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THE HELP THE MEALS ON WHEELS ISSUE

Facebook for the faithful

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CYBERSPACE While it can be argued that social networking sites like MySpace, Facebook and Twitter have become tools for the narcissistic, a pair of Santa Monica residents with a strong connection with God have used the technology to create a community comprised of altruistic followers using the power of prayer to help others.

Known as Our Praybook(http://ourpraybook.com/), the ecumenical site is completely free for people to join. It encourages members, or "ePostles," to share prayer petitions as well as to pray for the health, safety and well-being of others in a way that is sim-

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New rules to cut confusion on sunscreen claims

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON Help is on the way if you're confused by the maze of sun protection numbers and other claims on sunscreens.

Starting next summer, you can start looking for SPF 15 bottles and tubes with the label "broad spectrum" and feel confident they're lowering your risk of skin cancer.

Under new rules published Tuesday, sunscreens will have to filter out the most dangerous type of radiation to claim they protect against skin cancer and premature aging. "Broad spectrum" is the new buzzword from the Food and Drug Administration to describe a product that does an acceptable job blocking both ultraviolet B rays and ultraviolet A rays.

If a sunscreen doesn't protect against both, or the sun protection factor is below 15, then it has to carry a warning: "This prod-

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SEE TO BELIEVE

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Optometrist nurse Francisca Escobar from The Center for the Partially Sighted gives vision screening tests to seniors Lora Zakaria (center) and Pamela Edgar at the Senior Recreation Center on Monday afternoon.

Nonprofits fighting for every dollar

Meals on Wheels to start 'Empty Plates' campaign to raise support

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Every four years, RoseMary Regalbuto has the task of begging for money.

Although she benefits from it in some way, her main goal isn't to line her own pockets, or scratch up food for herself. She's actually buying meals for others.

Regalbuto is the president of Westside Meals on Wheels, a program that delivers hot and cold meals to seniors, invalids and anyone else who can't find a way to secure nutritious meals.

The youngest that receives service is 27. The oldest is 104.

Every four years, Regalbuto represents her organization and the clients it serves before the City Council and requests funding to help support the seven paid staff and 500 volunteers in their efforts to bring food to the 357 clients it served between July 2010 and June 2011.

For the 25 years that Regalbuto has been involved with the Meals on Wheels program, City Hall has helped to fund a portion of its budget.

This year was the most critical yet, as the program dipped to an operating deficit of $39,000 for the first time ever, Regalbuto said.

"We have declining demographics, the economy has impacted donations and then the cost of food, the insurance we have to carry," Regalbuto said.

In the most recent budgeting cycle, the Department of Community and Cultural Services suggested flat funding from the previous year's allocation of $47,305.

The funding includes a 3 percent cut built into the 2010 figure, which continues to bite into the organization's revenue at the same time that federal funding, state funding and private donations are drying up.

The organization also subsidizes meals for the poor, with some paying only 50 cents a week for meals that cost more like $6 a day, some of which are prepared at local luxury hotels that donate their time and kitchen space to the cause.

That means costs are rising as the dollar drops in value with less coming in from traditional funding sources and fewer paying seniors are there to help balance out the 31

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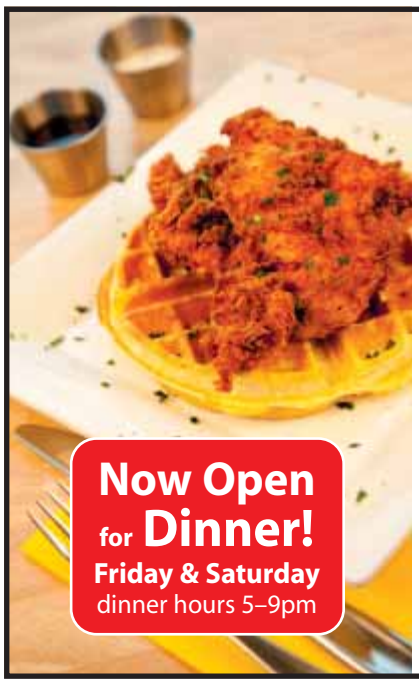

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Super fresh
Second Street and Arizona Avenue
8:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
This weekly Farmers' Market is widely considered one of the best in the Southland. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Bingo!
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
1:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Hit the Senior Center for a spirited game of bingo. Organizers promise creative prizes. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Don't grieve alone
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.
From March 31 to May 4 the Bereavement Group will hold a meeting every Wednesday to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. For more information call (310) 393-2721.

Planning Commission
City Council Chambers
7 p.m.
Planning Commission will discuss extending the hours of alcohol service at restaurants at Santa Monica Place's third floor dining deck, and will consider recommending the City Council amend a development agreement with Saint John's Health Center so that the hospital does not have to build on-site parking. For more information go to http://www01.smgov.net/planning/commission.

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Be a volunteer
Ken Edwards Center
1527 Fourth St.,
9:30 p.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Learn about the many volunteer opportunities at senior service provider WISE & Healthy Aging during this orientation. For more information, call (310) 394-9871 ext. 492.

Benefit for the children
V Lounge
2020 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m.
The V Lounge proudly presents Leaps and Boundz Charity Event "Fly Me to the Moon." This show will benefit the children of the Leaps and Boundz Foundation. The red carpet evening will have live music, art, silent auction, dj music, and more. Come and mingle with a bunch of great people for a great cause at the upscale V Lounge. Price: $30 pre-paid, $40 at the door. For more information go to www.vloungela.com or call (310) 829-1933.

Friday, June 17, 2011

Take the tour
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
If you haven't been to the Main Library, now's your chance. Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docents are able to adapt the tour to focus on various aspects of this LEEDs (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design)gold rated building.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Photo courtesy Santa Monica History Museum

HOME SWEET HOME: **The Miramar Hotel was once home to Santa Monica co-founder Sen. John P. Jones.**

SANTA MONICA HISTORY MUSEUM

Looking back

Residents and visitors to this sea-side community will get a rare chance to see what life was like at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel during the 1920s.

The Santa Monica History Museum, in connection with the Fairmont Miramar Hotel and MSD Capital, L.P., is hosting a new exhibit – "Life at The Miramar" – beginning June 18 that honors the historic structure, which was originally constructed in 1889 and served as the private residence of Santa Monica co-founder Sen. John P. Jones and his wife, Georgia.

The home was the center of activities and social gatherings for Jones' family and prominent guests who vacationed there. They included many notable writers, artists and public figures such as Susan B. Anthony and Mark Twain.

