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THE SPARE CHANGE ISSUE



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TAKING IT WITH YOU: The WhoFarmMobile, which features a garden on its roof, visits the Farmers' Market on the corner of Arizona and Second streets on Wednesday. The creators of the bus hope to encourage the new president to plant an organic garden on the lawn of the White House.

Edible bus rolls to market

BY CHRISTINA WALKER

Special to the Daily Press

ARIZONA AVE While most voters are concerned about sexual education in our schools, the slumping economy, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, two men are focusing on an issue that hasn't gotten a lot of play in this year's election coverage — organic gardening.

Daniel Bowman Simon and Casey Gustowarow are on a mission to plant a self-sustaining organic garden on the White House lawn for the future president. The two men began their trip on Aug. 4, driving all the way from New York to California. On Wednesday they arrived at the Farmers' Market at Arizona and Second streets to collect signatures for their petition called

the White House Organic Farming Project.

"Our primary goal is to get people excited about our petition," Simon said. "We need a leader who leads by example. We need a leader who eats the right breakfast."

The bus, called the WhoFarmMobile, is actually made up of two mini-school buses, one resting upside down on top of the other. One school bus is fully functional and serves as a home on the road for Simon and Gustowarow. The other serves as a plot to plant, becoming an edible roof. The bus is an example of the two men's commitment to an agriculturally, self-sustainable lifestyle.

The two advocates came to Santa Monica after various sources told them they could find a lot of support for their petition in the area. So far the two have col-

lected 1,500 signatures for their petition.

Simon and Gustowarow want to see their goal come to fruition for a variety of reasons. Besides giving the president and the first family healthy, nourishing food to eat each day, they believe it would set an example for all Americans to be more self-sustaining and would have an impact on international relations as well.

"This is a change that we can make that symbolic and simple and that would have a domino effect," Gustowarow said.

Those born after World War II may not remember that the White House has a history of growing not just flowers, but food as well. Simon and Gustowarow pointed out that Eleanor Roosevelt inspired the nation

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Panhandling while sitting is benched

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the second and final reading of ordinances approved by the City Council. Second readings are held without public comment, although the issues have been discussed, often at length, during prior City Council meetings.)

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Panhandling from public benches on the Third Street Promenade will soon be a thing of the past.

In an attempt to free up resting areas that are often monopolized by individuals seeking donations, the City Council on Tuesday passed an ordinance that bans solicitation from all public benches and seats along the promenade and Transit Mall, which runs along Santa Monica Boulevard and Broadway between Second and Fourth streets.

The new law was one of three that were approved upon second reading, which is the council's final review of an ordinance before taking action. The items were all previously introduced in July for a first reading, which is when the public has a chance to weigh in. All ordinances take effect 30 days after adoption.

The problem was first identified by the Bayside District Corp, a private-public management company that oversees Downtown, and the Santa Monica Police Department, which noticed that panhandlers would occupy the same benches for long periods of time.

The promenade is one of the biggest draws in the city, attracting as many as 10,000 people on each of the three blocks during summer weekends.

Meanwhile the benches along the shopping district provide seating for only 100 people.

While panhandling, much like other forms of solicitation, is protected under the First Amendment, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said in July that City Hall does have the ability to regulate time, place and manner.

City officials decided to include the Transit Mall in the ban because they felt that leaving it out would only push the problem

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Friday, Sept. 19, 2008

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Santa Monica Playhouse, 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

They radiated him, but they couldn't silence him — Charlie Lustman, surviving cancer one song at a time. Blending humor and intimacy this is a show for anyone who has faced a challenge in life. It is written and performed by singer/songwriter Charlie Lustman, and directed by Chris DeCarlo. Tickets at www.MadeMeNuclear.com or (866) 468-3399.

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1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7:15 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Beginners and experienced salseros alike can pick up new moves at Isabelle Pampillo's Friday Socials in Santa Monica. The night consists of a 90-minute class followed by a social hour of drinks and dancing where dancers can practice their dips and turns. There is a \$20 charge for the class, dancing and drinks. For information, call (310) 392-3493.

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008

Fresh roasted chiles

Virginia Avenue Park, 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.

