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SPREADING THE REUSABLE GOSPEL: **Josephine Miller hands out bags and literature at the Downtown Farmers' Market on Wednesday.**

New program to breathe life into old bags

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE For perhaps the first time in Santa Monica's history, City Hall will officially push forward a policy to redistribute wealth, but not of the dollars and cents variety.

A new municipal program, called "Share a Bag," launched at Wednesday's Downtown Farmers' Market with a simple hope that Santa Monicans with a surplus of reusable bags will drop them off at designated bins and those that need them will get a chance to pick one up.

It's very similar to a proposed bike-share program, whereby citizens can borrow a municipal bicycle under the assumption that they will return it to a designated location once they're done with it.

This program has even fewer restrictions, relying instead on an honor-code approach that if you take a bag, you'll hopefully drop one off later, and if you have a collection at home, you'll see your way to parting with some.

"It's not about requirements, it's about generosity," said Josephine Miller, who pro-

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'Idol' creator sues for piece of rival 'X-Factor'

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES The creator of "American Idol" sued the show's broadcaster and producer claiming they have reneged on a deal to give him a stake in a rival competition show that is about to premiere in the United States.

Producer Simon Fuller is seeking an executive producer credit and the appropriate fees once "The X-Factor" — which was created by former "Idol" judge Simon Cowell — begins airing its U.S.-debut in September. His lawsuit is against Fox Broadcasting Co. and the show's production company, FremantleMedia North America.

Fox will air both "Idol" and "X-Factor," and FremantleMedia is producing both shows.

The lawsuit reignites longstanding ten-

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Rec & Parks Commission loses advocate for more fields

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council declared July 2011 Recreation & Parks month, and simultaneously bid farewell to the Recreation & Parks Commission's longest-serving member and chair, Neil Carrey.

Carrey, who served 12.5 years on the commission, has overseen the creation and expansion of several parks, the most recent of which is the 7-acre Palisades Garden Walk currently winding its way through the public process.

He advocated for playing fields for children and adults, and not only helped to ensure that parks and open space flourished in Santa Monica, but helped secure room for them to grow in the future.

Phil Brock joined the Recreation & Parks Commission in 2003, four years after Carrey was first appointed.

It wasn't the first time the pair had worked together.

"Neil and I have had a very long relationship," Brock said. "Before we were on the Recreation & Parks Commission, he was the chair of the Physical Education Advisory Committee for the school district. We became acquainted because I was also a member of that committee."

Carrey chaired the advisory committee and was later appointed to the Recreation & Parks Commission. Brock followed suit, first chairing the school district committee and later joining the commission.

"I've already told Neil that wherever he ends up, I'll go next," Brock joked.

The Recreation & Parks Commission strives to attain a balance between its two charges of creating play spaces for community members to stay active and healthy, and attractive open spaces for more leisurely pursuits.

In a commendation given to Carrey July 12, Mayor Richard Bloom called the parks places to foster human development and strengthen a sense of community as well as enjoy the "serenity and inspiration of nature."

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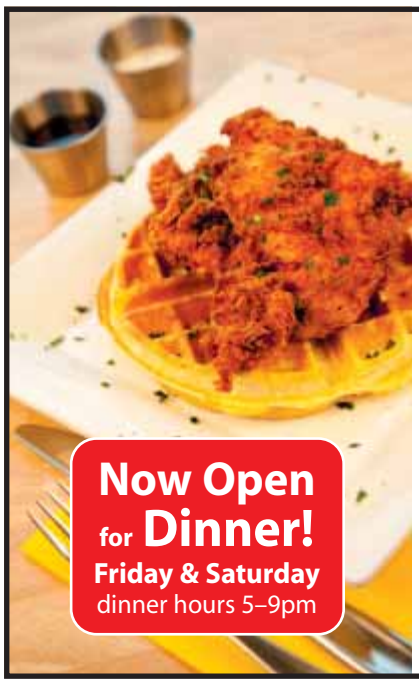
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Thursday, July 21, 2011

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Santa Monica Pier, 7:30 p.m.
This week, the Twilight Dance Series features internationally-noted artists Missy Higgins, Kim Churchill and Andy Clockwise — three musicians who hail from Australia, ready to give Santa Monicans a taste of the pop music from "Down Under." For more information, visit facebook.com/australiarocks-thepier.

Second annual Montana Avenue Artwalk
Montana Ave.,
5 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Artwork of various mediums will be featured on Montana Avenue from Seventh to 17th streets. Over 50 visual artists and museums will be present along the 10-block stretch, and amblers will be offered deals and specials while perusing the popular shopping district.
For more information, visit www.montanaave.com.

Carlin relived
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Kelly Carlin, daughter of the late and great comedian George Carlin, recounts her life as the child of a man who became famous for his iconoclastic humor. Carlin gives Santa Monicans a sneak peak of her show on the Playhouse Main Stage before its debut at the Montreal Comedy Festival. Cost: $20 per ticket. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1.

Friday, July 22, 2011

Book signing
Barnes & Noble Booksellers
1201 Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m.
Author Adam Chester leads a discussion of his new book, "S'Mother." A book signing will follow. For more information, call (310) 260-9110.

'A Year with Frog and Toad'
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
A perfect family show, the SMC Studio Stage, Theatre Arts Complex will play home to "A Year with Frog and Toad" on Friday. Based on the books by Arnold Lobel, this play details frog and toad's adventures through the four seasons, and tells the audience what lessons they've learned along the way. Admission: $10 ($5 for children ages 2-12). For more information, visit www.smc.edu.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Moving on up

Andrew Thomas, who served as director of operations for Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. for 10 years, announced his resignation Wednesday.

After his last day on the job next Friday, he will jump into his new gig as executive director of the Westwood Village Improvement Association on Aug. 1.

As director of operations for Downtown Santa Monica Inc., Thomas managed a yearly budget of about $2.5 million.

He was known for creating the Ambassador Program, which helps inform and direct visitors and offers escort services to Santa Monica employees.

Thomas also oversaw the Enhanced Maintenance Program that was dedicated to keeping parking structures, alleyways and sidewalks clean. He was often spotted on his "walkabouts," personally inspecting the state of cleanliness in Downtown, according to a statement released Wednesday.

Many of his colleagues are sad to see him go, but believe he will be well equipped for his new job.

"Westwood is fortunate to have him," said CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. Kathleen Rawson.

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DOWNTOWN

SMC planetarium to close for renovations

The Santa Monica College John Drescher Planetarium will be closed for the remainder of July and the month of August to replace its projectors.