Following Jones' death, the home was converted into the Miramar Hotel in 1921. It changed hands several times over the years, undergoing numerous renovations and design changes, often reflecting the life and lifestyles of the rich and famous from past eras.

During the roaring '20s the Miramar became a favorite getaway for members of Hollywood's elite. Its popularity continued. Betty Grable, the post girl for a generation of young G.I.'s during World War II, was a featured vocalist in Joe Whidden's big band at the Miramar Lounge in 1932.

In more recent years, prominent guests have included President John F. Kennedy, Jodie Foster and Robert Downey, Jr.

For more information on the exhibit go to www.santamonicahistory.org, or call (310) 395-2290. The exhibit is scheduled to run seven weeks.

KEVIN HERRERA

Homelessness dips in Los Angeles County

Veterans still at risk, report says

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES Homelessness across Los Angeles County experienced a slight decline, but the percentage of homeless that served in the military is on the rise, according to a report released Tuesday by a countywide organization.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) put out the results of the county's homeless count, the largest count of homeless individuals and families nationwide.

It took 4,000 volunteers three days in January of this year to cover 4,000 square miles of the county, excepting only Pasadena, Glendale and Long Beach.

The results were mixed.

While the homeless population dropped 3 percent, or nearly 1,600 individuals, the composition of the homeless population shifted, with a greater percentage of veterans and mentally disabled amongst the homeless.

Santa Monica, which is a part of LAHSA, stayed flat from its 2010 homeless count of 742, dropping down two to 740.

The results showed a 19 percent drop from 2009 figures, however, when the previous count was conducted in the county.

Approximately $58 million in new funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, commonly known as the stimulus bill, and the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing program accounts for some of the improvement, said Michael Arnold, the executive director of LAHSA.

"Both have made significant new resources available to prevent people from becoming homeless and helping those who do to get permanent stable housing," Arnold said.

The three-year grant is spread across 20 jurisdictions in the county, which has helped to slow and reverse the trend of homelessness.

According to the results, however, of the 51,340 homeless individuals in Los Angeles County, 8,131 are veterans. That's an increase from 6,540 in 2009, the last year that the count was conducted.

Of those homeless veterans, more are chronically homeless than ever before, which means that they were continuously homeless for over one year, or have had at least four periods of homelessness in three years.

While 24 percent of the homeless population is considered chronically homeless, a relatively small number of veterans account for 31 percent of that group.

A soft economy, paired with the stresses of returning from an active war zone, seem to be impacting that community, Arnold said.

"What we're seeing is as young service people return home and are discharged when they may have post traumatic stress disorder or other disabilities," Arnold said. "They're coming back to a depressed economy, a poor job market and more are ending up homeless."

Also distressing is the increase in female veterans that are homeless.

Slightly more women enlisted in the Army than a decade ago according to U.S. Army statistics, but homeless service providers in Los Angeles have seen a 51 percent increase in the number of homeless female veterans since 2009.

"They come home and don't have access to the care and services they need and end up homeless," Arnold said.

Last Wednesday, the American Civil Liberties Union, in partnership with Santa Monica City Councilmember Bobby Shriver and various other parties, filed a lawsuit alleging that the Department of Veterans Affairs was not doing enough to combat homelessness amongst veterans in the area.

Specifically, the VA wasn't making the effort to provide services to mentally-handicapped homeless by not offering permanent supportive housing, despite a large tract of land and buildings specifically donated for that purpose.

"You can't get better if you're living in a dumpster," Shriver said.

A 2009 LAHSA study also documented a savings of $27,504 to the service providers if a client was permanently housed rather than just providing piecemeal services.

The Veterans Administration would not comment on the lawsuit initially, beyond saying that the administration helped over 130,000 homeless veterans at its medical facilities in the last year.

Charles Miller, a spokesperson for the United States Department of Justice, said that the lawsuit was too recent, and that the department had not made any determination on the matter.

The court has not yet set a date for when the government's response is due.

Not all the news on the veterans' front is bleak, however. Between 2008 and 2011, LAHSA helped house 1,039 veterans into apartments using Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers.

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Landmarking is important

Editor:

It's easy to understand why the recent actions of the Landmarks Commission in regards to the Town Square park have been so misunderstood ("Park gets thumbs up; Town Square, not so much," page 1, June 10). The work of the commission is, unfortunately, by its very structure a nay-saying kind of business as the commission remains silent on nearly everything that happens in this city until there is a negative impact on a landmark. This is actually quite a rare occurrence.

Santa Monica has few landmarks and each is evaluated based on its significance to Santa Monica's discreet history. In the 1930s demand for the preservation of historic battlefields led to the development of historic preservation policy. The Secretary of the Interior determined that landmarks designation should be done on a local level because residents have the greatest access to the particulars of the back-story of their hometowns. In Santa Monica less than 1 percent of all the properties even have potential to be landmarked, and only a third of that 1 percent actually are landmarked. It's important for the integrity of any city to preserve these places, especially when they are so rare.

When the new town of Santa Monica was established, it was settled primarily by hard-working folks with conservative American values who came from farms in the Mid-West to improve the quality of their lives. These hopeful, industrious, prosaic folks dominated our town up until the 1970s when Hollywood refugees and scrappy artistic types brought a much more progressive mindset to the forefront. Forty years later, we are already forgetting how recent the changeover was and are anxious to erase our past to substantiate the claim that Santa Monica is "world class." In fact, a real world-class city celebrates all the layers of character it has known, telegraphing that to its residents and visitors, and creating a depth of engagement that cannot be created any other way.

It's true that we don't have anything that rises to the level of the Chrysler Building here in Santa Monica though we do have a few structures deemed to have national significance. But the point of landmark designation is not only to preserve the great monuments of engineering and design, but to also preserve just a little bit of all the kinds of places that used to be, so our city develops a layered continuum of the past, the present and leaves plenty of room for the future when the next new ideas that the generations will be coming up with will improve on what we have done.

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Desperately needing some alone time

IT DIDN'T HURT THAT THE DAY BEFORE leaving my daughter for a mildly significant period of time she was having some separation anxiety issues. Loudly.

I mean, I guess it should have hurt when she was crying, "I want to bring Mommy," to my husband as he scooped her up and stuck her in one car while I drove away alone in the other. But I knew she'd survive for the 45 minutes that we'd be on opposite ends of town. And I knew the cacophony of her howls meant we were both really ready for a break from each other.

The next day my husband and I got on a plane to spend three days and two nights without her. It's the first time in her entire life that she and I have been apart for more than 8 miles and 16 hours. Ironically, our final getaway destination was family friendly, but what made it even friendlier to me was that I was alone with my husband for the first time since August 2008.