The Chile Roaster is back at the Pico Farmers' Market! Enjoy New Mexico style roasted chiles fresh from the farmers every Saturday during the month of September. The market is located at Virginia Park at Pico and Cloverfield.

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SWING OF THINGS

Becky Pather attempts to break a piñata at the WISE Adult Day Service Center on Wednesday as she and other seniors celebrate Mexican Independence Day. The holiday is traditionally observed on Sept. 16, but it was celebrated Wednesday to coincide with the group's meeting.

Morgan Genser news@smdp.com

Worldly cinema by the sea

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN It might not share the prestige of Cannes or even Tribeca but the Santa Monica International Film Festival is slowly starting to make a name for itself. In its seventh year giving a platform to novice filmmakers, the festival received more than 2,000 entries from across the world, with the final cut of 22 feature length and shorts representing countries such as Brazil, Finland and the Czech Republic.

It's a sizable talent pool from which to choose considering the festival had lay dormant for years until local producer David Katz breathed new life into the event about two years ago. "We contacted the last organization that was working on it and said we would like to take it over," Katz, who also produces the Malibu International Film Festival, said. "We moved forward, supporting the local community of filmmakers and artists." The festival kicks off on Friday with the screening of Rufus Williams' "Butterfly Dreaming" at the AMC Loews Broadway 4

on the Third Street Promenade, followed by an opening night party. Screenings for the remaining films will continue through the weekend at both the Loews and Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, which is located in the Santa Monica Public Library. A feature-length film will headline each night, concluding on Sunday with an awards presentation at the Loews. The top film, chosen by the audience, will nab a post-production package with Santa Monica-based Filmworks/FX, valued at

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"This gives vendors a little bit more flexibility in the type of news racks that is provided," Public Works Director Leon Swain said last week. "It'll make it easier to maintain without having to replace the wood grain panels." The council was unanimous in their approval of the ordinance, though some seemed to have some reservations about the name of the color, which is a dark brownish green. "The era for plastic woodgrain is over," Councilmember Ken Genser joked. The ordinance would also modify insurance coverage for the news racks from the existing \$300,000 to \$500,000. The insurance coverage is a requirement in order to occupy a public right-of-way. Residents have complained to City Hall

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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College bond is bad for SM
Editor:

I am an 18-year Santa Monica College employee representing the Bond Fatigue Committee, www.BondFatigueCommittee.com. I presented the opposition to Santa Monica College's Measure AA. This is the third misleading Santa Monica College bond measure in six years (2002, 2004, 2008), which would total nearly \$600 million! By the college's own formula the bonds would have a repayment cost of \$1 billion – \$10,000 for every child and adult in Santa Monica-Malibu!

Measure AA is not about “education,” it is about development of a “regional center” serving 25,000 Beverly Hills and Los Angeles area residents and students. It brings more over-building: congestion, traffic, pollution and loss of livability.

Only 5,000 SMC students are from Santa Monica. Measure AA subsidizes 25,000 students recruited by SMC, at a cost of \$1 million per year, from Beverly Hills, the L.A. area, and 80 countries worldwide. They will pay nothing for the bond, we will. Measure AA “regional center” development bond is being paraded as an education bond to the historically very generous and very trusting Santa Monica voters. Stopping Measure AA will not deprive any student of an education. Stopping Measure AA will stop further expansion of student recruitment from neighborhoods where there are 10 other excellent community colleges those students can attend. Measure AA means higher rents and higher taxes. Measure AA hurts seniors because there is no senior exemption.

And perhaps most unforgivable; Measure AA steals funds from our local school children. Santa Monica-Malibu Unified Schools “report card” shows that many of our students are very deficient in math and reading skills. African American and Hispanic students and families are particularly hardest hit, and need our community support and assistance. This bond gravely diminishes and undermines that possibility.

For the first time in my life, and the lives of others, we are opposing an “education” bond because Measure AA is not about education. The Friends of Sunset Park neighborhood group is also for the first time opposing an “education” bond, Measure AA. We urge everyone who loves, supports, and honors education to vote “No” on this third misleading “regional center” development bond, Measure AA. It hurts seniors, renters, home owners, the environment, and our local school children. Vote no on Measure AA.

