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THE BETTER GET THOSE SHOTS ISSUE

No vaccine, no schooling

Law requires more students to be vaccinated before school year begins

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS School nurses will be working overtime to examine the medical records of almost 5,000 students to find out whether or not each has received a required whooping cough vaccine before the start of the next school year.

A new state law, which will come into effect July 1, mandates that all students entering seventh through 12th grades must show proof that they have received the Tdap vaccine, which covers tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, since they turned 7 years old.

If they can't demonstrate that they've

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LEARNING FROM THE MASTER

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Renowned guitarist Lee Ritenour (top left) instructs Nick Shapiro, 18, from Crossroads High School during a master class at The Broad Stage's Edye Second Space on Friday afternoon. Three students from Israel, Croatia and California were able to learn about theory, rhythm and basic fundamentals from the master guitarist during the class.

Council pay comparable to other cities

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monicans, have no fear — your City Council members aren't breaking your bank with unearned salaries.

According to compensation information posted to the smgov.net website, the typical city council member makes approximately $12,888.96 per year, or roughly $12.39 an hour assuming a 20-hour workweek.

The number is slightly higher for the mayoral position, which earns $15,467.04 per year.

(The salary information for all Santa Monica employees can be found at smgov.net, on the far right column entitled, "Santa Monica Municipal Employee and Elected Official Salaries.")

Compensation doesn't increase drastically when one factors in other meetings that the council gets paid to attend.

According to City Clerk Maria Stewart, council members are paid $30 to meet as the Redevelopment Agency, $50 to meet as the Parking Authority and $50 to meet as the Housing Authority.

Across 2010, the Council met 16 times as a Redevelopment Agency, four times as the Parking Authority and twice as the Housing Authority.

That totals an additional $780 per council member for the time spent at those meetings, assuming each attended every one.

Councilmember Gleam Davis estimated that she spent approximately 15 hours a week doing council business on weeks with Tuesday meetings, and approximately 10 hours a week when the council didn't meet.

That's on top of a full-time job that takes up 60 hours of her time.

"I've been accused of being insane," she said.

Davis said that she uses the money she earns from the council position to pay for trips and attend events as a city representative that, by ethics laws, she cannot request reimbursement for.

She admitted that she never really consid-

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Direct sales offer boost for women in hard times

BY LISA ORKIN EMMANUEL
Associated Press

MIAMI Blair Critch tried to go back to work as a teacher after her two boys were old enough for day care, but she didn't earn enough to make it worth the cost.

Shortly after, she stumbled on a cute necklace from Stella & Dot in a magazine. She became a stylist for the 7-year-old company last March, selling the trendy jewelry through trunk shows in people's homes.

"It's been amazing," Critch said. "I get to choose when I want to work."

Direct sales companies have been marketing to women around the world for

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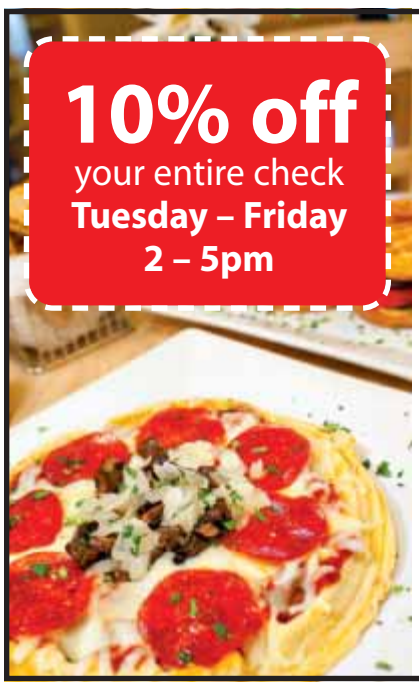
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011

An Afternoon with Dolen Perkins-Valdez
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
Meet the author of this year's Citywide Reads selection, "Wench." Dolen Perkins-Valdez will be on hand to read from and discuss the work set during the Civil War. For more information, visit www.smpl.org.

'The Threepenny Opera'
Santa Monica High School
610 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Samohi's Theater Department presents the classic musical "The Threepenny Opera." With classic songs like "Mack the Knife" and "Pirate Jenny," this gripping musical grapples with the bourgeois capitalism and modern morality prevalent in Victorian London. This show runs through March 4. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.samohitheatre.org. Adults: $15. Students: $10.

Wrenching on your ride
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Tour SMMoA and participate in a bike maintenance workshop with local bike cooperative Bikerowave. Following the class there will be a mini-ride with Cyclists Inciting Change thru Live Exchange (C.I.C.L.E.). For information, visit smmoa.org. If it rains, the event will be canceled.

Old clothing and carpet be gone
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Santa Monica's Resource Recovery & Recycling Division encourages residents to bring clean and dry textiles and carpets to this collection event. That includes sheets, scarves, hats, belts or paired shoes.

Get to work
Civic Auditorium, East Wing
1 p.m.
Residents are encouraged to participate in this community workshop covering designs for two new parks in the Civic Center — Palisades Garden Walk and Town Square. This is an opportunity for the public to review and discuss the latest park designs presented by James Corner and the design team, which were revised based on feedback received from community members, city commissions, and the City Council. More information is available at www.smciviccenterparks.com.

Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011

Fleas on the hunt
Santa Monica Airport, Southside
6 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Check out one of the best flea markets in the Southland. Victorian to mid-century antiques will be on hand, including furniture, carpets, paintings, lighting, jewelry and vintage clothing. Admission is $7 for the early birds and $5 for those arriving after 8 a.m. Seniors are charged $3. The market is held on the first and fourth Sunday of every month, rain or shine. Children and friendly dogs are welcome. For more information call (323) 933-2511.

Freedom riders speak
Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 10 a.m. — Noon
Three people who participated in the Freedom Rides of the 1960s will be sharing their experiences during the civil rights movement. The Freedom Rides focused attention on the Supreme Court decision Boynton vs. the State of Virginia, won in 1960, which outlawed segregation in interstate bus travel but was not being practiced in the south. The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) sponsored the first bus on May 4, 1961 from Washington, D.C. and invited participants from the 1960 sit-ins to join the bus ride. The Nashville Student Coordinating team followed up with support buses, one of which was firebombed in Anniston, Ala. This event is free. All are welcome. For more information go to www.churchop.org or call (310) 999-7631.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

City workers give big for needy families

The numbers are in and once again city employees did their part to help local families in need.

The Big Blue Bus, which spearheaded the 15th annual food drive competition between city departments, announced this week that a total of 29,001 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable food items was collected during the latest drive. The food will be distributed to families in need throughout Santa Monica and the Westside, city officials said.

New to this year's campaign was the opportunity for the public to donate food at special bins placed around town, or give cash through an online donation center set up by the American Red Cross in Santa Monica. All donations benefited the American Red Cross, which distributes food to agencies around Los Angeles County, including the Westside Food Bank in Santa Monica.

The departments that donated the most food in their categories are:

• Small department: City Attorney's Office – 8,500 pounds.

• Medium department: Library – 5,953 pounds.

• Large department: Big Blue Bus – 2,859 pounds.

City employees donated $4,312 and online donations came in at $885, which when totaled is equivalent to 25,985 pounds of food. Together with the 3,016 pounds collected from the food bins around town, the grand total was 29,001 pounds of food donated, which will go directly to local families, city officials said.

Recipients of the American Red Cross of Santa Monica include the Westside Food Bank, which feeds more than 70,000 people each year; WISE Senior services, which operates local senior centers in the area; and Meals on Wheels, offering mobile food service for local senior citizens.

The annual food drive ran from Nov. 26, 2010 to Jan. 10, 2011.

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Walking the dog might help teens get more exercise

BY SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Is your teen a couch potato? A new study suggests the family dog might be able to help.

Researchers had 618 kids ranging from 12 to 16 wear accelerometers for a week to measure their physical activity. Half the families had dogs and half did not.

The study showed the kids in families with dogs got 32.1 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise per day, while those without dogs got 29.5 minutes. The difference isn't much, but lead author John R. Sirard said it's big enough to suggest more study be done.

Parents of the teens also wore the lightweight devices, but the difference in activity levels between adults in the two groups was nonexistent, Sirard said, suggesting the kids might have been the ones taking the dogs out. The families were not asked who cared for the dogs.

The study, done at the University of Minnesota, was one of the first to examine the relationship between adolescents and dogs. Sirard, a professor at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, said the research didn't take into account the size or breed of the dog, the safety of the neighborhoods where the families lived or the level of attachment the kids had to the pets.

It's also possible that more active families were the ones that decided to get dogs in the first place, he said.

The study was funded by the National Cancer Institute, which is part of the National Institutes of Health. Results appear in the March issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

"I do think dogs could make a difference," said Dr. Antronette Yancey, a health services professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. "As a dog owner myself, I can say that dogs are extremely consistent prompts to get you out and walking."

Yancey, who wrote the book "Instant Recess: How to Build a Fit Nation for the 21st Century," agreed more research was needed. "Sometimes these little clues that you get from a small study can actually burgeon into something that's very meaningful," she said.

We already know a few things about the impact of pets on health, Yancey said. "We know pets are good for older people and good for lowering blood pressure and a variety of other reasons, so if they are also good for physical activity, great."