Martis Camp in Lake Tahoe, Calif., is where I want to come back and never leave in my next life. Where we stayed was called a cabin, but it was just a cabin in the same way that 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. is just a residential address. Being in the lap of luxury in a $2.2 million retreat made being really away from my daughter for the first time that much easier. (That and the memory of the last diaper I changed before leaving for the airport.)

The comfort level of the bed was up there with the comfort level of the cloud on which Mary Poppins powders her nose at the beginning of the film: Once you're on it you wonder why you'd ever possibly need to be anywhere else — ever. Particularly since attention to every detail in the bedroom and the rest of the cabin appears to have been attended to by no less than a full team of A-list interior designers, architects, lifestyle gurus, Feng Shui experts, gourmet cooks, concierges, sommeliers and Keebler elves.

It was my first time to the Lake Tahoe area and I'd always imagined it would be like the old commercials for the Mount Airy Lodge in the Poconos — seemingly chock-full of heart-shaped bathtubs and crabs (of the inedible variety). And the truth is, if the Mount Airy Lodge and Lake Tahoe are, indeed, a magnet for the movers, shakers and swingers of the 1970s, I still wouldn't know.

Martis Camp is one of those places where it's really easy to envision yourself living the (really, really, really) good life. It's like where the other half of the 1 percent live, but not in a Donald Trump gilded and tacky kind of way that drips of new money and third wives with trout-like lips and big, expensive labels pasted on their purses and butt pockets.

No, Martis Camp, a 2,000-plus acre resort with the capacity for 653 single-family homes that must be built in a style that complements the surrounding Sierra Nevada mountains, is like one big Pottery Barn and Restoration Hardware catalog: the amenities and furnishings are splendidly tasteful and perfectly and luxuriously rustic while at the same time not too flashy or ostentatious. But of course it's much more expensive than anything in a Pottery Barn or Restoration Hardware catalog, even though the homes and facilities themselves are places in which Pottery Barn and Restoration Hardware would give their left eyes to shoot their catalogs. You know, so that when you flip through the catalogs you imagine that by buying one chunky hand-knit throw you can live the life that looks so easy and breezy between their pages. But the reality is that you'd need the entire catalog and the money behind companies that produce them to duplicate that life.

IT WAS SO NICE IT SEEMED A SHAME THAT MY DAUGHTER WASN'T THERE TO ENJOY IT, TOO. ALTHOUGH NOT REALLY. WHICH WAS KIND OF THE POINT.

In fact, Martis Camp is actually more like a Porsche SUV. The SUV part because it lets you know that it drives cars just like the regular folk, and the Porsche part to let you know that it just does it better. Like, much, much, much better.

If I golfed, I would have no doubt been ecstatic about the Tom Fazio-designed golf course. But I was just as blissed out by a treatment in the spa that puts The Greenbrier or Miraval to shame, and the opportunity to breathe in the soft bed of pine needles that line the grounds under the spectacular trees that dot the entire property. There's also private ski access to Northstar-at-Tahoe, a full soccer field, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, playgrounds, pools, sand volleyball, bocce ball, croquet, a labyrinth, LEED-certified library and more fire pits than in "The Terminator" box set. It's contrived to look contrived-less, and it does its job to the nth degree.

The family barn reminded me of that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie W magazine photo shoot from years back where they were made to appear as a family from the 1950s. Through rose-colored glasses, it was awfully hip and sleek, as if everyone and everything during that era understood the irony of their cool-factor. From a two-lane bowling alley, movie theatre, art gallery, old-school pinball machines, the original set of Hardy Boys books in the seriously tricked-out kids lounge (that made me feel bad for a second that we didn't bring our daughter, but just for a second), and an authentic soda fountain, it's all the best parts of the mid 20th century minus the threat of Communists dropping a bomb.

And the whole experience really did feel like camp. That is, if the camp I went to in Maine when I was a kid had a flawlessly designed cozy amphitheater in which artists like Lyle Lovett play, and where 10,000-square-foot homes can be considered intimate getaways.

It was so nice it seemed a shame that my daughter wasn't there to enjoy it, too. Although not really. Which was kind of the point.

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Ready or not, the Big One is going to come so be prepared

AS EVENTS IN JAPAN THIS PAST March showed us, Big Ones really do happen. Richter 9 is about as large as they come, an event so enormous it takes away the breath of even a geologist like myself.

It's no comfort to think that quakes of that same general size are likely along the western boundaries of the Lower 48 and also in the region where Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee come together. In short, major quakes here in the U.S. simply must be expected.

And there are other "big ones," too. As we've seen this spring, tornadoes and flooding are most unfortunately a natural part of our world. And electrical outages sometimes shape the man-made landscape in which we live.

Partly because I'm a geologist and know a bit about seismic Big Ones, I've done some work to get my household ready for emergencies. But recently I put myself to the test by comparing my paltry efforts with those of some of my Mormon neighbors. A local Latter-day Saints congregation was kind enough to educate me at an emergency preparedness fair they held for the public.

While I won't follow all the LDS advice — nor were the Mormons saying I should — I learned some pointers I will put into practice as time and my household budget permit.

There are many daunting questions to consider when it comes to emergency preparedness. To start simply, would you have water available if your tap water supply was interrupted? Just FYI, a gallon of water per person per day for two weeks is considered a standard by the American Red Cross. (My 5-gallon water jug in the basement surely doesn't look like much, does it?) My Mormon mentors also recommend having water filters or purification tablets on hand.

Could you heat your home next winter for a few days without electricity? Remember, a forced-air natural gas furnace won't run without electrical power. (On the question of emergency heat, I'm OK because I put a woodstove in the front room when I bought my house. Breathe a sigh of relief on that front.)

If the electricity fails, could you boil water to cook pasta or rice — and most importantly of all from my point of view, make coffee? (In the winter I could use my woodstove to heat water. In the summer I'd be coaxing water to a slow boil on my tiny camping stove. That would get old fast, for sure.)

If the grid failed, would you have any lights? (I've got two kerosene lamps, but they surely aren't bright. Somewhere I've got that LED light I used to wear strapped to my forehead for walking at night along the river. But where did that go?)

Here's another biggie: How long could you feed your household with supplies on hand? If the grid goes out, you can eat from your fridge the first day and from your freezer for perhaps two more days. Then it's on to your shelf-stable supplies. But some of them, of course, will require cooking and water, which brings up earlier questions.