Phil Hendricks
Santa Monica

Taking you back
Editor:

A brief history for the anti-RIFT folks. Once upon a time there was a city whose public places were being overrun by vagrants and criminals, destroying the quality of life, especially for mothers with small children and the elderly. A small number of brave, concerned citizens banded together to push to take back the city. Over 12,000 citizens responded to the group's call to arms. This unprecedented pressure forced the languid City Council to pass ordinances that had meaningful impacts on the problem.

That city was Santa Monica, and that group was the real Save Our City, of which I was a proud charter member and whose name you have shamefully co-opted. Your group is but a cheap imitation of that group, stooping to Republican-style fear-mongering which grossly misrepresents the facts. RIFT will pass, despite your underhanded tactics.

Jan Ludwinski
Santa Monica



Your column here

Joe Green

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No matter what you call it, it's still murder

I AM ALWAYS AMAZED AT THE LEVEL OF denial some people will sink to in order to justify the heinous and inhumane act of murdering unborn babies. First they change the name so that their conscience is not bothered. They refer to the baby as a “fetus” instead of “unborn child” in order to make it less human. Then they bring up the war and the innocent casualties that happen in a war. That is merely a distraction so they can justify their silence concerning the crime of abortion.

I don't like war. However, I do believe that it is sometimes necessary. If the north had not stood up against the south and gone to war, then, I, being an African American, would still be a slave.

Regardless of whether or not you agree with the war in Iraq, what does that have to do with the legalized murder of 40 million babies?

But let's get to the heart of the issue: A child is a human at conception. From a Biblical standpoint the Bible is clear that God has given us an identity even before we are conceived. But to go a step further, science also backs up the claim that life begins at conception.

The fact of the matter is that a fertilized egg has a unique set of human DNA from the mother. The baby has its own blood type and its heart begins beating within three weeks of conception. All these should be criteria that determine humanity. What you would refer to as a “fetus” is simply a human at an earlier stage of development. The fact that the baby is dependent on the mother only demonstrates the level of development; it should not be a determinate of its humanity. Dependency on the mother does not take away the preborn child's humanness.

Just like a newborn that still has to depend on other people for its nourishment and safety, the unborn baby is just at a different stage of development. From the time of our infancy until we die our bodies are constantly developing and changing. These different stages of development have no bearing on whether or not we are human; they are simply stages of development. The same way a 50 year old is no more or less “human” than a 6-month-old baby; the unborn child in the womb is still a human and deserves to live.

Dr. Paul Ranalli, a lecturer in Neurology at the University of Toronto, presented current anatomical and physiological evidence that a preborn baby is capable of feeling pain at least 20 weeks into gestation, likely more intensely than a newborn, providing further proof against the tragedy of killing a preborn child through abortion.

I also want to bring to your attention that pregnancies must be “aborted” or “terminated.” That word itself even denotes that something is in progress. That “thing” is a life that

unfortunately the people that helped to create are now trying to end.

I recently exchanged e-mails with a man that told me that an unborn child should not be considered human because it cannot breathe on its own. To use “breathing on its own” to determine level of humanness is dangerous. Does that mean the old man who resides down the street from me and has to depend on an oxygen tank to breathe is not human and therefore fair game? What if I, (heaven forbid) got into an accident and needed a respirator to help me breathe, would I then cease to be a human being? I certainly hope not.

A CHILD IS A HUMAN AT CONCEPTION. FROM A BIBLICAL STANDPOINT THE BIBLE IS CLEAR THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US AN IDENTITY EVEN BEFORE WE ARE CONCEIVED. BUT TO GO A STEP FURTHER, SCIENCE ALSO BACKS UP THE CLAIM THAT LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION.

The last point I want to address is this notion that taking away the “choice” to murder an unborn child is a “male thing” and it is in any way against women. To the contrary, it is a scientific fact that women who go through abortions have a number of physical and emotional problems because of this procedure.

This is because terminating a life that God has given you is not natural. We are created by God to nurture our children. And when we destroy the life that has been entrusted to us, our body and our mind react. Call it what you want but I stand by my previous position. Abortion is murder and it should not be legal in a “civilized” country.

