

Larry King files for 8th divorce

LOS ANGELES, California--CNN talk show host Larry King and his wife, Shawn, each filed for divorce Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Both cited "irreconcilable differences" in their filings, but they disagreed over the custody of the two children from the 12 years of marriage.

He wants to share legal and physical custody of the boys with her, but she is asking the court to grant physical custody to her alone. The sons are ages 9 and 11.

"His major concern is for the children and beyond that he will have no further comment," his publicist said in a written statement.

The documents said the couple separated on Tuesday, the same day Shawn King signed her papers. Larry King's signature was dated Wednesday. Both petitions were filed Wednesday.

Each is asking that they not be ordered to pay spousal support to the other, and they both want the other to pay attorney fees.

When King, 76, married Shawn Engermann Southwick, 50, on Sept. 5, 1997, it was his eighth marriage.

King has hosted a nightly prime time talk show on CNN since June 1985. He hosted a late night national radio talk show before joining the cable network.



Larry King and his wife Shawn arrive at a party in West Hollywood

Mexican police free 'Survivor' TV producer

CANCUN, Mexico--Mexican police released former "Survivor" TV producer Bruce Beresford-Redman from detention Friday but kept his passport. He is a suspect in his wife's death days after reporting her missing in the resort city of Cancun.

He will be unable to leave Cancun while police investigate the death of his 42-year-old wife, Monica, whose body was found April 8 in a sewer at the upscale Moon Palace resort where the family was on vacation.

A family friend said the couple had recent marital problems. The wife had emptied the couple's bank account and traveled to

Hawaii with her children last week after discovering that her husband was

having an affair, the friend said.

Beresford-Redman called his wife and convinced her to meet him in Cancun to

reconcile their differences. She arrived with the children last weekend.

A security guard at the hotel saw the couple arguing and said Beresford-Redman attempted to hit her. Officials found scratches on his neck and were conducting toxicology tests to determine whether he had consumed drugs. He told police that his wife left the hotel to go shopping and never returned.

Francisco Alor, newly elected attorney general for Quintana Roo state, said he would describe Beresford-Redman as a person of interest rather than a suspect.

Beresford-Redman was a producer for several episodes of the Emmy-nominated CBS reality show "Survivor," but was not currently working with the program. His wife owned the Zabumba bikini

bar and restaurant in West Los Angeles.



Bruce Beresford-Redman and wife Monica

Congress extends jobless benefits

WASHINGTON--President Barack Obama signed a bill that restores unemployment benefits for the long term unemployed Thursday.

The \$18 billion bill passed earlier in the day by Congress restores federal unemployment benefits to more than 200,000 jobless Americans who lost them on April 5 when lawmakers let that deadline pass. They now will be able to reapply for long-term unemployment benefits and receive those checks retroactively under the legislation.

The bill also restores Medicaid payments to doctors who were threatened by a 21 percent cut and brings back the flood insurance program.

The bill extends some other provisions until May 31.

They include the federal COBRA health insurance subsidy and the copyright license used

by satellite television providers.

Obama thanked Congress for passing the temporary extension, saying it was critical to help struggling families make ends meet.

"Millions of Americans who lost their jobs in this economic crisis depend on unemployment and health insurance benefits to get by as they look for work and get themselves back on their feet," Obama said in a statement. "But as I requested in my budget, I urge Congress to move quickly to extend those benefits through the end of the year."

Some 11.2 million people now receive unemployment insurance, with 6 million collecting extended benefits, according to the National Employment Law Project, an advocacy group.

Yemen hunts for terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki



YEMEN-- Yemen resumed its search for U.S. born terrorist Anwar al-Awlaki

Thursday, reversing a previous announcement by Yemen's Foreign Minister Abu Bakr al-Qirbi that he would not hunt him down.

In the strongest statement yet, a diplomat says it considers al-Awlaki a "fugitive" and wants him for questioning regarding "recent ties with al-Qaida figures." The diplomat also said that Yemen is "addressing the findings linking al-Awlaki" to last year's Fort Hood shootings and the Christmas Day bombing attempt.

It is believed al-Awlaki is hiding in southern

Yemen.

The White House has reportedly signed off on a "kill or capture" order targeting al-Awlaki for his terror associations. A western diplomat in Sana'a has revealed that al-Awlaki is now considered to be fully "operational" as a terrorist and that he is involved in "the recruitment of volunteers, conception of acts, and their implementation."

Al-Awlaki is thought to be in the upper tier of Yemen's al-Qaida chapter in the Arabian Peninsula.

Iraqi forces arrest 2 men in 9/11-style plot

BAGHDAD-- Two men considered suspects in planning a 9/11-style plot

by al-Qaida were arrested by Iraqi security forces, Iraqi and U.S. officials said Wednesday.

One of the intended pilots and an airport worker planned to fly a hijacked plane into Shiite religious shrines. The plot appeared aimed at undermining the country's stability while the U.S. prepares to send home all but 50,000 troops by Aug. 31. The remaining troops are set to follow by the end of 2011 as required by a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement.

Airports in Baghdad and Najaf were closed last week as intelligence officers said they learned of the plot. The airport in Najaf still is closed because of its proximity to the gold-domed Imam Ali shrine, one of the most revered Shiite religious mosques in the world, but is expected to be opened shortly, officials said.

Al-Qaida has been blamed for recent violence in Baghdad.

Security forces believe the terror network is attempting to regroup during the political turmoil left by the March 7 parliamentary elections, which failed to produce a clear winner.

Tea Party marks Tax Day with rallies

WASHINGTON--Tea parties held rallies in Illinois and other of the nation's cities on Tax Day, angry about President Barack Obama's policies and the way they have been portrayed. Many blame the news media.

Rallies took place in several Chicago suburbs, the biggest held at the Daley Center Thursday.

In a lengthy news conference in Washington, the group said it is supporting only the candidates it feels have a viable shot at winning next November. Among the list of supported candidates is Sharon Angle, a former Republican member of the Nevada Assembly who is an anti-tax champion taking on Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. A recent poll by the Las Vegas Review-Journal showed Angle at 5 percent, while former state GOP chairman Sue Lowden registered 45 percent, and college basketball star Danny Tarkanian 27 percent.

Former Florida House Speaker Marco Rubio, who is facing off against Gov. Charlie Crist for the GOP nomination, also has been endorsed by the group. So has Pat Toomey, the former head of the Club for Growth, who will take on Sen. Arlen Specter (D,-Pa.); Rand Paul, the son of Texas Rep. Ron Paul, who is running for the Senate in Kentucky; Tom Tiahrt, a congressman running for the Senate in Kentucky.

On the House side, the Tea Party is also backing one Democrat, Walt Minnick of Idaho who is part of the "Blue Dog" coalition of centrist Democrats. They are taking aim at a number of Democrats, including Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts.

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