SO, IF YOU DO NOTHING ELSE TO GET READY FOR AN EMERGENCY, MY ADVICE IS THAT YOU CULTIVATE FRIENDSHIPS WITH GOOD MORMONS.

If you want to know the gold standard of preparedness when it comes to food, be advised the goal of many Mormon households is to have two years worth of staples in storage. But one reason for that high figure, I'm relieved to report, is that LDSers suspect they'd have to feed some of us heretics if a mega-disaster strikes.

So, if you do nothing else to get ready for an emergency, my advice is that you cultivate friendships with good Mormons.

Even if you never strive for the two-year standard of food stores, it can be useful to upgrade what you have on hand. A good pantry can be both economical and help buffer your household from a furlough at work or a cut in pay. And a well-stocked pantry really can buy you some peace of mind.

Having plentiful food stores on hand could also help make possible some extra donations to your local food bank when it's in special need. That, at the end of the day, might be the sweetest part of preparedness.

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The Santa Monica Rent Control Board last week approved its annual rent adjustment – a 3.2 percent increase with a ceiling of $52. That means renters can expect to pay more later this year when the increase goes into effect. The board could have approved a 3.5 percent bump or a 2.6 percent bump with a $7 flat fee.

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Gay Calif. judge's same-sex marriage ruling upheld

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A federal judge on Tuesday upheld a gay judge's ruling that struck down California's same-sex marriage ban, saying his fellow jurist was under no obligation to disqualify himself simply because he was in a long-term relationship with another man.

In a 19-page decision responding to the first attempt in the nation to disqualify a judge because of his sexual orientation, Chief U.S. District Judge James Ware said former Chief Judge Vaughn Walker had no obligation to divulge whether he wanted to marry his same-sex partner before he declared last year that voter-approved Proposition 8 was unconstitutional.

"The presumption that Judge Walker, by virtue of being in a same-sex relationship, had a desire to be married that rendered him incapable of making an impartial decision, is as warrantless as the presumption that a female judge is incapable of being impartial in a case in which women seek legal relief," Ware wrote.

The ruling does not settle the legal fight over Proposition 8.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is considering whether Walker properly concluded that denying gays and lesbians the right to marry violates their rights to due process and equal protection.

The court also is eyeing whether the conservative religious coalition that sponsored the 2008 ballot measure is legally entitled to appeal Walker's verdict.

Ware's opinion on Tuesday came in response to an April motion by coalition lawyers that sought to have Walker's ruling vacated on conflict of interest grounds.

Chad Griffin, president of the American Foundation for Equal Rights, the group that spearheaded the successful effort to overturn Proposition 8 in Walker's court, called Ware's decision to reject the challenge a precedent-setting victory that advances equal rights and treatment for all Americans.

"This bigoted and homophobic motion will prove to be a real low point in the struggle for equality and full civil rights for gay and lesbian people," Griffin said.

ProtectMarriage.com, which filed the challenge, said it would appeal and "continue our tireless efforts to defend the will of the people of California to preserve marriage as the union of a man and a woman."

In his ruling, Ware cited previous cases dealing with women and minority judges in concluding that his predecessor had acted appropriately.

"The sole fact that a federal judge shares the same circumstances or personal characteristics with other members of the general public, and that the judge could be affected by the outcome of a proceeding in the same way that other members of the general public would be affected, is not a basis for either recusal or disqualification," he wrote.

Lawyers for backers of the ban argued at a hearing Monday that Walker should have recused himself or disclosed his relationship because he and his partner stood to personally benefit if Proposition 8 were invalidated and same-sex unions were again legal in California.

Walker publicly revealed after he retired in February that he is in a 10-year relationship with a man. Rumors that he was gay had circulated before and after he presided over the trial in early 2010.

Ware crisply rejected the idea that judges who are members of minority groups have more of a vested interest in the outcome of civil rights cases based on the U.S. Constitution than anyone else.

"We all have an equal stake in a case that challenges the constitutionality of a restriction on a fundamental right," Ware wrote. "The single characteristic that Judge Walker shares with the plaintiffs, albeit one that might not have been shared with the majority of Californians, gave him no greater interest in a proper decision on the merits than would exist for any other judge or citizen."

Many legal scholars had not expected Ware to overturn Walker's decision. They said having a judge's impartiality questioned because he is gay is new territory, but efforts to get female judges thrown off gender discrimination cases or Hispanic judges removed from immigration cases have failed.

Walker did not attend Monday's hearing on the matter and has declined to comment on the bias allegations.

Ware said that Walker did not have a duty to disclose his romantic life and would have hurt "the integrity of the judiciary" if he had revealed his same-sex relationship as part of the Prop. 8 proceedings.

Same-sex couples can legally marry in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and the District of Columbia.

Gay rights advocates in New York are hoping this week to make their state their sixth to recognize gay, lesbian and bisexual unions. Gov. Andrew Cuomo is pushing to get a gay marriage bill through the New York Legislature, and supporters said on Tuesday they are within one vote of securing its passage.

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Army ditches black berets in favor of old patrol caps

BY SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. It's hot, it doesn't keep the sun out of your eyes, and you need two hands and a mirror to make sure it's on straight. After 10 years of complaints, the Army is all but ditching the black wool beret and allowing soldiers to go back to the old brimmed patrol cap for their everyday duties.

"It's the military equivalent of being able to wear a baseball cap to work," said Col. Pete Brooks of the South Carolina Army National Guard. "Wearing the beret in 100-degree South Carolina heat was like wearing a wet piece of black wool on your head."

Army Secretary John McHugh ordered the change to take effect Tuesday, the service's 236th birthday.

Elite units in the 1.1-million-member Army will continue to wear their colored berets as a mark of honor — green for Special Forces, tan for Rangers, maroon for airborne troops. But from now on, other soldiers will have to pull out the black beret only for special events, such as change-of-command ceremonies. Soldiers, of course, will still wear their helmets in combat.

"This just makes things a little bit easier for us," said Staff Sgt. Mylinda DuRousseau, who works with the 3rd Army at nearby Shaw Air Force Base. She said working as a cook meant she had to keep her shoulder-length hair tied back in a bun, which couldn't fit under the tight beret.

And then there was the three-step process of putting the thing on right: First, adjust the blue patch over the left eye; next, use two hands to straighten it; then, pull it on far enough so it stayed put, DuRousseau said.

In fact, the Army had to install mirrors at entries and exits so soldiers could be sure they had it on properly.