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Four things no one will tell you regarding this election

DENNIS MILLER IS THE MOST RABID cheerleader for George W. Bush and John McCain in the entertainment industry. Miller said this about Ronald Reagan in 1984: "When he is sworn in, Ronald Reagan will be 72. This is the guy who's going to have the nuclear football. I don't know about you, but my grandfather is 72 and we don't even let him near the remote."

My uncle was a navigator on a bomber in WWII. My cousin recently e-mailed me the sad message that my uncle had died. This message arrived the week of the Republican National Convention. My uncle served on 37 bombing missions over the heart of Nazi Germany.

On one mission, his plane was shot down. He and a couple of crewmates survived and were rescued in bone-freezing north Atlantic waters. The survivors suffered hypothermia and various serious injuries, and were hospitalized for a long period.

I bring that up because my uncle had one singular and striking difference with John McCain. My uncle viewed "Country First" as a solemn and a silent devotion, not an endless noisy chatter.

He did not spend his life talking and talking about his WWII experiences. Although my uncle is a hero, never in his life did he call himself one.

Although my uncle served with distinction and valor and received medals to acknowledge this service, his service and his medals did not constitute a wall of superiority between him and others. In fact, as a child I would pester my uncle to tell me his story. He would not talk about it. The loss of crew members was harrowing to him and the memory of war was harrowing to him. He taught me that those who truly serve with distinction never talk about it. My father served in WWII as well, also as gallantly, and he too never talked about his experiences.

If you want to maintain a level of sanity and balance, turn off all TV election coverage right now. The candidates are playing to the media only. McCain choosing Palin to get media approval is only one giant example.

There will be nothing of substance, and only media moments of no consequence. From now until election day, the race will be a manic-depressive steeplechase. Like an NBA game, the lead will change hands

minute to minute, and the day before election day, whoever has the ball (the news cycle) will try to determine the emotion of your voting booth experience.

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If the media clamor the day before that Russia is on the move again, McCain will get that foreign policy fear bounce. If there is a good day on Wall Street the day before, the media will give McCain that hope bounce. Since McCain is the administration candidate, whatever "news" the Bush Administration puts out the day before Nov. 4 will be geared to help its candidate. This election is not about day one. This election is about the day before!

Before Ronald Reagan was chosen as "The Saint of The Republican Party," true Republicans called Barry Goldwater their Standard Bearer.

No Republican leader was ever more respected by both parties. Barry Goldwater never liked John McCain. His son Barry Goldwater, Jr. is for Barack Obama. Susan Eisenhower, the daughter of the only true great Republican leader in war time, Dwight David Eisenhower, is also for Barack Obama. It is good to know that those who truly belong to the Republican Party legacy have already decided who would be a better president for our country.

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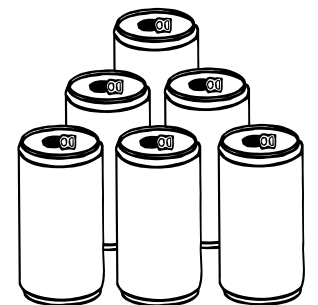
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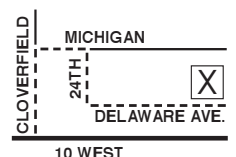


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Train crash probe renews focus on texting dangers

BY JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

One day last summer, Jim Messer, a Florida attorney, was nearly run off the road by another car. When he recovered, he says, he was able to see the other driver texting on her cell phone, balancing it on the wheel.

"There's gotta be a law against this," Messer thought. But there wasn't — not in his state, anyway. He's been working since then to get one passed.

Despite a general belief on the part of researchers and authorities that texting at the wheel, like other driver distractions, could be jeopardizing lives, only five states and the District of Columbia currently ban all drivers from doing it.

Now investigators are looking into whether texting may have played a role in the disastrous California train crash that killed 25. Two teenage train buffs told a TV station that the engineer, who was killed, sent them a text message a minute before the crash. A phone was not found.

For now, there is no data directly tying text messaging to traffic accidents. Though fully 74 percent of Americans aged 18-29 use text messaging, according to the Pew Research Center, it's a phenomenon that's only a few years old.