The dogs were not studied, Sirard said, so there is no way to know if less active dogs put on weight or experienced any other side effects. He hopes to follow up with a larger sample and more questions, and he might put accelerometers on the dogs as well as the humans next time.

First, he'll practice with his 3-year-old, 25-pound mixed terrier Della. The two go walking and running every morning, then his 8-year-old daughter takes care of him the rest of the time.

Google tweaks search to punish 'low-quality' sites

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK Google says it has tweaked the formulas steering its Internet search engine to take the rubbish out of its results. The overhaul is designed to lower the rankings of what Google deems "low-quality" sites.

That could be a veiled reference to such sites as Demand Media's eHow.com, which critics call online "content farms" — that is, sites producing cheap, abundant, mostly useless content that ranks high in search results.

Sites that produce original content or information that Google considers valuable are supposed to rank higher under the new system.

The change announced late Thursday affects about 12 percent, or nearly one in every eight, search requests in the U.S. Google Inc. said the new ranking rules eventually will be introduced in other parts of the world, too. The company tweaks its search algorithms, or formulas, hundreds of times a year, but it said many of the changes are so subtle that only a few people notice them. This latest change is "pretty big," the company said in a blog post.

"Google depends on the high-quality content created by wonderful websites around the world, and we do have a responsibility to encourage a healthy web ecosystem," Google fellow Amit Singhal and principal engineer Matt Cutts wrote in a blog post. "Therefore, it is important for high-quality sites to be rewarded, and that's exactly what this change does."

Demand Media, based in Santa Monica, assigns roughly 13,000 freelance writers to produce stories about frequently searched topics and then sells ads alongside the content at its own websites, including eHow.com and Livestrong.com, and about 375 Internet other destinations operated by its partners. Articles range from the likes of "How to Tie Shoelaces" to "How to Bake a Potato" and more. The company doesn't seem agree with the "content farm" or "content mill" definition.

In a blog post, Demand Media's executive vice president of media and operations, Larry Fitzgibbon, said the company applauds changes that search engines make "to improve the consumer experience," and he said Demand Media focuses on creating "useful and original content."

He added that Demand Media "saw some content go up and some go down in Google search results."

"It's impossible to speculate how these or any changes made by Google impact any online business in the long term — but at this point in time, we haven't seen a material net impact on our Content & Media business," Fitzgibbon wrote.

Demand Media Inc.'s shares fell 54 cents, or 2.4 percent, to $22.06 in afternoon trading Friday.



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In the real world

Editor:

What kind of fairy-land does John Petz live in ("Spare the secrecy," Letters to the Editor, Feb. 25)? He clearly has never had any hand in running a functional organization. If Mr. Petz had his way, the superintendent of schools would "cc" the press, special ed lobby, and the unions to every communication, every comment, every thought he ever has about his job, no matter what the sensitivity or privacy concerns involved.

Petz can throw naively caustic stones from the sidelines, but the superintendent has to run a real school district with a tough budget and all of the powerful special interest groups fighting for their "fair share."

Danny Petrovic
Santa Monica

Trust issues

Editor:

If you can't trust the police, who can you trust?

Jackie Kestler
Culver City

Listen up Big Blue Bus

Editor:

We in Ocean Park have been reading your recent Big Blue articles, letters and stories with great interest. After doing all our day business and evening entertainment in Santa Monica via the Blue, a few times a month we take the Blue southward into Venice to meet friends for dinner.

The other night two No. 2 buses departed from Pacific/Barnard Way at 6:10 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. My friends did not arrive at the stop until 6:16 p.m. but the next bus came packed at 6:58 p.m. (40-plus minutes since last bus) followed by two nearly empty No. 2s. So all three buses arrived at Windward in a "train" to Venice. After missing all the early bird and happy hour specials, we had dinner and that evening we waited another 45 minutes for a No. 2 or No. 1 to come to Windward Circle for the ride home, boarding finally at 9:33 p.m. That was a total of 85 minutes of waiting for a Blue.

Tell Valerie and the north Santa Monica folk, we just wish the bus going south would come. Two No. 1 Third Street Promenade Only buses came empty to Windward Circle and departed empty while we waited in vain for a No. 2 or any No. 1 we could board that would let us discharge in Ocean Park.

If there are enough No. 2s to run them in empty "trains" to Venice, we say name the caboose "No. 2M" and send it south to Marina del Rey via Pacific and Washington to Admiralty Way, avoiding Lincoln, and giving us a way to visit the Marina.

Leif Johanson
Ocean Park



On the Beat

NRO Robert Lucio — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Protecting kids from predators

Q: I WATCH THE NEWS AND I OFTEN see deviants that prey on children to satisfy disturbing sexual desires. My question is how do I protect my children from these sexual predators?

A: Thank you for posing this important question. Protecting children from any kind of predator is a serious concern to all parents and communities and an issue that must be addressed. In Santa Monica, just like in any major city, it is important for us to remember that a child predator can be anywhere. It is imperative that we instill a sense of awareness and understanding not only in our children but also in ourselves.

Child predators often have well-developed techniques for luring victims. They are able to seduce children with attention, affection and gifts; have hobbies and interests appealing to children; and may show sexually explicit videos or pictures to children. Generally, they are skilled at identifying victims and are able to identify better with children than adults. Teach your children to avoid situations that put them in danger of abuse, molestation, or abduction. A safe and supportive home environment, combined with clear instructions about what behavior is acceptable and what is not will guide your child's actions and encourage your child to tell you if something improper happens.

Many parents warn their children not to talk to strangers. But more often than not, the child knows an abuser or abductor. He or she can be a school bus driver, teacher, relative, neighbor, or family friend. Many times the molestation occurs in the home of the victim or the abuser. It is best to teach your child to avoid certain situations or actions. Children should know from an early age that some behavior is not acceptable, and that they have the right to tell an adult to leave them alone.

We also need to understand that there are sexual registrants who do reside in Santa Monica in homes or on the streets. It is imperative that we convey this to our children as well as understand that sexual predators do not just prey on children but can also prey on adults.

KNOW WHAT SEXUAL PREDATORS COUNT ON

As a society we vehemently condemn child molesters but when someone we know in the community is accused, individuals take sides often refusing to believe that "a pillar of the community" could commit this type of a crime. The true seducer type pedophile is extremely good at what he/she does. They put themselves in a position in their community where they have easy access to children. They will often work hard (sometimes for years) to gain the trust of parents while at the same time be sexually abusing their child.

If an allegation is made against this person by another child, it is often too emotionally difficult for families who trusted and allowed the accused into their home to believe that they could commit such an act against a child. The betrayal is too great and many families will not only deny the possibility, but will blame and defame the child making the allegation. This is what the offender counts on. Families tricked by cunning predators could not have possibly imagined the degree of betrayal possible and the extent to which a predator would go to get at a child.

Here are some specific rules you can teach your child:

- Stay away from people who call you near their car.
- If someone tries to take you away, yell, "This person is not my father (or mother)" and scream.
- If you get lost in a store, find another mom with children or go to the checkout counter. Don't wander around on your own.
- You don't have to keep secrets from your parents. No one can hurt your parents or pets if you tell what happened.
- No one should touch you in the parts covered by your bathing suit, and you should not be asked to touch anyone there.
- Don't let anyone take your picture without permission from your parents or teacher.

Although most high-profile cases deal with stranger abduction and molestation, most child sexual abuse happens with those whom a child has an established and trusting relationship. If you want to prevent this abuse, you have to focus your prevention efforts on clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of those who are in relationships with children. You have the power to protect your child from sexual predators, and you must know that Megan's Law is not the only answer. Your long-term commitment to changing certain parenting practices will significantly reduce the potential of your child falling prey to a sexual predator.

If you suspect anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to the SMPD at (310) 458-8495. I have also provided some useful phone numbers below:

- **State of California Megan's Law:**
www.meganslaw.ca.gov
www.parentsformeganslaw.org/
- **Sex Offender Registry for other states:**
www.fbi.gov
- **Operation Predator:**
www.ice.gov
- **Office of the Attorney General, Bill Lockyer:**
www.ag.ca.gov

290 PC websites:

- **Adult Obscenity,**
www.obscenitycrimes.org

Missing Persons / Children websites:

- **California Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit-**
www.caag.state.ca.us/missing (Int'l missing, most wanted)
- **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:**
www.missingkids.com 1(800) THE-LOST
- **Amber Alert:**
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(800) RUN-AWAY www.nrscrisisline.org
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(800) 843-5678

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The Q Line

Safe on the streets

There has been talk lately that Santa Monica's streets could stand to be safer for bike riders and pedestrians

This past week, Q-line asked:

What would you do to make the streets safer for all parties involved?

Here are your responses:

"TO MAKE THE BEACH BIKE PATH SAFER there needs to be large and clear signs along the bike path and walkway to direct traffic. Some signs should be in foreign languages since we have so many tourists from everywhere. The bike rentals need to inform their customers to walk bikes onto the bike path. The walkway ends a couple blocks north of the pier and walkers have no place to go but on the bike path. The walkway needs to be extended as far as the bike path. There should be a few crosswalks at major intersections along the path so that pedestrians, especially children and women with strollers, can cross safely."

"THEY COULD CRUSH THE CARS OF IDIOTS who drive while on their cell phones."