As for the patrol cap — a soft, 50-50 cotton-nylon blend that looks like a flat-top baseball hat in camouflage green — "you could reach in your pocket and flip it on, and just keep moving," Brooks said.

The change is one of several new uniform adjustments, including allowing soldiers to either sew or use Velcro to attach insignia and nametags. In the past, badges had to be pinned on, a lengthy process that required the use of a ruler to keep everything lined up. Another switch will be a return to dressier uniforms for Army men and women inside the Pentagon, a step ordered to spiff up the Army's image.

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The uniform changes — especially the dropping of the beret — were popular on the Army's Facebook page, which registered at least 3,000 "likes" after the switch was made.

The black beret became standard a decade ago, introduced in a surprise move by then-Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki as a "symbol of unity" and a morale booster. But elite units that were distinguishable by their berets resented the change.

Lt. Col. Jeff Hannon, who works for the Army chief of staff in the Pentagon, had mixed feelings about the dropping of the beret.

"Under some circumstances it is clearly a good-looking piece of headgear" and more formal than the cap, he said.

But Hannon and others said the cap is more utilitarian because it affords protection against the sun when troops are out in the field. Hannon was showing his wife and young sons around the Pentagon on Tuesday amid the Army's birthday celebration.

"I actually liked the beret," said Hannon's wife, Katherine. "I thought it looked so much better than the cap, a little more sophisticated."

E-Verify bill gives agriculture extra time

BY ALICIA A. CALDWELL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON A bill that would require U.S. businesses to use a government database to verify that new workers are in the country legally is giving the agriculture industry a slight break.

The Legal Workforce Act would give the agriculture industry, where labor, industry and government officials say the vast majority of workers are illegal, three years to screen all new hires to make sure they are eligible to work in the U.S. The remaining employers would have two years to comply.

"We recognize that the agriculture industry is a special situation and we need to treat them differently," the bill's sponsor, Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, said.

Farmers have complained that the requirement would decimate their work force, and that Americans are unwilling to take the back-breaking, low-paying jobs picking crops by hand.

Smith introduced the bill Tuesday, about three weeks after the Supreme Court upheld an employer sanction law in Arizona that required businesses to use E-Verify or face losing their business licenses.

Smith's bill would apply only to new hires. It also would pre-empt any state laws and end the use of paper I-9 forms that businesses currently use to show that they've verified that their workers are legally eligible to hold a job in the U.S.

E-Verify long has been considered among the only immigration-related bills likely to pass a divided Congress this year, but some had worried that making the system's use mandatory could destroy the agriculture industry.

Smith said he doesn't consider the bill a piece of immigration legislation, rather a jobs bill that eventually would move the nearly 8 million illegal workers out of the American workforce.

Agriculture industry officials have said the current system to hire legal immigrant workers — the H-2A visa program — is too cumbersome, time consuming and costly to use effectively.

Some fear a mandatory E-Verify program would cripple the industry.

But Smith insisted that postponing full implementation for agriculture businesses for three years would give the industry plenty of time to legalize its workforce and avoid economic calamity.



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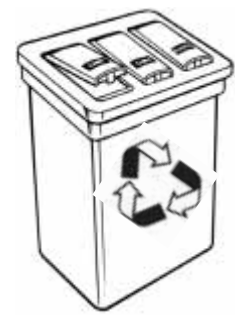
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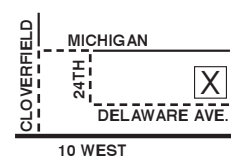


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ART SAVING LIVES

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Supporters of CLARE, the Santa Monica-based nonprofit providing treatment and recovery services for those struggling with addiction, check out various pieces of art Sunday at a benefit that raised roughly $50,000 for services.

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MONEY
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percent of clients that are below the poverty line.

Top that with an extra 12 cents per meal that her suppliers charge to comply with City Hall's Styrofoam ban, and the rising cost of fresh fruits and vegetables, and the problems begin to mount. They'll hit a deficit of nearly $80,000 next fiscal year.

It's like the death of a thousand cuts for nonprofits trying to squeak by, particularly one like Meals on Wheels that won't get a population boost until today's Baby Boom generation begins to need its services.

"My problem is we need to fortify our serves to remain viable until the Boomers come in, and then we need to be able to make changes," Regalbuto said.

The problems faced at Meals on Wheels are similar to those confronting many nonprofits in Santa Monica and beyond: Too many people chasing too few dollars.

In the same budgeting cycle, only five organizations saw their funding raised incrementally, while the rest either stayed flat, got reduced, or were dropped altogether.

Demand outstripped available funding ($7.4 million) by $4.3 million, so 15 agencies that asked for funding were left out entirely.

In a time where resources are scarce, squeaky wheels just need to get squeakier, Regalbuto said.

Volunteers that go door to door to deliver meals and spend time with their charges are also dropping off paper plates, but not for normal use.

Instead, clients are asked to put the reasons Meals on Wheels is important to them on the plates as part of an "Empty Plates" campaign to prove the value of the program as it seeks to reach seniors and others that need its dwindling resources.

One Meals on Wheels client, who didn't wish to be named for something so controversial, said that she'd gotten one of the plates from her volunteer, who comes by with lunch and dinner five days a week.

"I have no family, and Meals on Wheels has meant a lot to me," the woman said. "Going to the supermarket and stuff, it can be very difficult."

The client suffers from multiple disabilities, and had poor nutrition before the program intervened with dietitian-created meals.

She's already prepared her 'plate,' which her volunteer will be by to pick up any day.

"I put on mine that it would be a threat to my income and health if I lost Meals on Wheels," she said.

The City Council will vote to approve or amend the staff recommendations at its June 21 meeting. The budget is very tight this year, and for several years to come, said Councilmember Bob Holbrook. Giving to one organization is the same as cutting from another.

"We're in a hard position," Holbrook said. "We are responsible to provide city services. Social services are outside the center of that wheel. The things they do are important and necessary, but they're not the primary focus of the city: Fire, police, trash pick up, public health, sewer treatments and water systems. The things that go unnoticed sometimes."

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TWO COOL CREATORS: **Michael Kaczmarek and Charlie Wedel are the creators of Our Praybook, a social networking site for those with faith.**

SITE
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ilar to updating one's status on Facebook. The prayers are shared on the "Love Stream," allowing other ePostles the opportunity to read and pray for them as well.

"I was inspired to create an online social hub for all people alike, to come together and pray," said Charlie Wedel, 26, the developer of Our Praybook. "Since status updates and tweets are so popular right now, we thought it would be cool to create a social network to engage people in prayer where instead of updating your status, you're updating your prayer intentions. Sharing prayers is so much more powerful than simply sharing a random thought."