But a 2006 government study found that distracted drivers of all sorts were involved in nearly eight out of 10 collisions or near-crashes. And everyone knows that checking e-mails or sending a text message, just like talking on a cell phone or playing with the radio, can distract a driver. A researcher who worked on the 2006 study, Charlie Klauer of the Virginia Tech Traffic Institute, says the crash risk was doubled when a driver looked away from the road for two seconds out of six.

"Texting is potentially even more risky than speaking on a cell phone, because you're not only taking your mind off the road — you're taking your eyes off the road," argues Russ Rader of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

But it's very hard to prove, in the aftermath of a crash, that texting or e-mailing was the cause. Police in upstate New York found a series of messages sent and received from 17-year-old Bailey Goodman's phone just before her sport utility vehicle slammed into a tractor-trailer one night in June last year, killing her and four friends who'd all just graduated from high school. But they couldn't tell if she was the one using her phone.

It was enough for a state senator to propose a bill banning texting while driving in New York, where using a hand-held cell phone has been banned since 2001. The bill remains in committee. Only Alaska, Washington, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey and the District of Columbia currently ban all drivers from texting, according to the IIHS; 12 other states have partial bans, such as drivers under 18 or bus drivers.

One emergency room doctor says he suspects most people don't initiate text messages while driving — but can't help themselves from responding to them.

"It's hard to ignore the temptation," says

Dr. Mark Melrose of Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, N.J., a spokesman for the American College of Emergency Physicians. "You think, this might be important, I'd better check. You know you shouldn't be doing it, but you do it anyway."

That's an apt way to describe the habits of Liz Osaki, 23, who works at an advertising agency on the outskirts of Boston. Her daily commute is about an hour each way. And yes, she texts at the wheel, though mostly when she's in traffic, or stopped at a light. Even when she's not, "I promise I am still looking at the road," she says.

The only mishaps Osaki reports are occasionally missing the moment a light turns from red to green, or not realizing as fast as she should that cars in front have braked suddenly. She argues that texting can actually be safer in the car than speaking on a cell phone.

"I think it's less distracting because when I'm texting, I can always just throw the phone down," she says. "You can't do that in the middle of a phone conversation."

More to the point is the fact that for Osaki, like many young Americans, texting has become second nature, often a preferred means of communication to speaking on the phone.

"I text to ask simple questions, and get simple answers," she says. "Most of my friends don't even like to check their voice-mail." Her recent phone bill was proof of Osaki's habit: She had 1,000 text messages on it, she says. That's more than 30 messages a day.

That's nothing compared to Lily Brynes, a 17-year-old New Yorker who figures she texts about 100 times a day on weekends, less so during school. It's almost as if talking on the phone has become awkward, she says — "and my whole generation hates voice mail."

The teenager adds that even fights are conducted on the phone, in carefully calibrated language. "Love you" — that's a normal signoff between female friends," she says. "If she says 'Love u,' she's busy." And the initials "I" and "y"? "That means she's angry."

Lily's mother, Karen Binder-Brynes, is in awe. "It's amazing how this generation has created an entirely new language," she says. And texting is clearly the territory of the young. The Pew Research survey, conducted in the spring, showed that while 78 percent of all adults own a cell phone, only 24 percent of those over 50 used it to text, and only 6 percent of those over 65.

Moreover, though three-quarters of the 18-29 age group use texting, the number is surely much higher among teenagers, who weren't counted. Researchers add that U.S. teenagers still lag behind those overseas. An amazing 98 percent of teens in the developed world engage in texting, says Jeff Cole, director of the Center for the Digital Future at the University of Southern California.

"What Americans don't realize quite yet is just what a natural, ingrained part of communication texting is," says Cole. He notes that teenagers in some countries even prefer to write papers and letters on a 12-button phone keypad rather than the usual computer keyboard.



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A little Italy in Venice

I AM ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FABULOUS Italian place to eat here in Los Angeles. I don't mean the trendy, overpriced restaurants where they have pizza and pasta for \$15 or \$20. I mean authentic Italian cuisine that highlights simple food with as little done to it as possible. I am from the east coast where there are a plethora of such eating establishments and it is a joy to sit down and delve into a beautiful branzino bathed in herbs and olive oil accompanied by broccoli rabe with garlic.