When purchased in the 1990s, the projectors were state-of-the-art, said college spokesman Bruce Smith, but now they've grown obsolete.

The planetarium expects to reopen with new projectors in September.

The July 22 and 29 shows of "Apollo 15 + 40 years," have been canceled, as well as the August showings of "Dawn at Vesta."

Though tickets are usually purchased at the door, individuals who have purchased tickets for canceled shows will be able to redeem their purchase for a future screening.

The "Apollo" show will run the first two weeks after renovations have finished, and the "Dawn" show will run the following two weeks.

Planetarium shows occur every Friday.

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

TRENDING UPWARD: **Tagging and graffiti are scrawled on a wall near Santa Monica High School. The same wall also features legitimate art.**

Graffiti, tagging on the rise in Santa Monica

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITYWIDE It can be found on street signs, bus benches, bathroom stalls and the Santa Monica Pier. Graffiti, it seems, is making a comeback and city officials are left scratching their heads as to why.

While vandalism — which can include everything from slashed tires and broken windows to salt-damaged lawns — is on the decline, Santa Monica police officers have reported an increase in the amount of graffiti they see while on patrol.

As of Monday, the SMPD received 155 reports of graffiti this year compared to 92 during the same period last year, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesman for the SMPD. But, there are many more reports that do not come directly to law enforcement.

Graffiti removal teams responded to 30,240 reports of graffiti last fiscal year, up from 23,159 in the year prior and 19,583 a year before that.

"We're definitely experiencing a jump," said Lewis, who could only speculate as to the cause.

"It could be because of rising gang tensions, but a lot of it is tagging by outside influences coming into the city."

Tagging refers to the signing of a name or moniker anywhere in public.

Other causes for the increase could be better reporting by residents using City

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Pets with broken bones need extra TLC

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Broken bones for dogs and cats may not be life threatening, but a trip to the vet can guard against more serious injury.

Even for the most mild-mannered of pets, a car crash, fight or fall can be traumatizing and require extra care in handling, said Dr. Ann Hohenhaus, a New York City vet who wrote guidelines on dealing with broken bones in animals for the pet section of the health site WebMD.

"The dog's doing what he should do. He hurts. It's painful and you're fussing with him and he's going to bite you," she said.

Don Montes, who owns an around-the-clock pet ambulance service in New York, suggests muzzling an injured animal for transport.

"Muzzles are important even if your dog is a lamb and usually licks you to death," he said.

If you don't have one already, a necktie will work because it's soft and long.

Hohenhaus doesn't have a good substitute for a cat muzzle, but putting a thick or

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Parking problem

Editor:

[The other day] I experienced the new Downtown parking garage system for the first time. It was a nightmare.

Twenty or so people were crowded around the checkout machine bottleneck. Have you discontinued the provision for handicapped customers? I tried to talk to the attendant on the call button, but couldn't hear her because of the crowd.

The [rows] of moving cars were slow as snails, probably due to the bottleneck at the exit gate. Do you put in the original ticket or the receipt showing you've paid? Which side up?

When I finally escaped the parking prison, I vowed never to patronize any Downtown Santa Monica business ever again.

A few years ago, Home Depot on Jefferson Boulevard installed self-checkout lines. Customers still prefer a human checkout experience, and stand in long lines to have it. The self-checkout stations are usually empty.

Is the small amount you save on a handful of minimum wage jobs worth the customers Santa Monica will lose to this harebrained idea? A percentage of locals will adapt, but I'll bet tourists will be too exasperated to return to Santa Monica.

I think of courteous parking attendants as ambassadors of hospitality and good will.

Toby Considine
Santa Monica

Kindness is key

Editor:

I thought the letter by Thom Senzee was terrific ("Chris to the rescue," Letters to the Editor, July 12). The kindness shown to him was so touching.

It reminded me of a kindness I've never forgotten. It was in 1943. My father had died in World War II. I was home for a week and then the day I returned to school, Pacific Palisades Grammar School, at recess, I was sitting on the steps by my classroom. Mrs. Cole, my third grade teacher, suddenly came out and sat down next to me. I looked at her but we didn't speak. We just sat there together for awhile. I don't know what I thought then and of course I was too shy to say anything. But I'll never forget how much it meant to me.

Caroline Jacobs
Santa Monica

Worried about the future

Editor:

I just read Bill Bauer's column ("Trio of developments adds more nastiness," My Write, July 18) and feel very worried about my future in Santa Monica. I just happen to live in the residential neighborhood east of all this new development. I challenge any developer to drive around here just one afternoon at 5 p.m. and then tell me they can fit another few thousand cars in this area.

I spoke to a lovely person at the planning department who listened carefully to me while I listed my concerns. She then went on to tell me how wonderful it would be when I would just be able to walk to the stores or restaurants nearby. That's nice, I think, because I can't get out of my neighborhood as it is, to drive anywhere during rush hour.

I moved here 40 years ago to send my children to the best school district in the area. Now I wonder why I stayed. I think that if I don't sell my old house I will end up like the old man in the movie "Up," surrounded by high-rise apartments. I had planned on just staying here on this comfy old street.

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Stories from the Street

Ron Hooks — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The battle still rages on

IT'S HAPPENED THREE TIMES SINCE Christmas. We have met three honorably-discharged Iraqi and/or Afghanistan war veterans that were homeless. They were all very young and had one thing in common. When they got out, they got into trouble. Really quick. One guy only made it two weeks in civilian clothes. It took only slightly longer for the other two.

I want to focus in on the first guy we met. He was amazing to me. He's exactly what you would think a proud soldier should look like. He was a decorated U.S. Army Ranger. Tall and muscular, he is a handsome fellow. He's the kind of guy you would want with you if you're in a tight spot.

I asked him what happened. He said that he had trouble adjusting. He said the jump from the battlefield in Afghanistan to the backyard with his wife and kid in Georgia should have been easy. Yet he felt edgy, out of step; he said that he couldn't communicate right. One night he decided to go to a bar and cool down a little. It was there that things got out of control.

"Somebody said something. I don't really remember what happened," said the former Ranger. "Next thing I know, I was really punching this guy," and he just froze as he was telling me the story. He said that he thinks about the war all the time.

One of my friends on the police force who was U.S. Army Airborne came out and talked with him, too. He said that the guy was legit. He had been there and done it.

Two weeks as a civilian and then 18 months in jail. He couldn't believe that it had happened to him. When he was released from jail he returned home, but only for a day or two, and then he took off. He tried to go home several more times after that to his very understanding wife but he just couldn't do it. "Why?" I asked. He said, "I know she loves me. I'm ashamed, embarrassed, can't believe I did so good over there, then all this. I have disappointed myself and my family. It's like I am lost. Just don't know what to do."