Wedel, who was raised Catholic and said he finds himself praying more now that he created the site, launched Our Praybook a little over a month ago with his friend, Michael Kaczmarek, 30, a Eucharistic minister at St. Monica's Catholic Community. The site now has nearly 70 active members and adds anywhere from three to 10 per day.

"Whereas with other social networking sites, the door is open to interact socially in any way you please, and while that's fine, we wanted to create a place where people could come and not just do what they like for themselves, but to come and pray for others," Kaczmarek said. "Sometimes you just need that extra push to pray."

Wedel, who began working on Our Praybook in February, runs the site out of his one-bedroom apartment. The two both have day jobs but have found time to dedicate to Our Praybook, as well as another site, Our Lady Prays (http://ourladyprays.com/) which was set up for people to share messages given by the Virgin Mary in her apparitions. They both give credit to friends and family for encouraging them to follow through with the idea.

The two are quick to point out that the site is open to people of all faiths. The goal is to create the largest community possible.

"As human beings we are all part of the human family, created by God …," Kaczmarek said. "I think that prayer is the most important part of anyone's day."

In addition to posting prayers or favorite passages from religious texts, the site allows members to engage in live "Pray Chats" with others by using webcams and microphones. Members can also earn rewards for posting the most prayers. The site can be linked to Facebook and Twitter accounts and it can be access on most mobile devices, so ePostles can share a prayer any time, anywhere.

Members can also upload photos from church outings or other religious-related events and share links for spiritual growth.

One member, Nancy Dicken, posted Tuesday how she was praying for her husband in hopes that he could receive some help with his continued hearing loss and the Vietnam veteran's struggles with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Agent Orange-related illnesses.

"Thank you for holding Jim up before the throne and for answered prayers," she posted.

Another ePostle, Charlene Stevens, wrote about her 16-year-old granddaughter and prayed that she find the right path following some hard times at home after her parents divorced.

"Agree with me that she will be protected and return to the Lord," Stevens wrote.

Sister Maristela Testa, a pastoral care coordinator based out of the Archdiocese of New York, is another ePostle who has embraced the site, even though she never uses Facebook or other social networks or communicates via chat rooms.

"It is necessary to pray in the space of our minds and hearts, in churches, but we live in a changing world and this social cyberspace is necessary to witness the power of prayer, the power of witness in what is good, necessary, right," she said.

"Living in this era of fast everything, people need a 'fast way to pray' and Our Praybook can become a community of prayer."

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SUNSCREEN
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uct has been shown only to help prevent sunburn, not skin cancer or early skin aging."

The guidelines, which spent more than 30 years in bureaucratic limbo, are designed to help consumers like Paul Woodburn, who says he's not sure of the difference between UVA and UVB rays and that he judges sunscreen by one factor alone.

"The SPF number is what counts for me," the 55-year-old Indianapolis resident said as he sat next to a public pool. "Beyond the SPF, I don't think anybody really watches."

The new regulations require that sunscreens be tested for the ability to block the more dangerous UVA rays, which can penetrate glass and pose the greatest risk of skin cancer and wrinkles. FDA currently requires testing only for protection against UVB rays, which primarily cause sunburn but can also cause cancer and other damage. That's what the familiar SPF measure is based on.

"For the first time, the FDA has clearly defined the testing required to make a broad-spectrum protection claim in a sunscreen," said Dr. Ronald L. Moy, president of The American Academy of Dermatology Association.

Under the new rules FDA will:

— Prohibit sunscreen marketing claims like "waterproof" and "sweatproof," which the agency said "are exaggerations of performance." Water-resistance claims will be allowed, but companies must explain how much time consumers can expect to get the same benefit while swimming or sweating.

— Cap the highest SPF value at 50, unless companies can provide results of further testing that support a higher number.

— Require that manufacturers phase out a four-star system currently used by some companies to rate UVA protection.

In reviewing more than 3,000 comments submitted to the agency, the FDA decided the star system was too confusing. Instead, protection against UVA should be proportional to protection against UVB, which is already measured using SPF.

SPF measures the amount of sun exposure needed to cause sunburn on UV-protected skin versus unprotected skin. The level of exposure varies by geography, time of day and skin complexion.

There is a popular misconception that SPF relates to time of solar exposure. Many consumers believe that if they normally get sunburn in one hour, then an SPF 15 sunscreen allows them to stay in the sun for 15 hours without burning. This isn't true because SPF is not directly related to length of sun exposure.



photo courtesy

BLOCK: **Under new rules published Tuesday, sunscreens will have to filter out the most dangerous type of radiation to claim they protect against skin cancer and premature aging.**

The U.S. market for sunscreens has been growing steadily because of worries about cancer and an aging population. It now totals about $900 million annually, according to research firm IBISWorld.

The new rules were decades in the making.

FDA announced its intent to draft sunscreen rules in 1978 and published them in 1999. The agency then delayed finalizing the regulations until it could address concerns from both industry and consumers.

Some consumer advocates complained the agency's final guidelines did not go far enough.

"FDA's rule will allow most products on the U.S. market to use the label 'broad spectrum sunscreen,' even though some will not offer enough protection to assure Americans they can stay in the sun without suffering skin damage from invisible UVA radiation," said David Andrews, senior scientist with the Environmental Working Group.

The FDA is still working on updated guidelines for spray-on products, which use different formulations from other sun-protection solutions.

Many companies have already adopted some of the language. All Coppertone products and Neutrogena Sunblock boast "broad spectrum UVA and UVB protection."

Most dermatologists recommend a broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher every two hours while outside.

Last year an estimated 68,130 people in the U.S. were diagnosed with melanoma — the most dangerous form of skin cancer — and an estimated 8,700 died, according to the National Cancer Institute. Nearly $2 billion is spent treating the disease each year.