"AS A PEDESTRIAN IN OCEAN PARK I FEEL very safe except crossing the bike path by the beach. I would put a divider in the middle on which pedestrians could wait for it to be clear when there are hordes of bikes going in both directions. I admire the few bicyclists I see on the streets and their apparent freedom to sail along without regard for traffic rules. They always give me a wide berth, are very courteous, and I haven't been hit by one of them yet (knock on wood), unlike in my birthplace, Holland, where I get hit by a bicycle once every time I go there. I guess that will happen here, too, as more and more people ride bikes. I will just have to learn to pay more attention. For now, the bikes are paying the attention and things are great."

"TO MAKE FOURTH STREET SAFER, YOU would need to move the bus stop back to the corner of Fourth and Wilshire and Fourth and Arizona so people can cross at a stop light on the corners. Putting a very busy bus stop right between two parking garages is an accident just waiting to happen."

"I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE GREATER enforcement along the bike path so pedestrians learn they cannot walk there. Also, bike riders and drivers both need to pay attention to the rules of the road, slow down and show some courtesy. We all have to share the road, so let's be mindful of that and actually share it."

"I WOULD ACTUALLY MAKE THE infrastructure for bicycling much more friendly and inviting, and that for the cars and automobiles, motor vehicles less so. I would slow down the motor vehicle traffic, which would make it safer for everyone and give more right of way to bikers and pedestrians. That's my feeling on it."

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Chefs make a meal out of Oscar nominees

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

Chefs tackle meaty roles every day, and no one thinks to nominate them for an Oscar. But what if there were a golden statuette for Outstanding Hors D'oeuvre or Best Supporting Side Dish?

We asked chefs and other food world notables to come up with menus inspired by this year's Best Picture hopefuls. And the nominee entrees are:

BLACK SWAN From Traci Des Jardins, chef of Jardiniere in San Francisco. Inspired by the movie about a prima ballerina dancing on the edge of madness as she tackles the demanding role of Odette/Odile, this meal is a study in black and white.

— Maine diver scallops, white rose potato puree and black Perigord truffle nage.

— Slow-poached breast of pheasant, black trumpet mushrooms and butter-braised parsnips.

— Dark chocolate pave, white chocolate crema and macadamia nut praline, cocoa nib ice cream.

THE FIGHTER: This movie was inspired by an Irish family in Massachusetts, so Food Network Iron Chef Michael Symon based his meal around those two things. Symon, who is chef/owner of Roast in Detroit and Lola, Lolita and B Spot in Cleveland — and was a high school wrestler to boot — planned the meal to go from humble beginnings to big finish.

— Fried clams with celery leaves, radishes and lemon aioli.

— Lobster chowder with smoked corn and coriander.

— "Irish stew" with celery root, parsnips, potatoes and truffle.

— Double chocolate cake with smoked sea salt.

INCEPTION: New York pastry chef Martin Howard was inspired by Inception when he created the "Treat within a Treat" cupcake. Where the film excites fans with a dream within a dream scenario, Martin created a devil's food cupcake that is filled with butter cream. The filling is concealed by a topping of chocolate ganache.

127 HOURS: The visceral but gripping story of a trapped mountain climber's struggle to survive inspired Kelly Liken, chef/owner of Restaurant Kelly Liken in Vail, Colo., to think about what she would choose to eat for her last meal. The answer: Florida stone crab and creamy mustard sauce.

"No appetizers or desserts. Just piles of those beautiful claws and that creamy mustard mayo to dip them in," says Liken, who made it to the final four of Bravo TV's "Top Chef DC" season. Her menu is inspired by the fact that "stone crab is my favorite food — period." And after being trapped in the Utah desert, as Ralston was, "I would be dreaming of the beach! Surrounded by blue water, cool breezes and ice-cold drinks."

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT: Mark Ruffalo's character in this movie owns an organic food restaurant in Los Angeles, so real-life locavore chef Michael Reardon of One Pico at Shutters on the Beach in Santa Monica came up with a family-style menu based on what is currently available at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market (except for the anchovies and the Parmesan).

— Warm escarole and Parmigiano salad, sunchokes, house-made pancetta, date-anchovy vinaigrette.

— Local citrus salad, Santa Barbara pistachios and aged sheep milk cheese from Paso Robles.

— Roasted Lilly's chicken, Weiser Farms carrots and potatoes.

— Zuckerman's asparagus, blood orange gremolata, oil-cured olives.

— Harry's Berries, olive oil cake, creme fraiche.

THE KING'S SPEECH: James Oseland, editor-in-chief of Saveur magazine, sees this movie about a monarch's efforts to communicate as being, at its heart, about conquering performance anxiety. So he came up with a menu of dishes that are worthy of the fine palate of King George VI and a challenge to even the finest cook.

To start, a cheese souffle, made with a good English cheddar..For the main course, beef Wellington, believed to have been named for Britain's first duke of Wellington. "The dish — a beef filet covered in pate and duxelles, then wrapped in pastry — is one of the great challenges of the global kitchen. Some college program should offer a PhD that would help cooks gain expertise in getting the meat properly medium-rare while maintaining a light and crisp pastry. It's a serious tightrope walk."

Lastly, a bombe glacee, "a fanciful dish made of sorbet encased in concentric rings of different varieties of ice cream. This dessert was once hugely popular among the gastronaut set — there are more than 60 recipes for bombe glacee in Escoffier's 'Le Guide Culinaire.' It's a beast to make, but when done properly it's one of the most gorgeous, satisfying desserts on the planet."

THE SOCIAL NETWORK: This movie chronicles the development and creation of Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook, the leading social networking site that is driven by the mission to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected.

Chef Charlie Palmer of Dry Creek Kitchen in Healdsburg, Calif., came up with a culinary match with a meal intended to be served family style, and focused on the ability for someone to explore new tastes while sharing each dish and interacting with fellow diners.

— Kumamoto oysters on the half shell, yuzu sorbe.

— Baked brie de meaux with black truffle, green salad.

— Foie gras profiteroles, apples and port.

— Duck confit crepes, plum glaze.

— Selection of artisanal cheeses, pecan and cranberry raisin toast.

TRUE GRIT: This remake of the classic Western story of a quest for justice in the rugged American frontier brought out the pioneer in chef Tim Love, owner of the Lonesome Dove Western Bistro in Fort Worth, Tex.

Start off with good old American lamb belly BLTs with foraged river watercress and some rabbit rattlesnake sausage and wild boar ribs and grilled buffalo skirt skewers for appetizers. Don't forget to mix up some stiff prickly pear margaritas. When you are ready to dig in, sit down to Mexican shrimp and "true grits" along with chili rubbed Axis backstrap sirloin with braised pinto beans and dandelion greens. For dessert, chicken-fried strawberries and Dutch oven fried blackberry pie with cowboy coffee, black as night.

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been immunized, students must get the shot and return with documentation before they're given their school schedules.

Long story short, without the vaccine, students will not be allowed to attend class.

"It's going to be awful for us," said Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Nurse Coordinator Lora Morn.

The nurses have to go through every record on file to see if each student got the Tdap vaccine after their seventh birthday, but mostly they will have to rely on parents bringing in immunization records, Morn said.

Children receive the first five-round set of immunizations — called DTaP — starting at 2 months and ending between ages 4 and 6, according to an informational bulletin put out by the California Department of Public Health.

They are supposed to get a Tdap booster by age 11.

Many won't have it, Morn said.

The school district will be working hard to get the word out now to minimize the possible impacts at the beginning of next year, Morn said, but efforts are hampered by one key point.

"The unfortunate thing for us is that the law doesn't go into effect until July 1," Morn said. "We cannot tell them that they must have (the shot)."

The push to vaccinate is the result of a whooping cough epidemic that claimed the lives of 10 California infants in 2010.

That year, the state legislature passed Assembly Bill AB 354, authored by then-Assemblyman Juan Arambula, which made it a state-mandated requirement to show proof of vaccination between grades seven through 12.

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is a highly contagious bacterial disease that's spread through coughs and sneezes.

For the first one or two weeks, patients get a runny nose, low-grade fever and mild cough.

For up to 10 weeks after that, patients experience fits of rapid coughs followed by a distinctive "whoop" noise. The severity of the coughing can cause weakness and vomiting.

Recovery progresses gradually after that for the next two or three weeks.

Preliminary figures show that there were 8,383 reported cases of whooping cough in 2010, the highest since a 1947 spike that reached 9,394 reported cases.

There were 1,352 reported cases in Los Angeles County alone, according to the preliminary report.

Final case counts are expected in spring of this year.

Health professionals are pushing to get teenagers vaccinated because their resistance to the disease will deteriorate without the Tdap booster shot, said Dr. Karen Lamp, medical director of the Venice Family Clinic.

Once their resistance is lowered, they could contract the disease and become contagious, which threatens two vulnerable populations — infants and older adults.

"Infants start getting vaccinated at two months, but they're not fully protected until after six months," Lamp said. "It's the two to three-month-old baby that's vulnerable."

Healthy adolescents and adults that contract the disease might not show severe symptoms, but could still be a health hazard to infants and seniors.

Vaccines will be available through family doctors and some pharmacies. The Venice Family Clinic will give free Tdap shots to those that qualify, as will the Westside Family Health Center.

Free vaccines, through the federal government, will also be available for students at the Santa Monica High School campus clinic.