Imagine my surprise when finding out about Piccolo. I have heard about it for a number of years but actually "discovered" it while walking down the Venice boardwalk with my husband and wandering down the Dudley alleyway to find a place for a glass of wine.

We were lucky to get there at the moment when they were not full and sat down to enjoy wine, appetizers and the best homemade bread I have had in a restaurant in a while. It was served with amazing olive oil from Sicily (I asked) that was addictive. I could have dipped my napkin in it and enjoyed it just as much.

We had perfect service, attentive and present but not over-bearing and both ordered a salad of grilled eggplant served over some sautéed greens with warm chevre on top. It was wonderful and just the right portion. We then tried a grilled calamari that was cooked just right. This is a seafood that is often over-looked except in the traditional version of fried calamari and can be quite tough if not cooked properly. This was exquisite with a hint of smoky flavor and drizzled with that same olive oil.

The place is very small and fairly romantic and there are lovely traditional paintings of Italian country scenes and crisp white cloths on each table. I was most impressed with the service as there were a number of people making sure you had what you needed.

It was casual to the point of jeans and flip

Pasta with ricotta salata

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1/4 pound ricotta salata, freshly grated
- 2 small red chili peppers, seeded and minced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 small bunch Italian parsley, chopped
- 1/2 cup oil-cured olives, pitted, chopped
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Salt
- 1 pound small shaped pasta

Procedure

1. Combine the cheese, chili pepper, garlic, parsley, olives, olive oil and a pinch of salt in a medium serving bowl.
2. Cook the pasta in salted boiling water until al dente. Drain and add to the serving bowl and toss well.

flops, which I find quite off-putting but have to remember that in Venice and the Westside this is often considered acceptable.

I heard from a friend that the place was too small and because it was close to the beach it was very breezy — both comments I didn't quite relate to.

We were not in the market for dinner as we had only gone out for a sunset stroll, so we vowed to come back and hope to experience another delicious meal at Piccolo.

If you would like to try a quick and easy pasta dish that is delicious, the following recipe will be a hit with your friends and family.

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Cooking newbies turn to home dining to cut costs

BY RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI

Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH Arnisha Keyes admits she's no Rachael Ray. Until recently, she spent \$30 a day to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner at restaurants. But the high price of gas has her testing her cooking skills to save money, packing lunch for work and experimenting with dinner salads by microwaving frozen vegetables, mixing them with spinach and pouring ranch dressing on top.

"I've been going to the grocery store a little bit more frequently," Keyes says, laughing sheepishly at her previous lifestyle. "It saves you a lot more money if you just buckle down and focus on eating at home."

Keyes' cooking ventures aren't unusual — they're part of a national trend to eat at home to save money, according to market research firms. But after years of eating out, many people have found they don't have a pot to cook in or a cookbook to guide them.

The sudden rush to buy basic cooking necessities has driven up sales of cookbooks, inexpensive cookware and the basic foods needed to concoct a meal. And cooking magazines and Web sites are booming even as magazine sales overall have suffered.

About 45 percent of Americans are eating out less this year to save money, a nearly 12 percent increase from 2007, according to BIGResearch, a Worthington, Ohio-based firm that does consumer research.

"Consumers are really pulling back right now. They're really watching their pockets," said one of the firm's senior analysts, Pam Goodfellow.

Keyes said her co-workers at Pittsburgh's Youth Places afterschool program have also started eating at home. So when she had to find a door prize for a staff meeting, Keyes, 37, chose a \$5.98 cookbook at Barnes and Noble.

"I noticed that even young people at church and at work are trying to get back to cooking," she said.



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A THING OF THE PAST: Jeffery Cox (right) solicits donations from a bench on Broadway.

Council adds clarity to campaign finance

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factured and distributed it.

outward from the promenade.

The ban would not just single out homeless individuals, but anyone seeking solicitation from benches, including organizations.

LOOSENING UP ON SIGN REGULATIONS

Following recent court decisions regarding First Amendment rights, the City Council passed an ordinance that modifies existing rules guiding signs and fliers.

The council eliminated a code that required all handbills and leaflets include attribution, removing the regulation because of a Supreme Court precedent that First Amendment protects anonymous political speech.