He had only been in Santa Monica for a couple of days when I met him. He had spent about two months in Venice. He said he knew he was going to get into serious trouble there but wanted to check out Santa Monica before he left the West Coast. He had been bouncing around trying to find the answer for awhile now. No luck yet.

I told him that there was help available for him. I asked him if he would like for me to take him to the Veterans Administration center and introduce him to some of the good folks that I know there. He said he wanted to wait until he gets home to get locked into the V.A.

I asked him if he wanted to call and talk to someone back home. "Can I do that?" he answered, sort of surprised. The only number he would let me dial for him was to a family friend. The whole conversation evolved around questions about his wife and child. "If you see them, tell 'em that I love them," was how he ended the conversation. The door was still open for him to go home.

When we saw him the next day he said that he wanted to start making his way east. His friend had offered him a place to stay. "Will you be close to your wife?" I asked. "In the same town," he replied. "It will be the closest that I have been to home in over a year."

THE TRANSITION FROM THE BATTLEFIELD DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE OK JUST BECAUSE YOU ARRIVED HOME IN ONE PIECE. THE WOUNDS ARE OFTEN HIDDEN FROM SIGHT.

We had a long conversation the day before he left. He said that he felt much better because he had bottled up a lot of stuff. I challenged him to keep talking about it, to get it out, say it, to hear what he is thinking, it will help him clear things up. He promised me that he would find a counselor in Georgia. He was ready to deal with it.

The transition from the battlefield doesn't mean that you are going to be OK just because you arrived home in one piece. The wounds are often hidden from sight. They're on the inside. There is a battle that still rages in the mind. The Ranger said, "Once you have been in hand-to-hand combat you are never the same." It is one thing to fire on somebody from the distance. But when you have looked in a man's eyes, experienced the struggle of a man fighting for his life, he said, "It's hard to make the images go away."

We are keeping tabs on him. He made it back to his family friend's house in Georgia. Soon we hope to hear the words, "I'm home!" We wish you well, soldier.

RON HOOKS is the founder and executive director of West Coast Care, a nonprofit. WCC is part of the Santa Monica Police Department's Joint Homeless Outreach Program. Since October 2006, more than 1,000 homeless have been compassionately helped to transition off of the streets of Santa Monica by reconnecting them with their families, placing them into housing and/or treatment programs. Learn more at westcoastcare.org.





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Relax a little during vacation

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

It seems to be the season for vacations and getaways. As a result I have booked a vacation and would like your advice for making the most of it. On previous vacations I have had a difficult time un-winding. I find that for most of the trip I am worrying about work, checking in with the office via e-mail and checking voicemails and thinking about how I will manage my workload upon my return. Given that my job is quite stressful, I am hoping you have some advice about how I can take time to relax and keep my mind off work. Thank you for your time.

Signed,
Workaholic

DEAR WORKAHOLIC,

Vacations provide a great opportunity to relax and unwind, but some people find that it takes the majority of their vacation to finally relax — and others keep themselves so busy that they need a vacation from their vacation. In planning your trip I would encourage you to schedule for flexibility. Give yourself the freedom to be spontaneous and make decisions based on your mood or the weather. This break in the structure of everyday life can help snap you into a state where you can relax and enjoy the world around you.

Unless certain attractions require advance tickets, try not to be too structured in your itinerary. Make a list of things you'd like to do instead of mapping out your days minute by minute. If you must organize your schedule, try grouping attractions by location and plan a day for each location. This way you will have a plan of the places you'd like to see but some flexibility in deciding when and if to go. You might also consider avoiding typical tourist stops as they may be filled with lines and long waits which can increase your anxiety level and keep you from relaxing. Try your best not to worry about fitting it all in — sometimes overdoing it on vacation results in feeling even more tired than when you left.

To start, unpack your suitcase soon after you arrive. Even if you are only planning to be away for a few days, try putting your things away to feel settled in your new surroundings. This will make your hotel room feel like a mini home away from home. Feeling confined and cluttered will certainly not help you relax.

Set a budget ahead of time. It's natural to feel some anxiety if you feel that you are spending a lot of money. Using cash and setting a limit for each day can be a good way to keep track of your expenses and reduce anxiety about how much you're spending or how high your credit card bill might end up at the end of your trip.

Take time to do things you enjoy and treat yourself to things you do not normally indulge in. As working professionals much of our time is often focused on taking care of other people. A vacation is a great time to reward yourself. Consider a fancy meal, scheduling a massage, attending a play or concert — do something that will help you relax and create memories that will last well past your vacation.

Try your best to resist the urge to remain connected to the office. Before you leave, designate someone in the office to respond to issues during your vacation. Then set the automatic responder on your e-mail and phone to indicate that you will be out of the office until a specified date and provide the contact details for your colleague. Knowing that someone else is responsible for handling issues that may come up in your absence may help to give some peace of mind during your vacation. If you must check in with the office consider setting parameters around this, such as checking in for 10 minutes at the start of each day. You may also find it beneficial to limit your general time on the phone, computer or social networking accounts so you can be in the moment and enjoy your surroundings.

Finally, you might also consider reserving an extra vacation day at the end of your trip. Having this extra time to adjust back to normal life may help you to tie up loose ends at home, unpack your suitcase, go grocery shopping, and get ready for the return to work.

Enjoy your time away and promise to make time for yourself — you deserve it!

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The Q Line

Are you afraid of cell phones, smart meters?

People concerned about the possible health impacts of microwaves emitted from cell phones and other wireless devices and transmission towers are leading a charge to have the City Council mandate warning labels be placed on such devices.

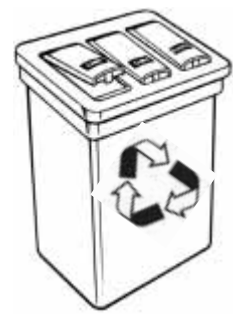
So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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BAGS
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motes eco-friendly practices through the city's Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Miller, who had success slaying the specter of Styrofoam containers in the city, got the idea for the program from an attorney-friend, who admitted to having a stash of nearly 60 reusable bags in a closet.

In a green city like Santa Monica, more people like that must exist, and could be convinced to donate their surplus to the cause, Miller reasoned.

The approach would promote reuse, and it might help Santa Monicans who don't rely on reusable bags for their daily needs adjust to the full-stop on single-use plastic bags that City Hall will enforce come September.

Although the ban, approved in November 2010, has technically been in place since March, City Hall granted a six-month grace period to let stores burn through their stockpiles of plastic bags and give residents a chance to practice their sustainable habits.