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A Roundabout Way Of Thinking

Drivers in Santa Monica might have noticed some recent changes to many intersections around town that have people wondering if they are headed down the Champs Elysees towards the Arch de Triumph or perhaps lost on an English country road. The roundabout intersection has made a roundabout trip across the world to Santa Monica with the hopes of easing traffic congestion and making the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Drivers here in Santa Monica must be aware of the traffic rules and regulations that govern roundabout driving so that motorists are not stranded like foreigners in a foreign land. Here are some basic rules and explanations about roundabouts that will hopefully help you on your way around town.

The basic definition of a roundabout is a circular junction in which road traffic must travel in one direction around a central island. Roundabouts increase safety in the community by requiring drivers to both decrease their speeds and in turn increase their awareness upon entering the intersection. Roundabouts also increase a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal by creating charming and unique architectural designs. Neatly landscaped circles or placement of a statue, monument, or flagpole give roundabouts a homely and suburban feel despite their very urban purpose. Pedestrians are often prohibited or discouraged from entering the center circle of a roundabout, but pedestrians and drivers can nonetheless enjoy the visual charisma that the intersection adds to a community. Roundabouts facilitate motorists, bicyclists, runners, and dog-walkers in an efficient and competent manner.

Roundabouts have some negative drawbacks as well. Larger vehicles and trucks may find it difficult to navigate through narrow roundabouts that are not built to handle such vehicles. The recent implementation of roundabouts in Santa Monica has also caused some backup and unwanted traffic delays at roundabouts where drivers are not familiar with the traffic laws and traffic flow. On the same note, there is a greater risk of traffic collisions and accidents from drivers who are simply not paying attention to their surroundings. Roundabouts require far greater concentration and awareness than do conventional squared intersections.

Upon entering a roundabout, drivers should first notice a sign or traffic indicator alerting the driver to slow down and prepare to yield. A painted dashed line will also alert drivers that they are entering a roundabout intersection. Unless otherwise indicated, drivers do not have to come to a complete stop; however, the situation may require a complete stop depending on traffic conditions at the time. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way! So, if you see a bicyclist, jogger, or walker you must stop in order to allow that person safe passage. If there are no other cars in the roundabout and no pedestrians, the driver can then safely enter the roundabout. Most Santa Monica roundabouts are one-way, meaning a driver can only make a right turn to enter the roundabout and a right turn to exit the roundabout.

A driver that is already in the roundabout has the right of way over a driver that is entering the roundabout. Thus, if you are the car that is approaching the roundabout and slowing down getting ready to turn into the roundabout, do not expect another car that is already in the roundabout to stop or slow to let you in! This area tends to be one of the most confusing aspects of roundabouts, but if you remember that the car already in the roundabout has the right of way…you should be alright. Regardless of who has the right of way, drivers should nonetheless always remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings to prevent any kind of accident. Keep a slow to moderate speed while circling depending on the traffic at the time. Also, it is very important that drivers remember to use their turn signals. Turn signals alert circling drivers inside the roundabout and allow other drivers to adjust speeds based on turns. Moreover, a turn signal also notifies drivers waiting to enter the roundabout that the path is clear for them to safely make the maneuver.

Avoid unnecessary traffic citations, accidents, and congestion by following these simple roundabout rules. Remember to be aware, vigilant, and attentive to your surroundings at all time. Adjust to a roundabout way of thinking and enjoy the ride around town!

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decades, but they often attract extra interest during recessions as people look for new ways to earn income. They range from newer options like Stella & Dot to Avon, one of the largest (and turning 125 this year).

Amy M. Robinson, a spokeswoman for the Direct Selling Association, said overall direct sales dropped slightly from $29.6 billion in 2008 to $28.33 billion in 2009. But direct sales did outpace retail overall, which declined significantly over that period, she said. The number of direct sellers stood at 16.1 million in 2009, up a million from 2008.

"Direct selling has thrived for decades because it is made up of people — people who are trying to provide for their families and have a bit of enjoyment at the same time," Robinson said by e-mail.

Critch is one of them. She signed up when her husband Ryan's work in the mortgage industry slowed down. She now coaches more than 100 women at the company. She does about two parties a week herself, earning 30 percent off her jewelry sales in addition to commissions for coaching. She puts $5,000 to $8,000 a month in her pocket through Stella & Dot.

"I am (making) double if not triple a month I made when I was teaching," Critch said.

She uses her earnings to pay for family vacations, a down payment for her new Honda Odyssey and the family's health insurance. She has heard stories of women who didn't have money to pay for gas and are now supporting themselves the same way.

"You don't even have to have supportive family and friends. There are so many people who love the jewelry, you just have to get out there and network," Critch said.

Avon CEO Andrea Jung said the $10 billion cosmetic company has more than 6 million — mostly female — representatives collectively earning $4.5 billion annually. Individually, Avon representatives can earn anywhere from a couple hundred dollars per month to six figures.

Avon rep Aletrice Mann, from North Lauderdale, Fla., started with the company in November and is saving her earnings for a family vacation and car payments. She has her own website at Aletrice.com for clients who want to order on the Internet and have their products shipped direct.

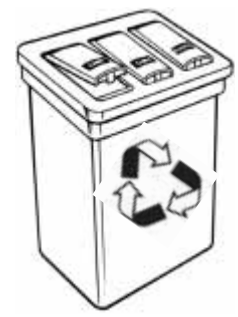
"It turns out you can make money," she said. "If I had started this a year or two ago, I would definitely be able to support the family."

Mann finds her clients by hitting the pavement and talking to women who seem to be open to buying the products. She will also go anywhere to deliver, bringing the products to customers' jobs, homes or even meeting them at the grocery store.

Marshal Cohen, chief retail analyst for the market research firm NPD, calls this kind of personal contact between seller and customer "consumerology," adding: "It's exactly what direct branding does and that is they don't just disengage at the point of sale. They continue the cycle all the way through."

Charles W. King, professor of marketing at the University of Illinois at Chicago, said these days companies like Avon do more network marketing rather than direct sales. Network marketing is when companies urge sellers to create their own social networks to

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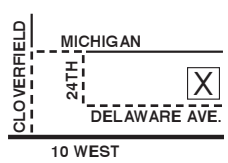


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add more consumers and sellers to the company. Individuals buy merchandise at a discount, then resell it and keep a commission. They can also earn money by bringing others into the company.

King said the amount of money sellers must invest up front in the products is usually low — $50 to $500. So even if they don't sell all the merchandise, they don't lose much. But he urges anyone considering trying direct sales to be careful about online scams. Before signing up to sell, research the company's reputation. Try to speak with people who have worked there.

New York-based Worth Collection Ltd., a clothing direct seller, has 1,000 sales associates selling from their homes, establishing a kind of private boutique. The 20-year-old company is looking to recruit associates and expand on technological tools like its two iPad apps.

Avon is also pushing technology as a way to improve sales. This year and next, the company will concentrate on phone apps, with an eye to markets around the world where women are more likely to have a smartphone than a computer to work from.

"Where it used to be door-to-door, it goes desk-to-desk and laptop-to-laptop and cell phone-to-cell phone," Jung said.



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MONEY MAKER: **Avon CEO Andrea Jung said the $10 billion cosmetic company has more than 6 million — mostly female — representatives collectively earning $4.5 billion annually.**

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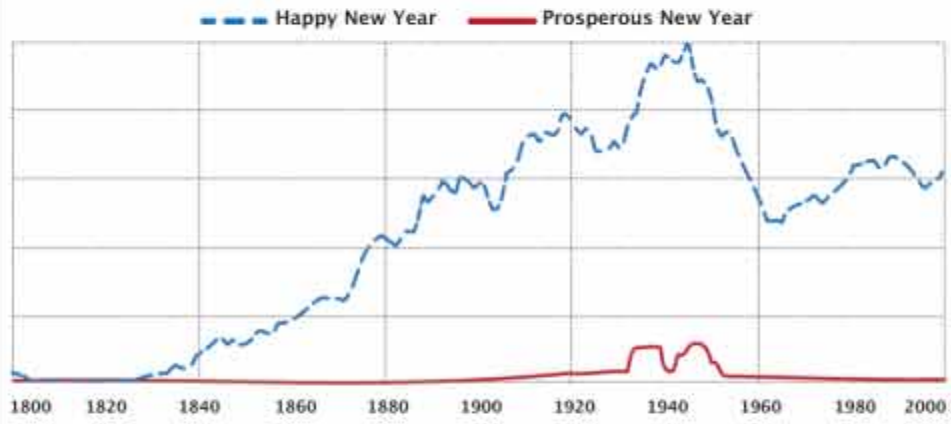
After weeks of trying to get some attention, we got some! We thank David McCoul of UCLA for the following enlightening response to our question regarding the frequency of use of the greetings "Happy New Year" and "Prosperous New Year".

Hi Lotus Platforms,

I saw your ad printed in the SMDP for the first time today, and I wanted to offer my input. I'm currently an engineering Ph.D. student at UCLA, so I tend to be scientifically-minded anyway, and also these sorts of things are interesting to me.

As background information to our readers, Google Ngram is an amazing new feature of Google Labs that attempts to extract data from the millions of scanned books and magazines in Google's digital library. You see, when Google scans a work, it uses optical character recognition (OCR) technology to turn the scanned images of words into searchable text.

In this way, you can search for any word or phrase, and Ngram will show you its percent occurrence in all of its digital books over a 200-year period. Search for more than one word, and you might be able to find relationships between the occurrence of these two words in the written corpus of literature. And that's exactly what Lotus Platforms did for the phrases "Happy New Year" and "Prosperous New Year".