The ordinance takes out section 4.08.700 of the municipal code which states that no person shall hand out any commercial or noncommercial flier that doesn't have the name and address of the person who manu-

UNDERSTANDING CAMPAIGN FINANCE

City officials want to bring a little clarity to the rules dictating campaign contributions and expenditures. The council ratified an ordinance that adds new language to an existing code about campaign finances, stressing in it that regulations are not meant to restrict free speech. The verbiage was inserted into a section about limits on campaign contributions, which restricts donations to \$250 to any candidate or committee for a candidate or measure during a given election year.

The new wording states, "This section shall not be interpreted or applied to violate the right of association or the right to express views through expenditures. Rather, it is intended to be and shall be applied solely as a limit on campaign contributions to individuals and committees."

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\$5,000.

"Everyone of these filmmakers are winners in our books," Katz said. "They've done a great job of getting the film to the festival and doing something cool and unique and we're excited to be screening them."

Among the feature-length films is Jeffrey Chernov's "A Line in the Sand," which follows the story of a New York City homeless man who was arrested for urinating on the mayor's car, relieving himself during a demonstration in front of a church whose homeless shelter was being sold off.

The movie is based on an off-Broadway play written by Chernov's close friend, Mark Nassar, who played the part of the homeless man during its original run about 13 years ago.

Chernov, who is a producer by trade but directed the film, got the movie rights for the script in exchange for putting up the money for the play. But the Brentwood resident had trouble finding financing and the screenplay collected dust until about two years ago when an investor said he would back the movie.

Nassar, who has physically outgrown the part of the homeless man, plays one of three detectives in the movie.

While the story is fictional, it is based on the reality of the harshness of New York City where the cost of living is out of reach for many.

"It's about one man's fall from grace and how he ended up on the street," Chernov



Photo courtesy Jeffrey Chernov

A MOMENT OF DRAMA: Among the feature-length films presented during the Santa Monica International Film Festival is 'A Line in the Sand.'

said. "What is that one defining moment that puts one on the street and basically makes them homeless?"

While Chernov has been in the film business since 1975, the movie is his directorial debut.

"I did this because it's a labor of love," he said.

The movie that will headline the opening night, "Butterfly Dreaming" examines the line between what is real and what is not, based on the philosophy of Chuang Tzu, who dreamt he was a butterfly, waking up unsure of whether he was a man dreaming he was a butterfly or vice versa.

The film tells the story of a man who struggles to come to terms with the loss of his wife to a car crash, having trouble distinguishing between what is real and what is a dream.

The idea for the movie actually came to Williams, a Santa Monica resident, in a dream.

The movie, which is Williams' directorial debut, was previously screened at the Seattle International Film Festival a few months ago.

"Just seeing it for the first time on the big screen with an audience of 300 people was nerve racking but at the same time gratifying

when they laughed at the right points," he said.

Katz said this year's festival includes a diverse collection of films with a little bit of everything for everyone.

It should be expected in a city abundant with filmmakers.

"Our vision was to build a film festival that really showcases the city and all it has to offer," Katz said. "Santa Monica is really where Hollywood meets the sea."

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OLD LOOK: News racks line the sidewalk on the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue.

Updated law will permit flexibility for news racks

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about the appearance of the racks, which in parts of the city have been spray painted, broken and used as trash receptacles.

"Some are very old and we hope this can help all of these folks to keep them up more easily," Joan Akins, the assistant director of public works, said. "They're weathered."

The racks are monitored by Public Works staff, who are required to notify the vendor if there is a box out of compliance. About 20 companies occupy racks citywide.

The cost to replace the woodgrain panels are expensive with each panel costing \$100

and boxes having six panels a piece. Replacing the entire box costs about \$300, a discount for buying in bulk.

Painting on the other hand would be about \$30, according to Santa Monica Daily Press Publisher Ross Furukawa.

He pointed out that the ordinance would result in all racks in Santa Monica looking better.

"I'm applauding the city for doing this because it's one of those common sense solutions that benefits everybody," Furukawa said.

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Advocates pour life savings into project

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by growing her own gardens in times of scarcity and encouraged the American public to do the same.