The ban will prohibit single-use plastic bags from almost all retail locations in city limits, including the Farmers' Markets.

The markets will also prohibit paper bags for everything except the sale of mushrooms, Miller said.

With September looming large, City Hall is putting the pedal to the metal on the $20,000 bag-sharing campaign.

The Office of Sustainability and the Environment purchased thousands of reusable bags through a program that employs disabled veterans to sew them.

Each bag is made of the same material that form military medical backpacks, meaning they're durable, washable and will stand the test of time.

They also come with an inner pouch that the entire bag can be tucked into for convenience.

The ability to create a supply of free bags helps address issues raised by community stakeholders about the bag ban, namely that the poor and elderly would have a difficult time affording reusable bags, said Andrew Basmajian with City Hall's Environmental Programs Division.

"Some people felt that purchasing them was prohibitively expensive," Basmajian said. "We want to meet as many needs in the community as possible."

Bags will be spread out at 17 locations across Santa Monica including the four Farmers' Markets that take place in the city each week, 10 retail locations that specialize in reselling used items, the Ambassador's Desk on Third Street Promenade, the Chamber of Commerce and the City Hall help desk.

Angela Lund, the owner of Baby Daze Boutique, a consignment store for baby clothing and other items, said her customers have been taking advantage of the new bags.

"I think it's a great, fantastic idea," Lund said. "It's definitely working in my store, although I do have a great client base that's very aware of the environment."

So far, several of the 25 bags have gone out the door, and two have come back in.

Miller hopes that a more fluid exchange of bags will become the norm after more people learn about the program.

"It's like any new habit," she said. "We'll see in a couple of weeks if it takes."

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CARREY
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While Carrey embraced open space, he bore the standard of recreation areas both before he joined the commission and throughout his terms.

Through his five children, Carrey was heavily involved in youth sports. He coached for 15 years, and served on the Little League and softball boards, as well as chairing the Physical Education Advisory Committee for the school district for five years.

Joining the commission gave him an opportunity to create and maintain sports fields in a more direct way, Carrey said.

As a result, Carrey was involved in the Playground Partnership, which opened up elementary school fields to the general public, and the Civic Center Joint Use Project, which will do the same for high school fields.

During his tenure, the Airport Park took shape, which placed soccer fields right next to the airport and the Santa Monica College Bundy Campus. City Hall also installed a skate park in Memorial Park, and secured extra space — the old Fisher Lumber site — that could later be developed into an expansion of the park's facilities.

Carrey also lists the 15,000 square foot Euclid "pocket park" and Annenberg Community Beach House amongst the commission's accomplishments during his tenure.

In general, commissioners' may serve two, four-year terms, with the potential to get a third term tacked on by a council vote.

Carrey exceeded even that.

He was originally appointed in 1999, putting him a few months above the 12-year mark, and his term continues on until someone is officially appointed to replace him.


CARREY

They will be hard shoes to fill, Brock said.

"I will especially miss his wisdom, humor and his tenacity on the Recreation & Parks Commission," Brock said. "I can't emphasize how well he has served our citizens."

Carrey does have some concerns about the attitudes of the remaining commissioners, and hopes that they will keep up the recreation side of the commission's charge.

"They have good ideas, but it's too early. We have a lot of new commissioners that do too many things and spread themselves too thin," Carrey said. "Playing fields will have a voice, but I think we may have lost the stronger voices."

For himself, leaving the commission will free up some time, but Carrey isn't concerned about getting bored.

He plans to continue his advocacy for sports fields from outside of the commission, noting that he had checked the obituaries, and he's not there yet.

"People ask me, 'What are you going to do next?' I have some bullet points. I don't work full-time, but I still work. I play tennis three days a week, and I'm a chair and co-chair with the school district. I work on six non-profit boards.

"I'm not going to run out of things to do," Carrey said.

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PETS
FROM PAGE 3

folded blanket over a cat with a broken bone will serve as a buffer between you and the cat's claws and teeth.

The most commonly broken pet bones are the femur, pelvis, skull, jaw and spine.

There are two kinds of bone fractures — open and closed.

You might not even notice a simple closed break right away because it doesn't break skin. A cat might hide under a bed or sofa. A dog will probably limp, lick the wound, have trouble sleeping or sleep all the time, Hohenhaus said.

Richard Vogel, a photo editor for The Associated Press in Los Angeles, was playing with his dog at a park when Marley chased a squirrel up a tree. She started limping soon after. Two days later, the limp continued. An X-ray revealed a broken toe and Marley required a cast.

Dr. Kelly Miller, who treated Marley, said most open fractures happen when a dog is hit by a car or attacked by a bigger dog. Most closed fractures are caused by falls.

A large percentage of the broken bones treated where Miller works, VCA McClave Animal Hospital, belong to dogs that weigh under 10 pounds.

"They have long, thin bones and break their legs jumping off things like beds or the back of couches," she said.

The tiniest of dogs, weighing 3 to 5 pounds, have very small bone structure and it doesn't take a very high fall to hurt them.

"I've had two cases where they broke both front legs when they landed. It can be very traumatic," Miller said.

She recommends teaching small dogs to use doggie stairs or a ramp so they don't leap off furniture.

In open, or compound fractures, bone goes through skin and you have the added worry of infection from dirt and bacteria. "Antibiotics in under four hours is the golden period," Hohenhaus said.

Few animals die of broken bones, Hohenhaus said, "But a broken bone may not be the most serious problem your pet has." It could have a punctured lung, a ruptured spleen or even go into shock.

Pet ambulances are available in big cities. Montes has climate-controlled vans, complete with padding, stretchers and ramps. First aid and oxygen are also available.

If you are transporting yourself, Hohenhaus has some tips.

Fashion a stretcher to stabilize the animal, using a baby's bathtub for medium pets or sheets for larger ones, for example.

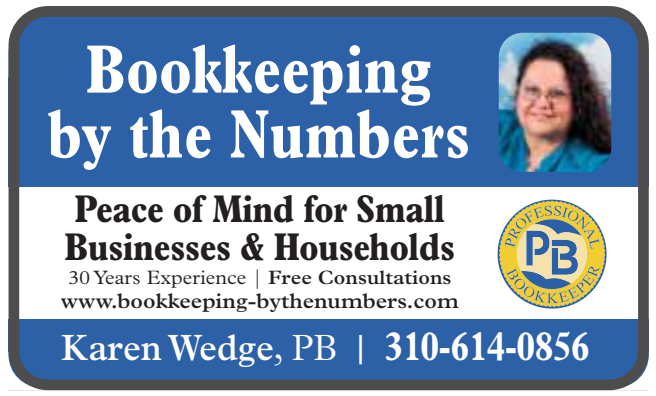
Splinting can relieve pain and prevent shock but it can also cause more harm than good. Look at how bad the animal is hurt, where the break is, how long before you can get to a vet, if you have the materials and if the pet will allow it.