Now, having looked at the graph of this search, I agree that there might be a correlation between the lone incidence of "Prosperous New Year" ("PNY") from 1930-50 and the bicentennial global maximum for "Happy New Year" ("HNY"). I have two hypotheses for how these peaks could be related; one deals with human psychology, and the other, history.

First, it may be that as the commonness of the phrase "HNY" reached an all-time high, people were just tired of it and wanted to try something new, so someone started saying "PNY" and it caught on. Then, as soon as "HNY" started to lose popularity, "PNY" died out because it is harder to say. (It has an extra syllable.) That extra syllable may also explain in part why "PNY" never got nearly as popular as "HNY". (That is, the "HNY" peak is ten times as tall as the "PNY" bumps ever got.)

Playing around with Google Ngram, I realized that the data printed in this column was from the corpus of both American and British English. And if I select data for British English only, no notable peaks show up for "PNY" at all! Peaks for both phrases show up only in the American body of literature during that time, implying that something historically significant must have occurred domestically (vs. in England) between 1930 and 1950.

And as it turns out, 1929 was a significant time in American history: Wall Street crashed, ushering in the Great Depression. And as if by magic, the first major peak for "Prosperous New Year" starts to appear in 1930. In light of this, I don't think that word choice was an accident. And, after about a decade, the main effects of the Great Depression wore off in the late 1930s, which is marked by a sudden drop in the use of "PNY". This explains the first hump.

What about that second, twin hump? Another major event happens in 1941: Japan bombs Pearl Harbor, marking the start of World War II for America. Suddenly, in the early 1940s we see "PNY" rise again, as if authors and journalists decided its audience needed extra encouragement for this surprise war, situated right at the tail end of the United States' recovery from the Depression. Finally, WWII ends in 1945, and use of "PNY" eventually fades into oblivion by 1950.

I hope this helps to shed some light on these curves!

A Happy (and Prosperous!) 2011,

David J. McCoul

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ered the amount of money she was being paid for her service.

"It's not the city of Bell," she assured, referencing the Southern California city that came under fire last summer for excessive salaries for its City Council members, some of whom were raking in roughly $100,000 a year, and city manager.

Councilmember Terry O'Day felt that the money paid to the council helped cover some of the lost income opportunities, as well as costs of childcare and being away from his family for city meetings and functions.

The amount of time devoted to the position varies, he said.

"Over the last eight-week period, we've had seven meetings," O'Day said. "It adds up."

This level of compensation holds true for a random selection of Southern California cities chosen for location and/or size.

The inland city of Burbank, with a population of approximately 108,000 and vibrant movie industry, paid its council members between $13,324.90 and $25,175.15 in gross wages in 2010.

Gross wages include all benefits, bonuses and one-time cashouts the employee took advantage of in that year.

According to Burbank Public Information Officer Keith Sterling, council members are paid $25 for each Redevelopment Agency meeting they attend.

They are paid for no other meetings, he said.

Along the coast, the larger city of Huntington Beach, with a population just over 200,000, paid its council members $16,729 per year, said Sandy Henderson, an administrative aide with the city.

Council members also received between $5,380 and $13,984 in benefits, depending on whether they signed up for an individual or family plan.

They also receive money for meetings with agencies outside the city, but those fees are not paid by city coffers.

Pay for council members and other city officials came under intense scrutiny after two Los Angeles Times reporters broke the story about rampant over-compensation in the city of Bell.

Since, many cities have posted salary ranges on websites, and State Controller John Chiang's office created a database of salary information for all city employees for 2009.

"The most important thing is transparency," said Eva Speigel, spokesperson for the League of California Cities.

The league has taken a proactive stance on the perception of corruption, pushing for openness and running various informational articles about ethics in city government.

"It's important for people to have this information," Speigel said. "We think it's applicable to the state level as well."

Compensation information from 2009 for all California city employees and elected officials is available on the State Controller's website.

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Regarding personal injuries caused by the intentional or reckless acts of others, intentional acts include rape, assault, battery, and other types of physical and emotional abuse. Examples of reckless conduct that can cause harm to innocent people are drunk driving, discharging a firearm in public or detonating explosives in public places.

Whether we are talking about personal injuries caused by negligent, intentional or reckless acts, the law generally provides that victims of such conduct who suffer harm are entitled to compensation.And in some instances, victims are also eligible to receive punitive or exemplary damages to ensure that the person or business that caused the harm in the first place does not repeat its bad conduct. More about punitive damages in a minute. For now, let us talk about injury compensation.

What can the law do for you if you have suffered personal injuries caused by someone else? In a perfect world, the need to bring a lawsuit to receive compensation for your injuries would not be necessary because the person who caused the harm would apologize and then endeavor to pay for the damage they caused.The current Court system requires, and actually prefers, that those responsible for harming someone else accept responsibility and pay to the victim reasonable compensation. Reasonable compensation includes such things as lost wages, lost future wages if the hurt person can no longer do their job, the payment of past and future medical bills, and the costs of future and ongoing care if the person can no longer care for themselves.There are additional items that constitute reasonable compensation but the list can be infinite because each person and each harm is unique.

Regarding punitive damages, the imposition of punitive damages is designed to prevent more people from getting hurt.The prevention aspect of punitive damages is to create a "sting" to the defendant. A proper "sting" is only effective if the defendant feels it financially. Stated differently, generally, punitive damages are determined on an ability to pay basis. So do not be surprised when you hear or read about a jury that made a big punitive damage finding because it likely means that someone got hurt real bad or died, the defendant did something really bad, and the defendant has the financial wherewithal to pay the damages.

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Why personal injury or victim compensation lawsuits? A lawsuit is necessary because sometimes those responsible for causing harm do not take responsibility for the harm.The Court case is designed to address issues of fairness. If the bad person caused the harm, the jury is empowered by law to tell that bad person to fix it. The concept is simple and injury victims should not be frowned upon because they were forced to file a lawsuit in the first place. After all, they did not ask to get hurt.

One more thing, if you have been hurt be someone else, or you know of someone who has been hurt by someone else, make sure medical attention is the first thing on everyone's mind.Take care of the injuries first.Worry about lawyers and lawsuits as a last resort and trust that the person or business that caused the harm will fix it. If not, then call a lawyer. To ensure that you receive what the law provides for your situation and injuries, be sure to seek the assistance of a lawyer.

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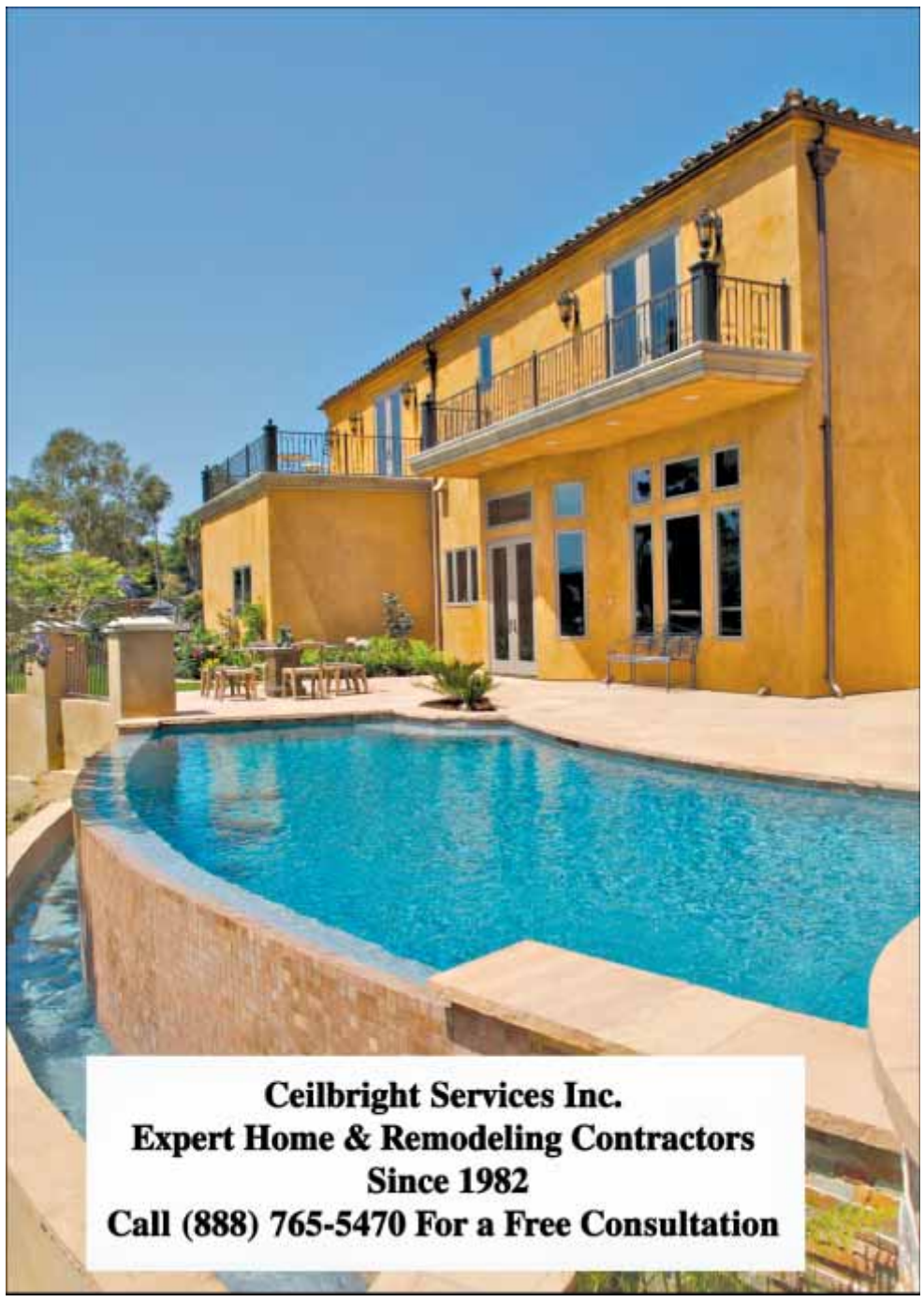
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2 get prison in fatal sea smuggling of migrants

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO Two smugglers were sentenced to five years in prison Friday for leading a crowded boat of illegal immigrants into rough surf, killing two passengers in the only known deaths from a spate of sea smuggling on the Pacific coast of the United States that began several years ago.