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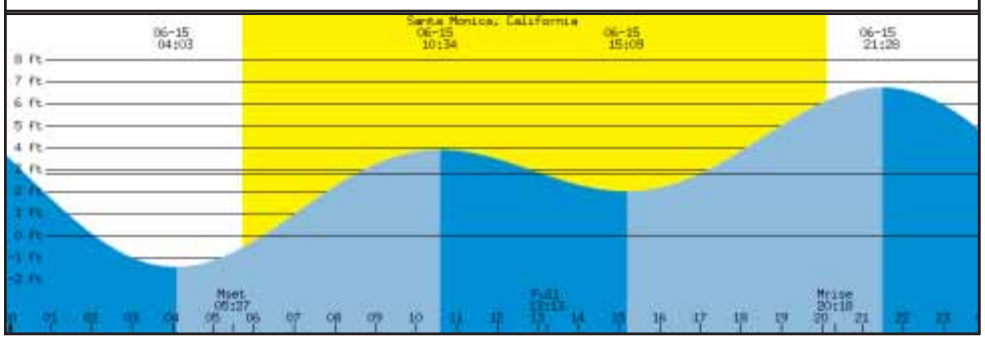
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

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

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

LEGEND

- **DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
- **WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
- **ns** -- no sample taken

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NFL

NFL, NFLPA negotiators meet again, push for deal

BY BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK Don't break out the tailgate gear just yet. An end to the NFL lockout might not be imminent.

It does appears much closer than at any point in the last three months, though.

Recent progress in labor talks between the league and players has sparked a new sense of optimism, and team owners have been told to be ready to extend their one-day meetings in Chicago next week.

The two sides were making progress in labor negotiations being held Tuesday at an undisclosed location in Maryland. Those talks will go through at least Wednesday and quite possibly to the end of the week.

A person with knowledge of the talks told The Associated Press that the owners and players are "headed in the right direction" and that lawyers "are back in the room" after being excluded from sessions the past two weeks. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the meeting are not being made public.

Two other people familiar with the talks say a framework for a new collective bargaining agreement could be in place before the owners gather next Tuesday.

Previous "secret" meetings have taken place in Chicago and New York. Such sessions have been critical in past NFL negotiations, dating back to the 1980s. And the presence of lawyers at Tuesday's talks could indicate the side are hashing out details of a potential agreement.

Still, it would be premature to predict that lockout is about to end, the people familiar with the talks told the AP. Yet the atmosphere of negotiations has been more positive than it was previously, creating "a sense of movement," they said.

That movement toward an agreement might be in both sides' best interest after a federal appeals court judge warned the owners and players they might not like the upcoming decisions in legal actions sparked by the lockout. Indeed, the court could delay any rulings if a new CBA appears to be near.

On hand at the meetings were NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell; NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith; several owners, including the Giants' John Mara and the Cowboys' Jerry Jones; and a large group of players that includes NFLPA President Kevin Mawae, Jeff Saturday, Mike Vrabel, Tony Richardson and Domonique Foxworth.

While no deadlines have been set for the opening of training camps, the 32 teams soon will need to decide whether to delay them, particularly those clubs that stage a portion of camp out of town. The lockout, which began March 12, also has cost the league and some teams advertising and sponsorship money, and some players have not collected workout bonuses. At least seven teams have instituted paycuts or furloughs of employees who are not players.

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Play it easy tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ The push and pull of what you need to accomplish, mixed with others' requests, could keep you moving at a fast clip. You have enthusiasm and insight, which is why others look to you. Confusion surrounds communication. Tonight: Juggle away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You relate strongly to others today, especially about finances -- yours and theirs! A relationship discussion could get itself mired in quicksand if you're not careful. Would it not be better to postpone this talk? Tonight: Chatting the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Defer to others, as it might be the best way to handle the present combustible energy. Nevertheless, you are likely to have your ego drawn into the push and pull of the Full Moon. Confusion will be the end result. Make no decisions. Tonight: Play it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Dive into a project with focus. If you are stressing out about a situation, you will let go eventually. Your focus also will help you accomplish a lot more quite quickly. Avoid personalizing a situation. Tonight: R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You juggle many different people's concerns. You might not be sure of the best way to go in several different situations. Do yourself a favor: Don't worry. Don't allow a supervisor to trigger your temper! Tonight: Midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Head home early if you so desire. Don't put yourself in the position of being overwhelmed or tired. Sometimes, in times of stress, it is best to be less available. Let everything land as it should. Tonight: Make it easy,

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter before making a definitive statement. You might have had enough of a back-and-forth conversation. Perhaps there is no resolution just yet. Know what you want. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to move forward with a project but cannot because of a financial situation. Many different opinions could come forward, making a decision close to impossible. Postpone it, and you will like the end results. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your personality melts another person's resistances. The wave of frustration and irritation could be hard to handle, even if you want this openness. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with others. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)'
★★★ Don't respond to a sense of pressure or that someone cannot follow through on a project without your help. You need some downtime, as others need time filling in for you. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a friendship that is creating a lot of pressure. A meeting also could be a source of irritation. Try to look at the positives, and you'll find that everything falls into place. Eye your long-term objectives. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Assume the lead on a project and stay tuned in to what is important. There could be a great deal of instability at present, making you wonder which way is up. Trust your initial judgments, and stay on course. Tonight: A must appearance.

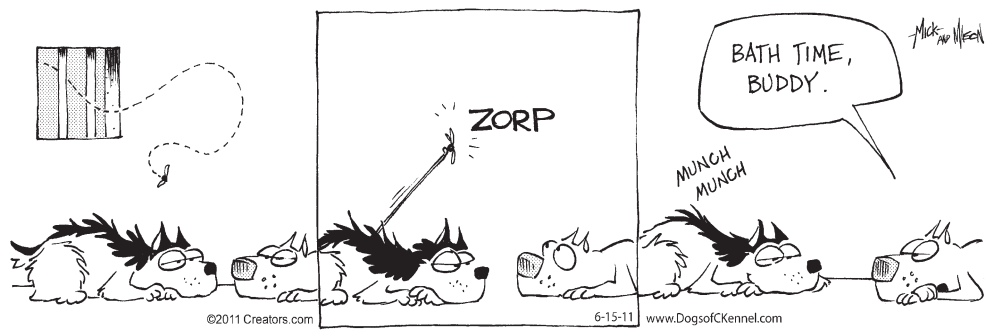
Happy birthday

This year, in many ways you are like a pendulum, swinging back and forth. You find your emotions subject to mood swings. You often see the pros and cons of a situation. Intellectually, you can argue both sides of an issue. Others could comment on your changeability, but that flux is only a function of opening up spiritually, emotionally and intellectually. If you are in a relationship, you often feel either guilt or resentment -- results of not giving enough or giving too much. You will learn to balance all of these oppositions if you don't fight them. If you are single, you might find a suitor for all your different moods. Know that you are in a phase, and the person you choose today might not be the same person you would choose in a year. SAGITTARIUS can be challenging.