Splints can be improvised using rolled newspapers or paper towel rolls, or even thick cardboard and tape. Don't wrap too tightly. If you do splint, do it in the position you find the animal. Never try to straighten a crooked leg.

If your animal is small enough to carry, do not pull on its legs to lift it, make sure the injured side is facing away from you, and carry it close to your chest in case it squirms.

A pet ambulance trip costs $255 and goes up depending on extras like oxygen, bandages and distance, Montes said. He said at least two pet insurance companies cover the service.

The technicians take vital signs, make sure animals are comfortable, try to control bleeding and communicate with the clinics so vets know what to expect. They do not administer IVs or insert catheters, Montes said. And it is illegal for them to use lights or sirens.









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SUIT
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sion between the forces that made "American Idol" one of the past decade's most popular shows in the United States.

Fuller imported the format from Britain, where he launched "Pop Idol." The U.S. version debuted in 2001 and featured Cowell as a judge whose biting remarks to contestants became a fixture and a ratings magnet.

Cowell created "X-Factor" three years later; it also premiered in England.

That prompted Fuller to sue Cowell for copyright infringement, and according to his lawsuit, Fox and Fremantle stepped in to preserve "American Idol."

Fuller's lawsuit claims he settled the case in 2005 against Cowell after Fox and Fremantle promised him that "X-Factor" would not air in the United States until 2011, Cowell would remain an "Idol" judge for five more seasons, and Fuller would be granted an executive producer credit on Cowell's show if it ever aired in the United States.

"Despite the clear agreement to grant Fuller an executive producer credit and to pay him an executive producer fee, defendants have refused to honor their obligations and have further refused to negotiate in good faith," the lawsuit states.

The U.S.-version of X-Factor will begin airing on Fox on Sept. 21.

The case is unlikely to be settled for anything remotely as cheap as a song, with both sides releasing dueling statements hours after the case was filed.

"Mr. Fuller has not been hired, nor performed any duties, on the U.S. version of 'The X Factor,'" Fox and FremantleMedia wrote in a joint statement. "His suit seeks payment and credit as an executive producer despite his neither having been approved by the required parties, nor hired, as such. We believe this lawsuit is without merit and we expect to prevail."

Fuller's attorney, Dale Kinsella, called the companies' position that Fuller needed to be approved as an executive producer on "X-Factor" absurd.

"Fox is contractually obligated to approve Fuller as executive producer and compensate him accordingly, and it is because of the breach of the 2005 binding agreement that the case was filed," Kinsella wrote in a statement. "Fox appears to be admitting openly that they have failed to honor the contract terms."

An initial hearing in the case is scheduled for Nov. 7 in Santa Monica.

GRAFFITI
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Hall's graffiti hotline or smart phone app GORequest, high unemployment and anxiety about the future, or the simple fact that it's summer and kids do not have school or homework to keep them occupied.

"Summer is our busiest time of the year," said Martin Pastucha, public works director for City Hall who oversees the graffiti abatement program. "We even saw [graffiti] on some trees."

Others have pointed to a glamorization of graffiti, reflected by a new "street art" exhibit at the Sunset Marquis Hotel in West Hollywood as well as an earlier show at the Museum of Contemporary Art, which celebrated wealthy graffiti artists like Banksy or Shepard Fairey, who designed the famous Obama "Hope" poster.

People are using the community as their canvas, some looking for fame and fortune while others simply want to impress friends or outshine rival tagging crews.

Areas hardest hit in Santa Monica are Main Street, Downtown, Virginia Avenue Park and the Santa Monica Pier, Lewis said.

City Hall spent $392,649 on its graffiti abatement program, Pastucha said. Three full-time employees and a contractor use a pressure washer, ice blasting machine and environmentally-friendly cleaners (a last resort) to remove graffiti.

"We try to respond as quickly as possible, usually within a day" of receiving a complaint, he said.

Police are on the lookout for anyone vandalizing public or private property and will make arrests or issue citations, Lewis said. It's not a case of officers being too busy.

"When we see it, we'll crack down on it," he said.

To contact the graffiti abatement team call, (310) 458-2231. To learn more about environmentally-friendly ways to clean up the mess, visit www.smgov.net/departments/ose.

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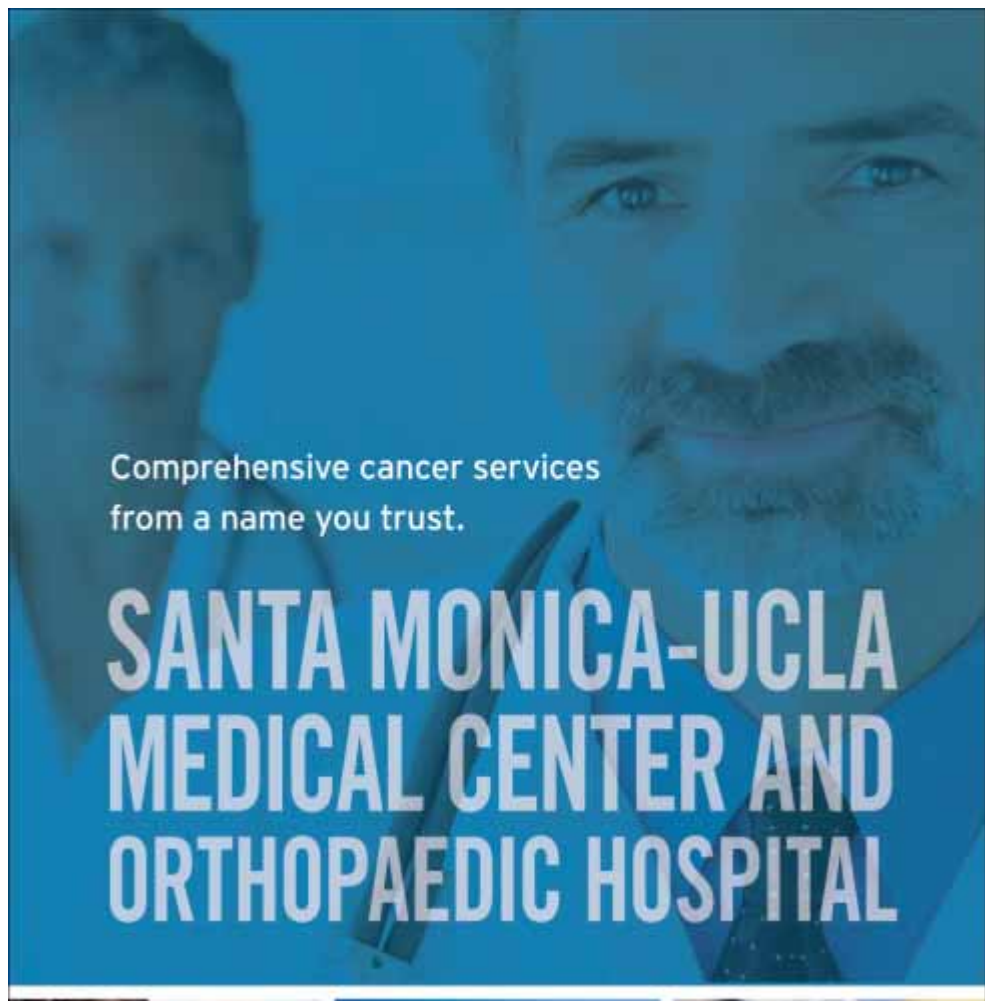