Fernando Figueroa, 51, and Javier Jimenez, 45, apologized for the deaths and said poverty in central Mexico drove them to try to their luck at smuggling.

"Poverty just makes you do these things," said Jimenez, described by his attorney as a farmhand who occasionally fished for shrimp.

An 18-year-old Guatemalan woman and a 34-year-old Mexican man who tried to save her died after a rope got stuck in a propeller, capsizing the boat at Torrey Pines State Beach on Jan. 16, 2010. Neither wore life jackets.

The government wanted a sentence of nearly six years for bringing in illegal aliens for financial gain resulting in death, but U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Miller said the men should be punished more in line with smugglers who get into fatal traffic wrecks.

"Unfortunately, we see more and more of these efforts," Miller said.

There were 110 seizures of watercraft and other equipment related to sea smuggling in Southern California from October 2009 through September 2010, up from 49 seizures a year earlier, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

There were 867 arrests from October 2009 through September 2010 — all related to immigrant smuggling except for 39 related to drug smuggling — up from 400 arrests during the previous 12 months.

Seizures have continued to rise this year, prompting federal authorities in California to start targeting migrants for prosecution, not just the smugglers. Until now, the customers have been spared criminal charges.

Authorities have been warning passengers that they may be charged with a felony if they are caught again at sea, said Michael Carney, deputy special agent charge of investigations for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in San Diego.

"Our efforts at prosecuting the smugglers haven't had the desired effect, so we had to come up with something else," Carney said. "It continues to be a tragedy waiting to happen."

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California county renews fight over gay marriage

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO California's Imperial County renewed its effort Friday to defend the state's gay marriage ban by joining an attempt to overturn a court ruling that struck down the measure known as Proposition 8.

Sponsors of the voter-approved gay marriage ban so far have taken the lead in defending the voter-approved law in court, after former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former Attorney General Jerry Brown refused to do so.

But the move by sponsors has been questioned because they are not elected government representatives, which threatens the viability of their case before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Imperial County's newly elected clerk-recorder, Church Storey, on Friday asked the 9th Circuit panel handling the appeal to allow him to step in as the primary defendant if the coalition of religious and legal groups that sponsored Proposition 8 is removed.

In a declaration accompanying his motion, Storey, a 57-year-old Republican, said he should be allowed to intervene because his office is responsible for issuing and recording marriage licenses in Imperial County, where 70 percent of voters approved Proposition 8 in November 2008.

"I am concerned that an unappealable ruling by a single district court striking down Proposition 8 would create significant confusion for me and other Imperial County deputy clerks and officials in the performance of our legal duties regarding marriage," Storey said.

The county Board of Supervisors and its deputy clerk first sought to intervene in the case last year, when U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker held a trial on a lawsuit brought by two gay couples and the city of San Francisco challenging the measure's constitutionality.

Walker overturned the gay marriage ban in August as a violation of gay Californians' civil rights. He also ruled that Imperial County was ineligible to be part of the case.

The county subsequently appealed to the 9th Circuit, reiterating its argument that staff members who issue marriage licenses and perform weddings had a direct stake in the fate of Proposition 8. But the court also dismissed the request, asking why the head county clerk at the time, Dolores Provencio, wasn't part of the case.

"Were Imperial County's elected county clerk the applicant for intervention, that argument might have merit," the court said.

Storey succeeded Provencio, who had declined to get involved in the case before she retired last month.

San Francisco Chief Deputy City Attorney Therese Stewart believes it's too late for Imperial County to intervene, even though it now has a clerk willing to defend Proposition 8.

The deadline for appealing Walker's ruling passed in September, she said.

"Having failed timely to file a notice of appeal, the county clerk for Imperial County cannot now create jurisdiction by filing a motion to intervene," Stewart said.

The 9th Circuit court currently is mulling the constitutionality of Proposition 8. But the three-judge panel said in January it can't reach a decision until it knows if ballot proposition sponsors have legal standing to step in when the attorney general and governor refuse to defend voter-approved initiatives in court.

The California Supreme Court agreed last week to consider the standing issue and to rule on the 9th Circuit question late in the year.

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White House names first male social secretary

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Obama White House broke decades of tradition Friday, naming the first man to ever serve as social secretary in the female-dominated East Wing.

Jeremy Bernard, a senior adviser to the U.S. ambassador to France, will soon trade Paris for Washington and take on the high-profile assignment, the White House announced Friday. That means he'll be responsible for planning numerous social functions and pulling them off without a hitch, including opulent state dinners, the annual Easter Egg Roll and dozens upon dozens of receptions.

President Barack Obama said Bernard shares his and first lady Michelle Obama's vision of the White House as a place that "celebrates our history and culture in dynamic and inclusive ways."

Bernard, who is gay, said he was deeply humbled to be joining the White House staff.

"I have long admired the arts and education programs that have become hallmarks of the Obama White House and I am eager to continue these efforts in the years ahead," he said through the White House.

The Obamas celebrated Black History Month on Thursday night with a tribute to the Motown sound. It was the latest installment in a White House music series that Mrs. Obama launched after becoming first lady. She also includes students in many White House events, from helping plant her vegetable garden on the South Lawn to getting lessons from the professionals who participate in the music series.

Bernard will become the first male social secretary in White House history, but he will not be the first man to work in the East Wing of the White House, where the first lady's operations are based.

Mrs. Obama has a few men on her staff, including Trooper Sanders, her deputy policy director.

And there's some precedent for having a male social secretary. Vice President Joe Biden's is a man, Carlos Elizondo.

Letitia Baldrige, who was social secretary for the Kennedys, said women for years have been breaking the glass ceiling and filling positions long held by men and that there's no reason this key White House position shouldn't be filled by a man.

"Husbands and wives have been co-hosting since the beginning of time," she said. "I think it's terribly smart to give men a chance."

Bernard will be the Obamas' third social secretary.

He succeeds Julianna Smoot, who stepped down last month to help get Obama's re-election campaign up and running.

Desiree Rogers, the Obamas' first social secretary, departed in February 2010, a few months after Obama's first state dinner — honoring India — was marred when a Virginia couple managed to get in without an invitation and shake hands with the president.

Before moving to Paris, Bernard was the White House liaison to the National Endowment for the Humanities from 2008-2010. He also had been a finance consultant in California for Obama's presidential campaign.

He has been active in several gay and lesbian organizations, including the National Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, Access Now for Gay & Lesbian Equality and several advisory committees in Los Angeles, according to the White House.

His appointment was the second nod by the White House in recent days to gays and lesbians, an important constituency for Obama.

In a policy reversal earlier this week, Obama instructed the Justice Department to stop defending the constitutionality of a federal law that bans recognition of gay marriage. That decision was immediately welcomed by gay rights organizations, as was Bernard's appointment.

Rea Carey, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said these are "historic times" for gays and lesbians.

Chad Griffin, president of the American Foundation for Equal Rights, which is fighting California's voter-approved gay marriage ban, said Bernard's appointment "underscores the president's commitment to diversity and should be celebrated by all Americans."

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Saudi suspect in terror plot appears in fed. court

BY BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas The world is watching to see how the justice system treats a college student from Saudi Arabia who is accused of buying chemicals online as part of a plan to blow up key U.S. targets, his attorney said Friday.

Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari appeared in federal court in Lubbock on Friday. He has been charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction after federal authorities said he bought explosive materials online and planned to hide them inside dolls and baby carriages to blow up dams, nuclear plants and former President George W. Bush's Dallas home.

Aldawsari's attorney, Rod Hobson, declined to comment as he left the courtroom but said in a statement that his client will plead not guilty. The "eyes of the world are on this case" and how Aldawsari is treated, Hobson said.

"This is not 'Alice in Wonderland,' where the Queen said 'First the punishment then the trial,'" Hobson said in his statement. "This is America, where everyone is entitled to the presumption of innocence, due process, effective representation of counsel and a fair trial."

U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Koenig asked the 20-year-old Aldawsari — who was handcuffed with his feet shackled, and flanked by armed officers — if he understood the charges against him, and ordered him to remain in custody until a March 11 detention hearing. Aldawsari faces a maximum penalty of life in prison and a $250,000 fine if convicted.

