceilings doors and moldings, Installation of wood paneling (finish carpentry, replacement of existing light fixtures, and removal and installation of FF&E at guestrooms.

Bid documents will be available on Friday 03/28/25. Bids are due by 5pm on Monday 4/14/25. Please reach out to Carlos Garcia (cgarcia@mcguirebuilders.net) or Kathy Angerbauer (kathy@mcguirebuilders.net) if you are interested in bidding this project.

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Arts & Living

'Snow White' Won't Whistle

Live-action look at fairy tale is not that lively

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

Mirror mirror on the wall, what's the fairest Disney live-action remake of them all?

Wait, mirror. Hold on a second. Maybe choosing from the likes of "Alice in Wonderland" (2010), "Mulan" (2020) and "The Lion King" (2019) isn't such a good idea. Mirror, on second thought, what's on Netflix?

Even the most devoted fans would have to acknowledge that these have not been the most illustrious illustrations of Disney magic. At their best ("Pete's Dragon"? "Cinderella?") they breathe life into old classics that could use a little updating. At their worst, well, blue Will Smith.

Given the rapacious rate of remakes in modern Hollywood, it's remarkable that it's taken nearly 90 years for Disney to return to "Snow White." It means going back to the very foundation of the Mouse House. The 1937 "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was Disney's first animated feature; its grosses paid for the studio's Burbank lot.

That legacy of "Snow White," by comparison, doesn't do any favors to Marc Webb's inevitably lesser, inert live-action retread. Good intentions, like swirling bluebirds, flutter through this "Snow White": to give its singing protagonist (Rachel Zegler) more agency; to expand that notion of "fair" beyond skin tone; to reframe that problematic prince. But all that updating adds up to a mishmash of a fable, caught in between now and once upon a time.

It wouldn't be an earthshattering observation to note that a 1930s cartoon, let alone a 19th



RACHEL ZEGLER with her mining associates in "Snow White" (Walt Disney Co.)

Movie Review

century German folk tale, might not be entirely in line with contemporary culture. Most of these Disney live-action remakes have carried with them more than a few notes of correction and atonement for the past — a laudable goal that means a generation of kids might not need a brief history lesson to go along with an old classic.

But it's a tricky thing reworking a fable that's been around two centuries, and that's doubly true when leaping from the two-dimensional fantasy realm of animation to the more complicated land of flesh and bone. Webb's "Snow White" has been a veritable case study for the headaches that can arise when a window into the real world is cracked open.

Everything from Israel's war in Gaza (Zegler and her co-star Gal Gadot, who plays the wicked stepmother, have differing opinions), the humanity of little people (there's a reason "and the Seven Dwarfs" has been

stripped from the title) and the alleged "woke"-ness of the production have been fuel for what we can gently refer to as online debate.

Despite some gloriously lush production design, "Snow White" — innocent of most of those backlashes though not all — can't quite thread the needle. Even the new songs (by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul) that are good ("Waiting on a Wish") struggle to fit in alongside old standbys.

Zegler does a spirited job reworking a classic Disney princess into a more modern woman; when she sings, the movie gets a lift. The last thing that's wrong with this "Snow White" is Zegler's casting.

But like scaffolding that's been left up too long, the strain of renovation shows in Webb's film, particularly in its awkward handling of Dopey, Sneezzy and company. The seven dwarfs, like the fawns and squirrels, are rendered in CGI. You could argue that this acknowledges the artificiality of a dated and offensive trope.

But it also gives "Snow White"

Fair: ★★

an uncanny quality, with all human characters but the dwarfs being played by real people. As if to Band-Aid over this, one of the woodsmen is played by an actor of short stature (George Appleby) whose presence seems like yet another atonement, only one for this "Snow White," not 1937's.

You might be thinking: But what about the movie? The problem with "Snow White" is that you never stop thinking about these much-strategized and sometimes superficial efforts to recontextualize the original movie.

Erin Cressida Wilson's screenplay remakes Snow White's story as less a princess awaiting her Prince Charming (the song "Someday My Prince Will Come" has been jettisoned) than an heir to a throne who loses her gunption. Though taught as a child to be "fair" as a leader by her father king (Hadley Fraser), Snow White has lost any ambi-

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TheSportsPages

*You gotta have
hoax, people
like a hoax ...*

Here are some Sports Shorts from Sports Retorts. Say that fast five times...

Home Sweet Ice Dept. If you're one of those people who hates to go through all the trouble and expense of attending your favorite teams' game and end up having to watch a defeat, here's some advice.

Going into Tuesday night's contest, the Los Angeles Kings at home have won 24 times, with three losses and four over-time losses (equivalent to a tie and worth one point).

On the other hand, if you like more variety, the Anaheim Ducks have lost four of seven games. Plus they're closer.

Walk On By Dept. One hates to keep beating up on the Los Angeles Angels' personnel decisions, but ...