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WASHINGTON Millions of women stand to gain free access to a broad menu of birth control methods, thanks to a recommendation issued this week by health experts advising the government.

An Institute of Medicine panel recommended that the government require health insurance companies to cover birth control for women as preventive care, without copayments. Contraception — along with such care as diabetes tests during pregnancy and screening for the virus that causes cervical cancer — was one of eight recommended preventive services for women.

"Unintended pregnancies carry health consequences for the mother — psychological, emotional and physical — and also consequences for the newborn," said Dr. Linda Rosenstock, panel chairwoman and dean of public health at the University of California, Los Angeles. "The overwhelming evidence was strongly supportive of the health benefit" of contraception.

A half century after the introduction of the birth control pill, the panel's recommendations may help to usher in another revolution. Medical experts say easier access could start a shift to more reliable forms of long-acting birth control, such as implants or IUDs, which are gaining acceptance in other economically developed countries.

President Barack Obama's health care law already requires most health plans to provide standard preventive care for people of both sexes at no additional charge to patients. Women's health recommendations were considered new and politically sensitive territory, so the nonpartisan institute was asked to examine the issue. The institute advises the government on complex matters related to medical science and health care policy.

Nonetheless, a fight over social mores is still likely. Catholic bishops and other religious and social conservatives say pregnancy is a healthy condition and the government should not require insurance coverage of drugs and other methods that prevent it. (Most health plans already cover contraception.)

Short of repealing part of the health care law, it's unclear what opponents can do to block the recommendations. A final decision by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is expected around Aug. 1.

Sebelius called the recommendations "historic," and said they are based on science. "I appreciate the hard work and thoughtful analysis that went into this report," she said.

Under the law, the earliest the final requirements would take effect is next year. In many cases, it's likely to be Jan.1, 2013.

"We are one step closer to saying goodbye to an era when simply being a woman was treated as a pre-existing condition," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., who sponsored the women's health amendment.

Birth control use is "virtually universal" in the United States, according to a government report last year. Generic versions of the pill are available for as little as $9 a month at big drug store chains.

Yet about half of all pregnancies are unplanned. Many occur among women using some form of contraception, and forgetting to use it is a major reason. Experts say a shift to longer acting forms of birth control would help.

Contraception is about more than simply preventing pregnancy — it can help make a woman's next pregnancy healthier by spacing births far enough apart, generally 18 months to two years. Research links closely spaced births to a risk of such problems as prematurity, low birth weight, even autism.

Other preventive services recommended by the IOM panel include:

• At least one "well-woman" preventive care visit annually.

• Annual HIV counseling and screening for sexually active women.

• Screening for and counseling about domestic violence.

• Annual counseling on sexually transmitted infections for sexually active women.

• Support for breast feeding mothers, including the cost of renting pumps.

The screening for the virus that causes cervical cancer is for women starting at age 30, no more frequently than every three years. As for the pregnancy diabetes check, it should come at the first prenatal visit for high-risk women, and between 24 and 28 weeks for all others.

Although the services will be free of any additional charge to patients, somebody has to pay. The cost is likely to be spread among other people with health insurance, resulting in slightly higher premiums.

It's unclear how easy it will be to take advantage of the no-copay rule in the doctor's office. Consider: A woman sees the doctor about pain in her hip — paying the required the copay — but during the same visit, receives her overdue screening for cervical cancer.

The Health and Human Services Department should require that the woman not be charged lab fees for that cervical test even though it wasn't scheduled separately as a preventive-care visit, said Cynthia Pearson of the National Women's Health Network.

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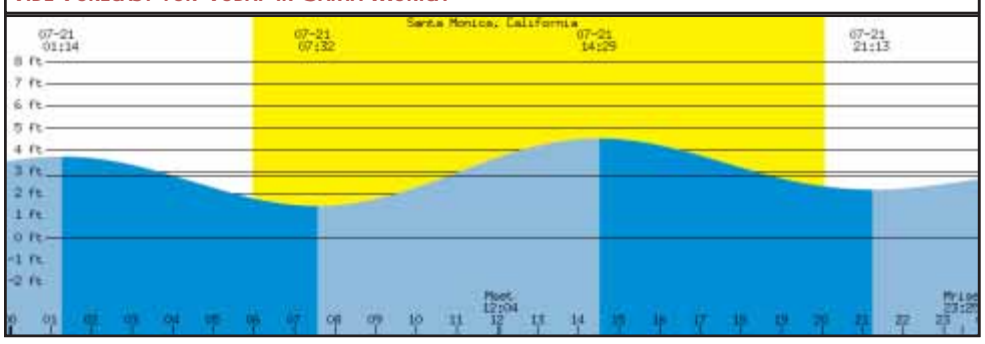
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Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
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Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
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Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
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.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
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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Dodgers fire hitting coach Pentland

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The Los Angeles Dodgers fired hitting coach Jeff Pentland on Wednesday, another dismal sign for a once proud franchise that has fallen on hard times.

Pentland was replaced by assistant Dave Hansen for the rest of the season.

"It was a very tough decision," General Manager Ned Colletti said. "This is a good man. Pent has always been a good man and a very good hitting guy, but this is a reflection on how we're hitting."

Los Angeles had a .250 team batting average and was second only to the San Diego Padres with the fewest runs scored in the National League when Pentland was fired. The team also ranked 26th in slugging percentage (.361) and 20th in on-base percentage (.314) in the majors.