Aldawsari, who was legally in the U.S. on a student visa, studied chemical engineering at Texas Tech University until January when he transferred to a nearby college to study business.

Prosecutors allege that he was influenced by 9/11 and speeches by Osama bin Laden and had secretly planned for years to launch a terrorist attack in the U.S. According to court documents released Thursday, he described in his journal a plan to travel to New York City, place bombs in several rental cars for remote detonation and leave the vehicles in different places during rush hour.

"After mastering the English language, learning how to build explosives and continuous planning to target the infidel Americans, it is time for jihad," or holy war, Aldawsari wrote in the journal, according to the documents filed by prosecutors.

Robert Casey, the FBI special agent in charge of the case, said Thursday there was a range of targets being considered.

"I can't speak to his state of mind or the priority in his mind of any of the range of targets we think we discovered," he said.

Federal authorities said a chemical company, Carolina Biological Supply of Burlington, N.C., reported $435 in suspicious orders by Aldawsari to the FBI on Feb. 1. Separately, the shipping company Con-way Freight notified Lubbock police and the FBI the same day with similar suspicions because it appeared the order wasn't intended for commercial use.

Within weeks, federal agents had traced Aldawsari's other online purchases, discovered extremist posts he made on the Internet and secretly searched his apartment, computer and e-mail accounts and read his diary, according to court records.

The White House said President Barack Obama was notified about the alleged plot before Aldawsari's arrest on Wednesday.

Hobson said that media coverage of the case had been "very one sided."

"I request that everyone take a step back and allow the legal proceedings to unfold in a timely and orderly fashion," he said in his statement. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show the world how truly fair our legal system is — even to those who are accused of trying to harm our country."

The court documents say Aldawsari wrote that he was planning an attack even before coming to the U.S. on a scholarship.

Tibor Nagy, Texas Tech's vice provost of international affairs and a former US ambassador to Ethiopia and Guinea, said students from other countries who want to attend college in the U.S. have many hoops to jump through.

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AP Interview: IOC official dispels food defense

BY STEPHEN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

LONDON The IOC's top anti-doping official said he has seen no convincing evidence that athletes can inadvertently test positive for clenbuterol or other banned drugs by eating contaminated meat.

In an interview Friday with The Associated Press, Prof. Arne Ljungqvist said claims of food contamination in doping cases are "old stories" going back 30 years and have never been accepted by an international sports panel.

Ljungqvist, chairman of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission and vice president of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said he remains dubious of claims of accidental doping — a defense that has been used by Tour de France champion Alberto Contador and others.

Ljungqvist said the sports world must continue to work on the principle of "strict liability," whereby athletes are held responsible for what's found in their system.

"Of course, any trial or court hearing would excuse a person if it could be 100 percent proven that it is an accidental matter, that it was totally beyond his or her possibility to check (for banned substances)," he said. "So far we haven't had such a case."

Ljungqvist said he could not comment specifically on Contador, who was cleared by the Spanish cycling federation this month after blaming his positive clenbuterol test during last year's Tour on eating contaminated Spanish beef.

The international cycling federation, UCI, is studying the Contador ruling before deciding whether to appeal. The World Anti-Doping Agency also can appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

"It's not the first time that a national federation excuses their own athlete," Ljungqvist said in a telephone interview from Sweden. "That's why we have this safeguard of an appeal system.

"We've had cases of that kind even as far back as the 1980s, and so far there has been no hearing panel that has accepted those arguments in the end," he added. "We've had national panels that have excused those athletes, but when it came to the final decision, they have all been ruled guilty."

In 2009, a CAS panel rejected Polish canoeist Adam Seroczynski's claims that his positive test for clenbuterol at the Beijing Olympics was the result of "food tampering" by organizers who fed him contaminated meat. The IOC's expert witness in the case dismissed the possibility of accidental contamination.

Clenbuterol is on WADA's list of banned substances as an anabolic agent that builds muscle and burns fat. It is also used illegally by farmers to bulk up livestock.

Ljungqvist served as chairman of the IAAF medical commission from 1980-2004 and was involved in many of the biggest doping cases in track and field.

"These are so much of the old stories," he said of the food contamination defense. "It's not just clenbuterol. People claim they have been doped from what they had eaten."

Ljungqvist recalled a hearing in the early 1980s of a Norwegian shot putter who blamed his positive test on food, a case which led to enactment of the strict liability rule.

"You have to make sure yourself that you don't get banned substances into your body in whatever way," he said.

Ljungqvist gave little credence to a recent study on clenbuterol contamination by the WADA-accredited lab in Cologne, Germany. The lab found that 22 out of 28 travelers returning to Germany from China tested positive for low levels of clenbuterol, most likely from food contamination caused by misuse of the drug in cattle farming.



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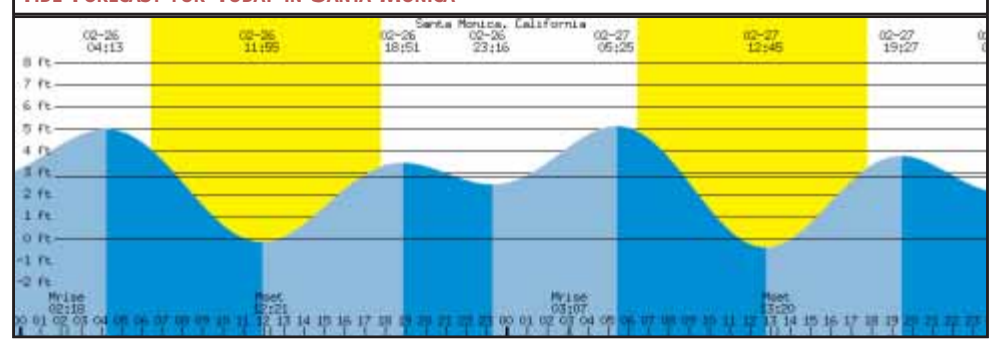
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 13 / 10

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	B	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	C	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	ns	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	D
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	F	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	C	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	D

LEGEND

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True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

I Am Number Four (PG-13) 1hr 44min
10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
10:30am, 1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Mooz-lum (PG-13) 1hr 39min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

AMC Santa Monica 7
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (PG) 1hr 24min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:10pm, 6:30pm, 8:50pm

Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

No Strings Attached (R) 1hr 50min
10:50am, 4:20pm, 9:45pm

I Am Number Four (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:25am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Hall Pass (R) 1hr 38min
11:40am, 1:40pm, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:05pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
10:55am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D (G) 1hr 45min
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King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Biutiful (R) 2hrs 27min
1:20pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

Illusionist (L'illusionniste) (PG) 1hr 22min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:45pm

Cedar Rapids (R) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Waste Land (NR) 1hr 38min
11:00am

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Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:20pm

Drive Angry 3D (R) 1hr 44min
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Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 9:50pm

Gnomeo & Juliet (PG) 1hr 24min
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Allow yourself the luxury of simply responding, of going off and doing exactly what you want. Late afternoon demands your full attention. Be clear as to your intentions. Tonight: You could go till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Luxuriate, doing what you most enjoy, spending time with a loved one. Don't allow plans or someone else to interfere with this special moment. This afternoon, go for an adventure. Tonight: Opt for something different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others knock on your door. It seems as if many people need to speak to you and just you. Establish your limits. In the afternoon, take off and pursue a favorite activity or hobby. A partner or friend doesn't mean to be controlling. Tonight: Add more romance to the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Clear out errands quickly, and leave time for the frivolous or simply for enjoying a special friendship. Really, it doesn't matter what you do, as much as spending quality time together. Tonight: Accept an invitation that tosses you among many people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Be true to your core and allow more joyfulness. Not only do kids and lovers delight in your inner child, so do people in general. By example, you are giving permission to do the same. Use care with a project or mechanical equipment. Tonight: Don't push.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Push to get through some personal projects. By the afternoon, you'll free yourself up and really kick back. Only you can stop you from enjoying yourself. Romance -- for those of that mind-set -- could flame and delight even the most logical Virgos. Tonight: Fan the flames.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Return calls, make plans and don't feel limited by normal constraints. The afternoon presents time with the family, or you might be up for throwing a shindig at your place. Reach out for someone who has seemed a little off as of late. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be aware that you have a lot to offer. Your intelligence and many of your characteristics might be valued by quite a few people. A discussion over lunch could go till the wee hours. Exchanging ideas could develop into other favorite shared activities. Tonight: Ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Spread your wings and follow your feelings. Touch base with an old friend, or maybe toss plans into the waste basket. Perhaps instead of watching the ballgame you would rather play. You can do that too. Tonight: Relish the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Imagine what it is like to be someone else. Then, perhaps, it will be easier to remain courteous and caring toward this person. You might even make plans with him or her in the afternoon or near future. Tonight: Make the first move, no matter where or what.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Touch base with friends, but honor a need to perhaps vanish and get extra work done in the afternoon. Fess up -- you also might want to snooze or watch a movie. You need down periods in order to function on as high of a level as you do most of the time. Tonight: Remember, you don't need to tell everyone what you do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Restore your relationship with an older or conservative friend or relative. You will rejoice once you have taken action, feeling free and relieved. Why live in worry, concern and the abstract when you can change that situation? Tonight: Where you are, there is a party.