On Sunday, the Halos traded Jose Suarez to the Atlanta Braves for Ian Anderson.

Ian certainly lines up like an Angel. He hasn't pitched in the majors since 2022 and — in his favor — he won a World Series in 2021.

On the other hand, he's recovering from Tommy John surgery and in spring training walked 18 batters in 17 innings.

The more things change the more they stay the same.

Sounds Fishy Dept.: Ever hear of Bobby Lowe? He set a baseball record that's been matched but never beat. On May 30, 1894, Lowe ate a special fish dish and went out and hit four home runs for the Boston Beaneaters against the Cincinnati Reds.

Being superstitious, he tried repeating the feat through repeat gustation without success. He ended up with just 71 homers in 18 seasons.



Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

West Still Dodger-Land?

*Probably, but
watch out for
Padres, D-bax*

By Janie McCauley
AP Baseball Writer

Could October deliver another thrilling slugfest between the rival Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres?

Or, it could be the Arizona Diamondbacks' turn again on the big fall stage.

In the loaded NL West, Shohei Ohtani and the big-money Dodgers remain the team to beat after winning 11 of the past 12 division titles, but several clubs look like contenders to make a postseason splash.

Buster Posey is doing his best to make sure San Francisco is at least part of the playoff conversation. The former star catcher is now in charge of personnel and roster building as the Giants try to get back into contention.

Chasing down the Dodgers remains a tall order for the other clubs, especially with Ohtani expected back on the mound at last for Los Angeles sometime later this spring.

How They Project

1. Los Angeles Dodgers. The defending World Series-winning Dodgers have put their trust not only in Ohtani but also in manager Dave Roberts, who enters his 10th season with the highest winning percentage in major league history at .627 (851-507)



DAVE ROBERTS of the Los Angeles Dodgers is the winningest manager in baseball history (AP photo).

NL West Preview

and a new four-year contract that takes him through the 2029 campaign. Los Angeles added two-time Cy Young Award-winning lefty Blake Snell to a \$182 million, five-year contract shortly after winning the World Series and also landed Japanese phenom Roki Sasaki to deepen its starting rotation.

Freddie Freeman will have to manage his surgically repaired right ankle through the first half of the season.

2. Arizona Diamondbacks. Expectations have skyrocketed

for the Diamondbacks after owner Ken Kendrick opened up his wallet in the offseason to add ace right-hander Corbin Burnes on a \$210 million, six-year deal. Arizona could have one of the deepest starting rotations in baseball with Burnes, Zac Gallen, Merrill Kelly, Eduardo Rodriguez and Brandon Pfaadt.

The D-backs scored the most runs in the big leagues last year with a group led by Ketel Marte, Corbin Carroll, Eugenio Suarez and Lourdes Gurriel Jr. First baseman Christian Walker left in free agency, but the D-backs quickly filled the hole by adding slugger Josh Naylor in a deal with the Guardians. Naylor had

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Dodgers rule Freeway with 4-1 win

With two runs in the second and two runs in the eighth, the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Los Angeles Angels 4-1 on Tuesday night in the third and final game of the Freeway Series. Logan O'Hoppe singled in the lone Halo run in the fourth.

Will Smith hit a two-run homer in the second for the Blue Crew

to lead the Dodger attack.

The Angels finish their spring training season with an 11-18 mark. The Dodgers are 14-9.

The series started on Sunday and the Dodgers prevailed 7-1 at Chavez Ravine. The game was close through six innings at 1-1 but the Blue Crew blew it open with two runs in the seventh and

four more in the eighth.

Taylor Ward gave the Halos a 1-0 lead with a home run in the top of the top of the third. The Dodgers were led by Chris Taylor and Chris Okey, who each drove in two runs.

On Monday, the Dodgers came down to Anaheim and lost to the home team 5-4.

Follow the leaders on local diamonds

Most league play for local high school baseball and softball teams is on hiatus for spring tournament games, but there's still plenty of action.

Among those teams, some athletes for schools in our West Orange County area are making their marks with outstanding statistical performances.

For example, Jordan Solis of Westminster High is batting .706, best in Orange County, and teammate Ernesto Delgado is hitting .545. Not far behind is Rudy Carrillo of Bolsa Grande, fifth best in the county at .538.

In lucky 13th is Carson Lobosiere of Rancho Alamitos at .478. Next up in 14th is Riley Rakowski from La Quinta (.469). One more Lion ... Robert Lapine of Westminster (.467).

By the way, WHS is 4-3-1 overall and 2-2 in the Orange Coast League.

On the softball side, Sophia Gutierrez of Los Amigos (8-0, 1-0 in league) has posted a 0.86 earned run average for the Lobos. Ariana Salas of Pacifica



DANE CUNNINGHAM scores for Huntington Beach High in 4-1 win over Fountain Valley on Friday (HBUHSD photo).

(8-4, 2-0 in the Crestview League) is at 1.97 for the Mariners and teammate Ellena Ediss is at 2.71.