The Dodgers had lost four straight games and six in a row to the rival Giants, the longest such streak since 1969. Los Angeles began the day tied with the Padres for last in the NL West.

"It's a pretty crappy day, honestly," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said. "I know how much (Pentland) worked and how much he cared about these guys. It's a pretty disappointing day.

"I don't care how you slice it, guys gotta do their thing, guys gotta hit," he added. "You can help a guy, but you can only help them to a point."

There mood was somber in the visitors' clubhouse at AT&T Park.

Pentland was in his fourth season with the Dodgers and first as the club's primary hitting coach, and he was generally respected by players. Most understood why the decision was made but felt for Pentland.

"He was a good hitting coach," All-Star center fielder Matt Kemp said. "I just feel bad that he lost his job on our behalf."

The struggles on the field are overshadowed only by those off it.

The bitter divorce proceedings between team owner Frank McCourt and his estranged wife, Jamie, started a downward spiral that is showing no end. Major League Baseball assumed control of the club's day-to-day operations in mid-April and McCourt recently filed for bankruptcy protection.

McCourt took that Chapter 11 action after Commissioner Bud Selig rejected a proposed broadcast rights deal that McCourt believes would've alleviated worries about covering payroll expenses every two weeks. Lawyers for both sides were in a Delaware courtroom Wednesday wrangling over the franchise's future.

The baseball operations staff and players have tried to keep the focus on the field, even if that hasn't been easy lately.

Colletti started to contemplate replacing Pentland before last week's All-Star break but held off hoping that the time off would help the team snap out of its summer-long funk. No such luck.

Hansen, who was already assisting Pentland as hitting coach, played 15 seasons in the majors — 11 with the Dodgers. He was the Arizona Diamondbacks' minor league hitting coordinator the last three seasons until joining Mattingly's staff this year.

Hansen said his promotion was bittersweet because he had great respect for Pentland.

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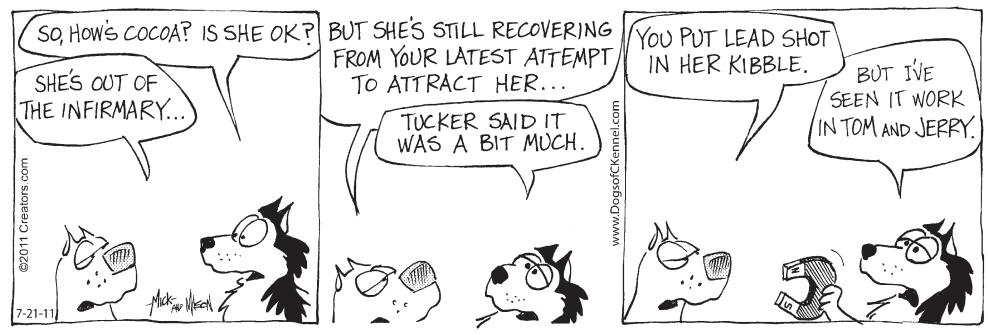
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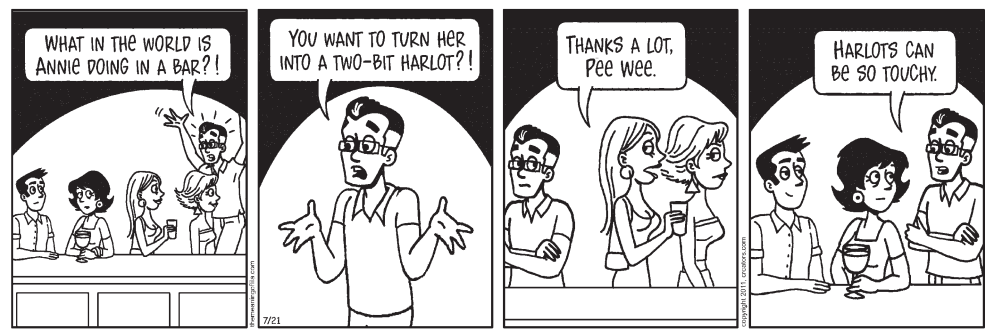
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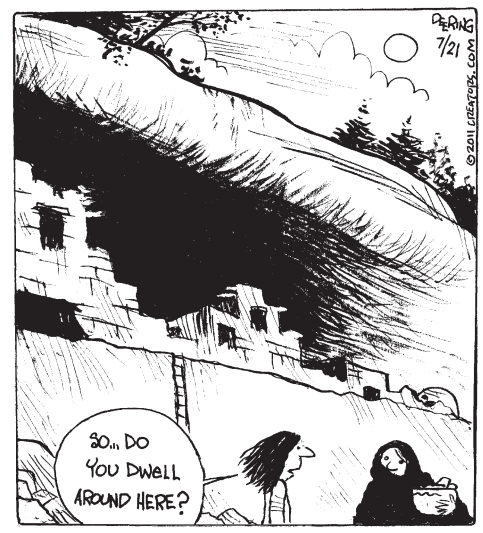
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Happy Birthday, Jean McNeil Wyner!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ If someone rains on your parade, it might not be intentional. Fatigue could mark your decisions early on. Go for a walk, have a cup of coffee or whatever you need to perk up. Tonight: On a roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Your instinct might be to cocoon. Actually, if you can afford to take some much-needed time off, by all means, do so. Look to reorganizing what needs to be done. Simplify, please. Tonight: Easy continues to work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Know where you want to go. Choose your companions with care, as there could be some fallout. Examine your goals during a meeting of associates. Are you able to do what you want? Expand your circle of friends. Tonight: Think "early weekend."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take a stand and do whatever is needed. Fatigue surrounds a domestic issue. You simply might not want to hear about it anymore, or at least until you see a resolution ahead. Assume responsibility gracefully. Tonight: Could go late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to open up and explore other options. When you hit an obstacle, turn around and look for a different path. Creativity opens up many doors that you normally would not try to open. Try detaching to get a complete perspective. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to re-evaluate a situation more carefully involving a key partnership and/or funds. No matter how sure you are that you have looked at all the risks and outcomes, you haven't. Events will let you know otherwise. Tonight: Togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be inadvertently raining on someone's parade. It could be your attitude, and it will have long-term implications that you really don't want. Allow others with a better attitude to take the lead. Tonight: Say "yes" to a suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Understand what you are saying and what you mean. Someone you like to work with could be so enthusiastic that you cannot seem to get a suggestion in. Let this person go ahead. Go off and do something different. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ One person might say "yes" while another says "no." In a situation like this, you might want to look at the common thread between these two, or go off and do what you want. Tonight: Brainstorm with a loved one. Make weekend plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Realize you can say what you want, but know that ultimately your attitude could define a situation far more than you think. You might not be able to put off dealing with an emotional issue or a situation around your home much longer. Tonight: Head home. Get some rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Breeze through your morning, making sure to take that extra moment or two to check in and find out how others are. News from a distance might not be forthcoming. Keep trying to get more information, and refuse to jump to conclusions. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A partner definitely nixes an idea, which might leave you in limbo. You have strong feelings about directions and choices. You might want to proceed anyway if you feel that strongly. Could there be a midpoint of agreement? Tonight: Buy a small gift for a loved one on the way home.