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

Dogs of C-Kennel

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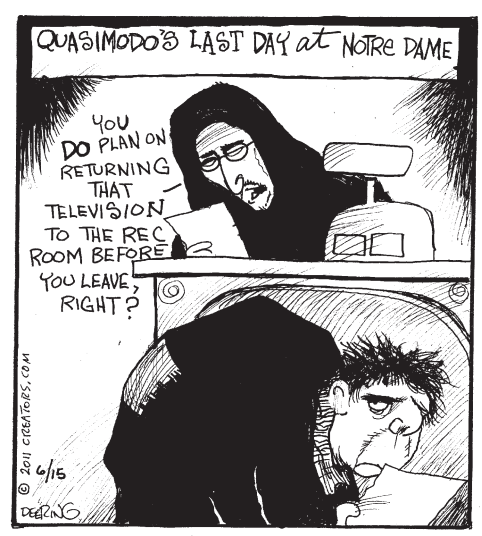
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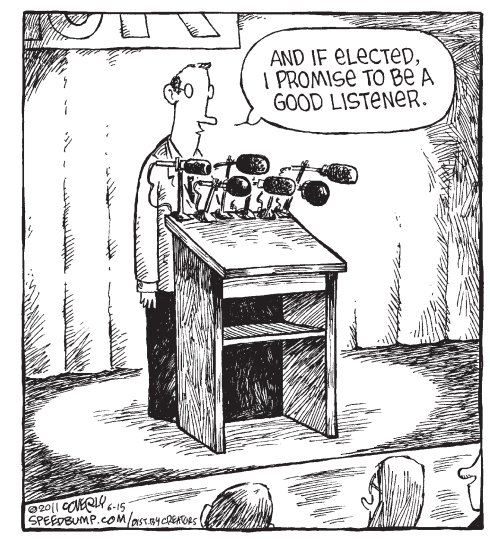
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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 ★★★

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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

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12 Sports spot
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19 French article
20 Nautical pole
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24 Hr. part
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30 Nerve junction
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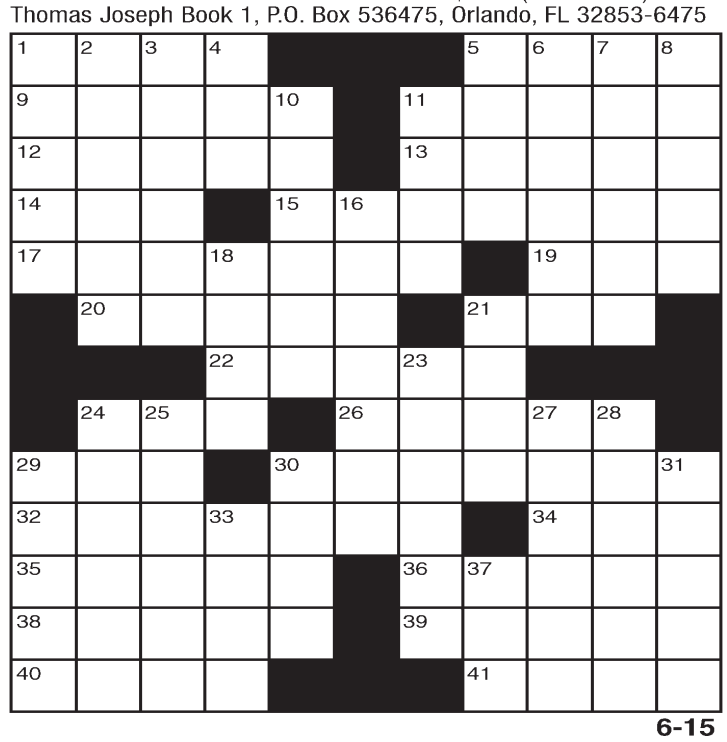
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In Chinese legend, tea leaves picked by fairies using not their hands but just their mouths yielded brewed tea that would bring prosperity and cure diseases, and now the historic, picturesque Jiuhua Mountain Tea Plantation (in Gushi, Henan province) has promised to hire up to 10 female virgins to provide the equivalently pure and delicate tea leaves, picked with the teeth and dropped into small baskets worn around the women's necks. According to an April report in London's Daily Mail, only virgins with strong necks and lips (and a bra size of C-cup or larger), and without visible scars or blemishes, will be considered for the equivalent-$80-a-day jobs (an almost unheard-of salary in China, especially for agricultural field work).

■ Cliche Come to Life: The person in the news most recently for slipping and falling on a banana peel might be Ida Valentine, 58, who filed a lawsuit in February against the 99 Cents Only chain after slipping on one while shopping in its store in Fontana, Calif., in April 2010. The fall, she said, left her with a herniated disk and tissue damage.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1913 The Battle of Bud Bagsak in the Philippines ends.

1916 U.S. President Woodrow Wilson signs a bill incorporating the Boy Scouts of America, making them the only American youth organization with a federal charter.

1919 John Alcock and Arthur Brown complete the first nonstop transatlantic flight when they reach Clifden, County Galway, Ireland.

1920 Duluth lynchings in Minnesota.

1920 A new border treaty between Germany and Denmark gives northern Schleswig to Denmark.

1934 The U.S. Great Smoky Mountains National Park is founded.

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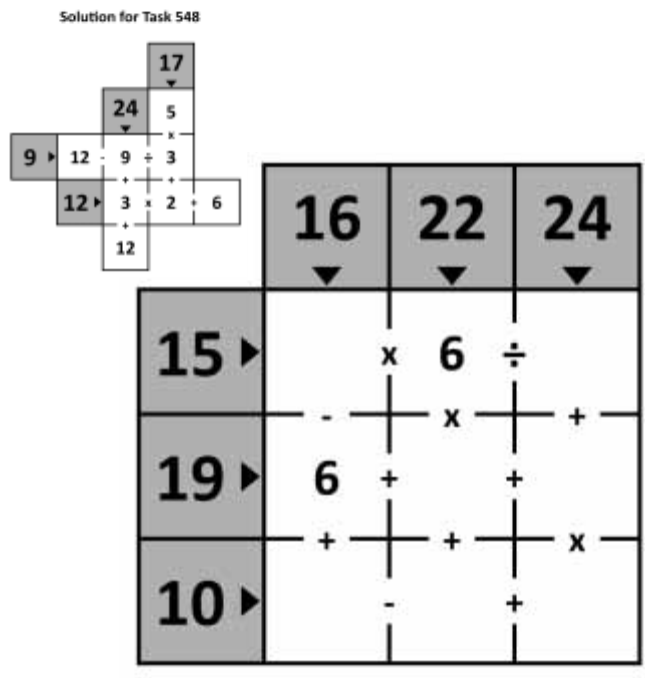
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