Sophia is also among the strikeout leaders with 77. Ellie Pendergraft of Ocean View (2-11) has 39 K's.

These stats are provided by maxpreps.com and don't reflect Tuesday's games.

Who are the hottest?

Which teams in The Tribune's coverage area are the baseball and softball teams posting the best records so far?

Here's the High Five's we came up with.

Baseball

1. Huntington Beach (6-0),
2. Edison (7-4),
3. Marina (7-5),
4. Ocean View (5-7),
5. La Quinta (6-3).

Softball

1. Huntington Beach (7-0),
2. Pacifica (8-4),
3. Marina (7-5),
4. Los Amigos (8-0),
5. Santiago (5-3).

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West County Baseball/Softball Results

Monday softball

Orange 19, La Quinta 11
Edison 8, Brea Olinda 0

Tuesday softball

Sunny Hills 5, Garden Grove 1

Tuesday baseball

Huntington Beach 4, Aquinas 1
Century 2, Orange 0
Marina 7, Los Alamitos 3
Newport Harbor 3, Edison 2
Ocean View 4, Laguna Hills 2
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tion by the time Gadot's Evil Queen takes over the kingdom. Gadot sinks her teeth into the Evil Queen, a spikey, slinky villain who moves with a metallic rustle (the costumes are by Sandy Powell). But she feels cut off from the movie, without the lines that would elevate her flamboyant performance into something memorable. The prince has been altogether scrubbed; instead Andrew Burnap plays the blandly cocksure bandit Jonathan who

encourages Snow White not to wait for her father's rescue. Presumably one of the reasons to bring actors into remakes of animated classics would be to add a warm-blooded pulse to these characters. Zegler manages that, but everyone else in "Snow White" — mortal or CGI — is as stiff as could be. You're left glumly scorekeeping the updates — one win here, a loss there — while pondering why, regardless of the final tally, recapturing the magic of long ago is so elusive.



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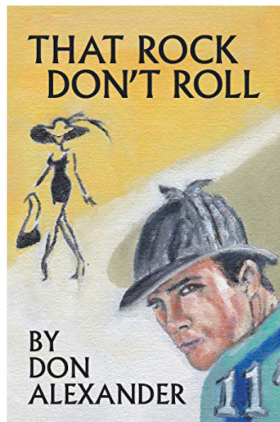
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for my job, I love having the opportunity to prepare young adults the skills they'll need to adjust and adapt to life after high school."

American Vietnam vets are honored

A recognition ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 29

at the Sid Goldstein Freedom Park, 14180 All American Way in Westminster at 10 a.m. for American veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

The event will include remarks from elected officials, guest speakers and special recognition of veterans in attendance. Members of the public are invited.

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31 homers and 108 RBIs last season. Arizona doesn't have the star power of the Dodgers, but the franchise still has high hopes for a return to the playoffs and possibly a deep run in October.

3. San Diego Padres. San Diego stretched archrival Los Angeles to the limit in a thrilling division series last October, but it ended with a brutal 24-inning scoring drought for this talent-laden roster.

The Padres have the personnel to shake it off while resuming their chase of the powerhouse 90 miles to the north. Fernando Tatís Jr. and Manny Machado return with gifted youngster Jackson Merrill atop an excellent lineup. Early-spring signee Nick Pivetta supplements Dylan Cease, Michael King and Yu Darvish at the top of a solid rotation.

The bullpen is also loaded with options behind All-Star closer Robert Suarez. On paper, the Padres again have the talent to contend for their first World Series title. They just need to get it done.

4. San Francisco Giants. Posey quickly got to work building around Logan Webb and some

other key young faces for a club that went 80-82 to finish fourth in the West and miss the playoffs for a third straight season since its division title and franchise-best 107-win 2021 campaign. Justin Verlander signed a \$15 million, one-year contract and shortstop Willy Adames received a \$182 million, seven-year contract in December.

This will be the 20th major league season for the 42-year-old Verlander, a three-time AL Cy Young Award winner.

5. Colorado Rockies. A youth movement highlighted by Gold Glove-winning shortstop Ezequiel Tovar will try to snap a string of six straight losing seasons. Colorado's projected win total is 59 1/2 by Bet MGM, which would put the Rockies at 100 losses for a third straight season.

The 21-year-old Tovar hit .269 with 26 homers last season, while 26-year-old Brenton Doyle captured his second straight Gold Glove for patrolling center field at cavernous Coors Field. The rotation will feature hard-throwing right-handers Antonio Senzatela and Germán Márquez, who are making their way back to full strength from elbow injuries.

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runaway "Butterfly" or the questionably-titled "Reflex Auto Return" model?

A while back a report from the Pentagon indicated that only 23 percent of male youth were capable of military service,

with the biggest chunk DQ'd for being overweight.

Not surprised. Nothing prepares you for crouching in a foxhole with your M-4 like wearing out your knees on asphalt trying to save your last aggie or puree.