Happy birthday

This year, you greet many new possibilities professionally. However, putting so much effort into work or community commitments will take away from your personal life. A family member could feel sad and neglected. Do your best to juggle your time and attention. You also might decide to set up a home office to help. Some of you will be investing in real estate as well. If you are single, you meet people easily, as you have a high profile. In such a changeable period, the person you choose today could be different from the one you would choose later. If you are attached, do your best to bring your sweetie into your outside activities. ARIES knows how to get you motivated.

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

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.

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10 Puzzled
12 Silver buy
13 Parceled
14 Because of
15 Hydro-carbon suffix
16 Furniture item
18 Furniture item
20 Big galoot
21 Skunk's defense
23 Balloon fill
24 Hawaiian do
26 Like peas in —
28 Grammys category
29 Tennis star Sampras
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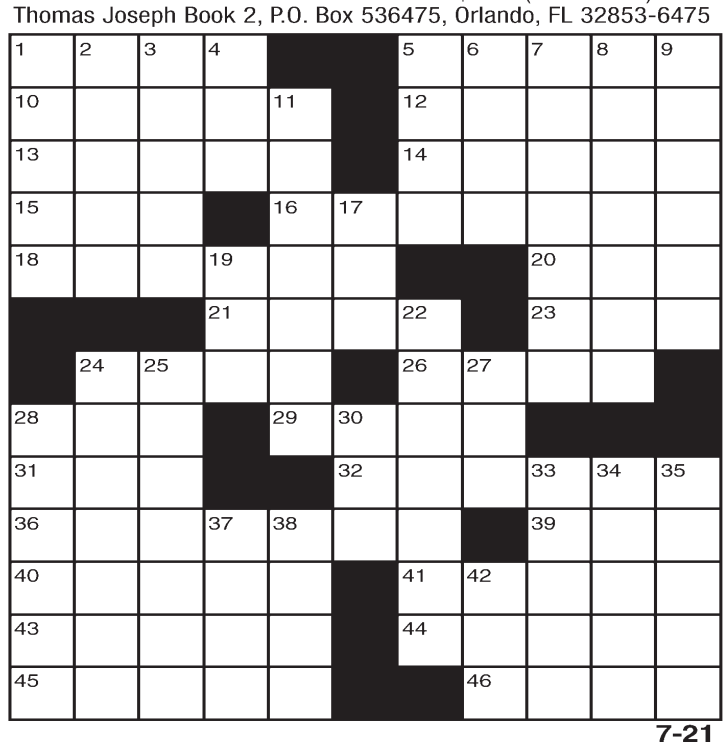
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2 Make amends
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6 Burden
7 Long in the past
8 Spot to jot
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11 Made sense
17 Early auto
19 — degree
22 Jack-hammer sound
24 University of Wyoming site
25 In the sky
27 Stock holder
28 Bring to mind
30 Genesis name
33 Marie Curie's daughter
34 Airs
35 Baking need
37 Furious
38 Costner role of 1987
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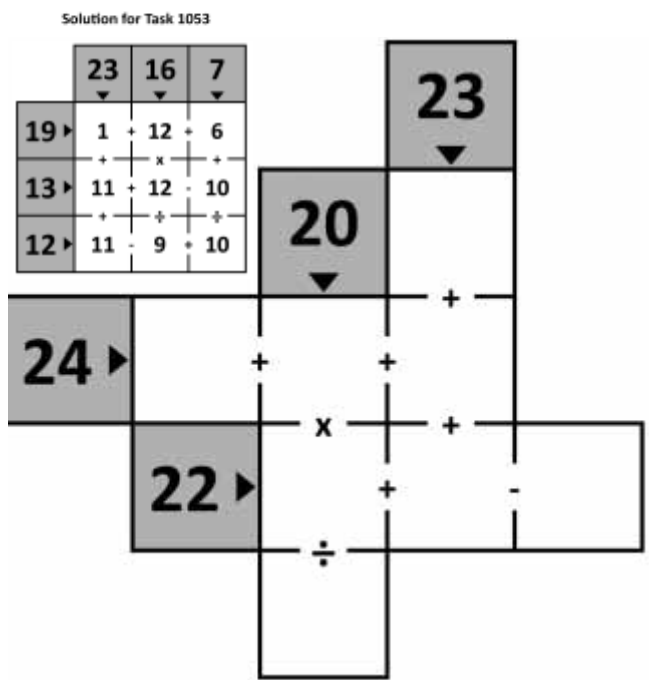
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Gregory Snelling, 41, was indicted in June for the robbery of a KeyBank branch in Springfield, Ohio, which was notable more for the foot chase with police afterward. They caught him, but Snelling might deserve "style" points for the run, covered as he was in red dye from the money bag and the fact that he was holding a beer in his hand during the entire chase.

■ (1) Brent Kendall, 31, was arrested in June in Coralville, Iowa, and charged with criminal mischief after he allegedly reacted to a domestic quarrel with his live-in girlfriend by cutting up items of her clothing and urinating on her bed and computer. (2) An employee of Bed, Bath and Beyond at the St. Davids Square shopping center in Radnor, Pa., reported to police on June 5 that, for the second time in two weeks, he had come across a bag (estimated to weigh about 35 pounds) behind the store, filled with human vomit.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1865 In the market square of Springfield, Missouri, Wild Bill Hickok shoots and kills Davis Tutt in what is regarded as the first western showdown.

1873 At Adair, Iowa, Jesse James and the James-Younger Gang pull off the first successful train robbery in the American Old West.

1877 After rioting by Baltimore and Ohio Railroad workers and the deaths of nine rail workers at the hands of the Maryland militia, workers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania stage a sympathy strike that is met with an assault by the state militia.

1904 Louis Rigolly, a Frenchman, becomes the first man to break the 100 mph (161 km/h) barrier on land. He drove a 15-liter Gobron-Brille in Ostend, Belgium.

1914 The Crown council of Romania decides the country shall remain neutral in World War I

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