Happy birthday

This year, you will make a big difference. Your diligence comes forward. Your intuition guides you with authority figures. Adapt to new and old friends with changing needs. Your popularity will soar. If you are single, you will have the opportunity to change that status. If you are attached, the two of you will bond even more if you step out into your community and circle of friends more. CAPRICORN can be counted on.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average



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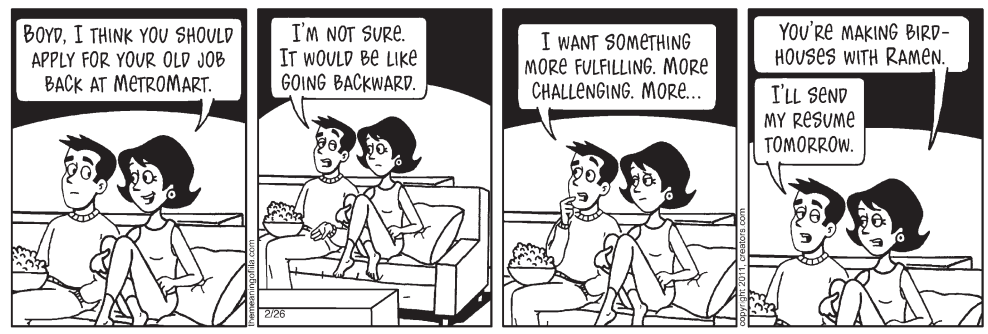
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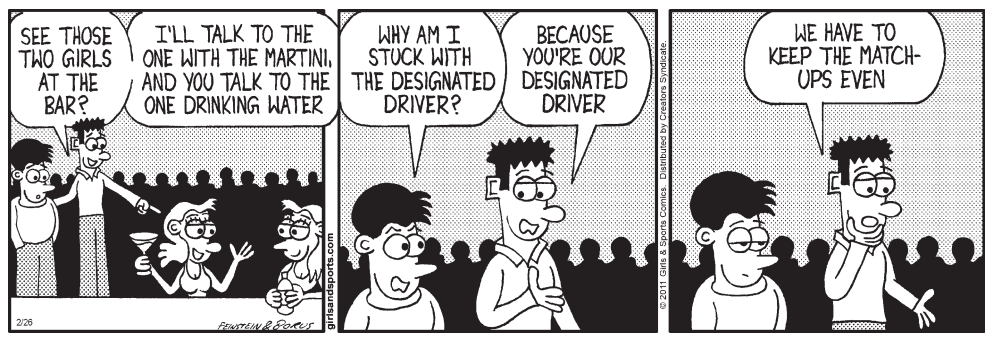
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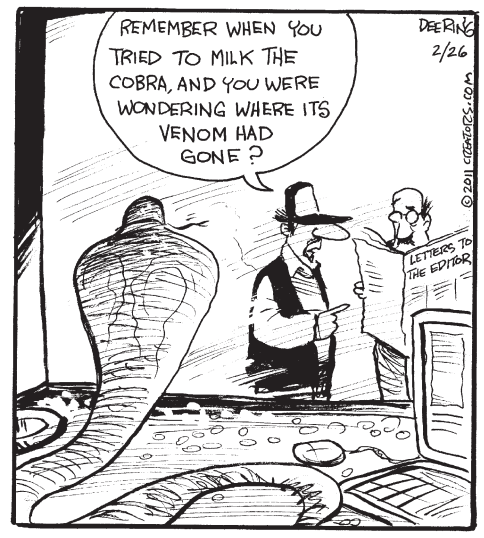
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

	9		6		7		8	
4								7
				2	8			
1					9	2		8
		3				5		
5		6	4					1
			7	9				
7								3
	6		3		5		1	

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	6	1	4	3	2	7	5	9
4	3	7	9	6	5	8	1	2
5	9	2	1	7	8	4	3	6
2	7	9	6	8	1	3	4	5
6	4	5	3	2	7	9	8	1
3	1	8	5	4	9	2	6	7
9	2	3	8	5	6	1	7	4
1	8	6	7	9	4	5	2	3
7	5	4	2	1	3	6	9	8



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Santa —
5 Is furious
10 Isolated
12 IRS worker
13 Decimal fraction
14 Terra —
15 Wrap up
16 Devilfish
18 Drill target
19 Wave rider
21 Area under the wave
22 Skydiving need
24 Different
25 Operate stealthily, as a sub
29 Left at sea
30 Cap parts
32 Cleaning cloth
33 Vigor
34 Compete
35 Consummate
37 Similar
39 Burn a bit
40 Chopped into cubes
41 Doled out
42 Hardy heroine

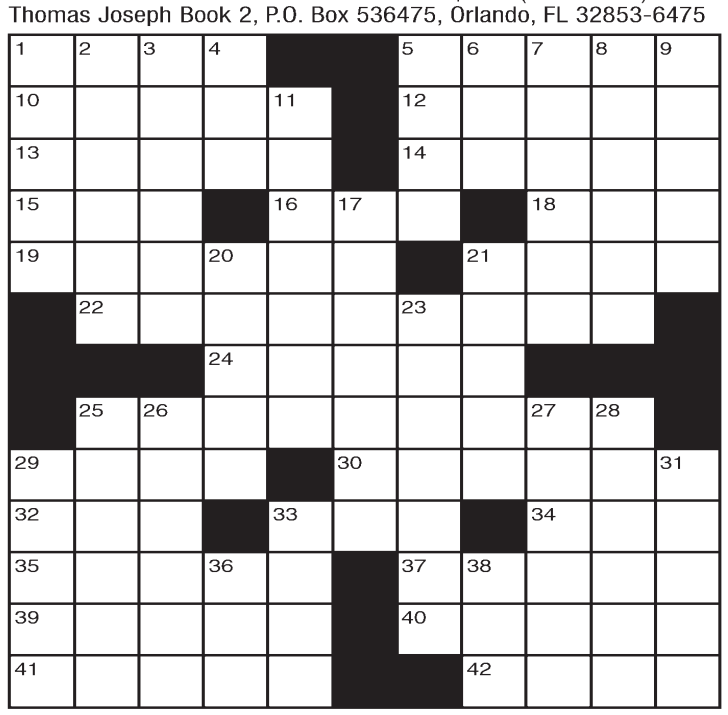
DOWN

1 Billing info
2 "Let me in!"
3 Keanu's co-star in "Speed"
4 Skill
5 Risqué
6 Hitherto
7 "Scram!"
8 Whole
9 Flea-market unit
11 Menaces
17 Record store?
20 Weather-map line
21 Makes sound
23 Landing spot
25 Band aide
26 Memo stamp
27 Beginner
28 Kids' wheels
29 Spectrum producer
31 Core feature
33 Begged
36 History bit
38 Set ablaze

L	I	F	E	R	■	S	I	T	I	N
A	B	O	V	E	■	A	R	E	N	A
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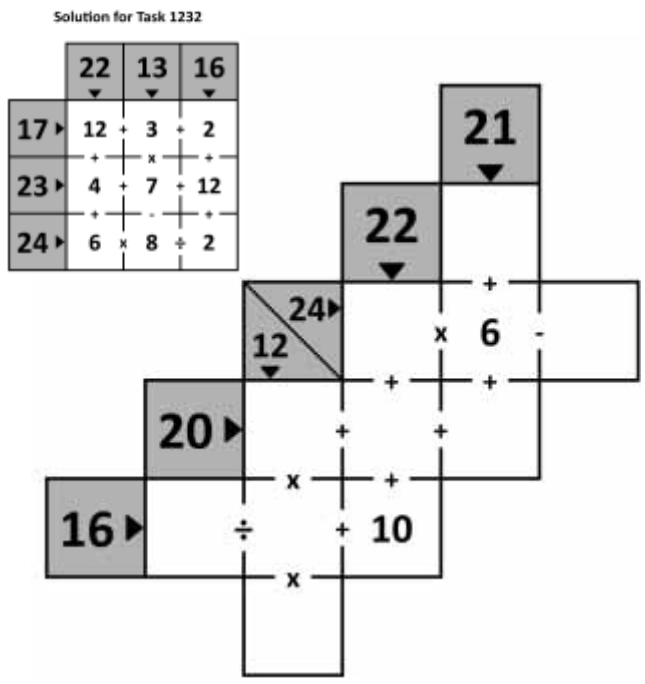
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) A 26-year-old man died in Chattanooga, Tenn., in January after being accidentally bitten by a copperhead snake. According to police, a friend had caught the snake and taken it to the man's house because, for some reason, he wanted the man to ascertain the snake's gender. (2) A 21-year-old man was stabbed to death at a party in Bristol, Conn., in January (and three others wounded), apparently because they had been making derisive comments about another man's flatulence. The allegedly gaseous Marc Higgins, 21, was charged with the crimes.

■ Irish director-playwright Paul Walker's production of "Ladies & Gents" opened for a March (2008) run in New York City 29 blocks north of Broadway, in a public restroom. According to an Associated Press report, the entire play takes place among the porcelain in a bathroom in Central Park, portraying "the seedy underside of 1950s Dublin," with the audience of 25 standing beside rows of stalls, near "spiders, foul odors and puddles of questionable origin." Walker proudly admits that he wanted to take his audience "out of their comfort zone." Actor John O'Callaghan recalled that rehearsals were especially difficult: "One man actually came in and had a pee right in front of us."

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1929 The Grand Teton National Park is created.

1935 The Luftwaffe is reformed.

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