The two men who met in the Peace Corps in the Philippines have written five articles into their petition including one where they propose having children learn about agriculture through farming the future White House garden.

"I have children now and I'm looking at things in a different way," said Maura Kaplan, a shopper at the market. "Our kids don't understand that much about agriculture."

Kaplan said she would support an organic garden on the White House lawn and favors people buying local produce wherever they reside. The overall reaction to their petition has been very favorable, Gustowarow and Simon said.

Simon was inspired to plan and embark on the trip in early August after he heard Alice Waters give her acceptance speech at the 2008 Global Environmental Citizen Awards dinner at Harvard Medical School's

Center for Health and the Global Environment.

Waters is the founder of The Edible Schoolyard in Berkeley. The schoolyard teaches children where the food they put in their mouths comes from and also promotes environmental stewardship. She is the founder of Chez Panisse Restaurant & Cafe, a restaurant that relies on locally grown food and offers a fixed price menu.

The two men had the chance to lunch with Waters and consider it a highlight of their trip so far. They will be in Los Angeles for the next two days. Then they will slowly make their way back east toward Washington D.C. where they will continue their campaign during the presidential election.

They are currently sustaining themselves with produce from their rooftop garden, as well as the generosity of those they meet along the way. Both men poured their life savings into buying the bus and they estimate that they will need to raise an additional \$100,000 to carry their nonpartisan campaign to completion.

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FDA defends plastic linked to health risks

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON With scientists at odds over the safety of a chemical found in plastic baby bottles, metal cans and other food packaging, consumers got minimal guidance Tuesday about how to protect themselves.

At a scientific hearing, the Food and Drug Administration defended its assessment that bisphenol A— or BPA—is safe, even as the first major study of health effects in people linked it with possible risks for heart disease and diabetes. The debate could drag on for years.

“Right now, our tentative conclusion is that it’s safe, so we’re not recommending any change in habits,” said Laura Tarantino, head of the FDA’s office of food additive safety. But she acknowledged, “there are a number of things people can do to lower their exposure.”

For example, consumers can avoid plastic containers imprinted with the recycling number ‘7,’ as many of those contain BPA. Or, said Tarantino, they can avoid warming food in such containers, as heat helps to release the chemical.

More than 90 percent of Americans have traces of BPA in their bodies, but the FDA says the levels of exposure are too low to pose a health risk, even for infants and children.

However, a study released Tuesday by the Journal of the American Medical Association suggested a new concern about BPA. Because of the possible public health implications, the results “deserve scientific follow-up,” the study authors said. Using a health survey of nearly 1,500 adults, they found that those exposed to higher amounts of BPA were more likely to report having heart disease and diabetes.

But the study is preliminary, far from proof that the chemical caused the health problems. Two Dartmouth College analysts of medical research said it raises questions but provides no answers about whether the ubiquitous chemical is harmful.

FDA officials said they are not dismissing such findings, and conceded that further research is needed. “We recognize the need to resolve the concerning questions that have been raised,” said Tarantino. But the FDA is arguing that the studies with rats and mice it relied on for its assessment are more thorough than some of the human research that has raised doubts.

The FDA has asked an outside panel for a second opinion on its BPA safety assessment, and the medical journal article was released to coincide with the advisers’ hearing.

The FDA has the power to limit use of BPA in food containers and medical devices but last month released its internal report concluding that BPA exposure is not enough to warrant action.

Since then, another government agency released a separate report concluding that risks to people, in particular to infants and children, cannot be ruled out.

Past animal studies have suggested reproductive and hormone-related problems from BPA. The JAMA study is the largest to examine possible BPA effects in people and the first suggesting a direct link to heart disease, said scientists Frederick vom Saal and John Peterson Myers, both longtime critics of the chemical.

Still, they said more rigorous studies are needed to confirm the results.

Vom Saal is a biological sciences professor at University of Missouri who has served as an expert witness and consultant on BPA litigation. Myers is chief scientist at Environmental Health Sciences, a Charlottesville, Va., nonprofit group. They wrote an editorial accompanying the JAMA study.

BPA is used in hardened plastics in a wide range of consumer goods including food containers, eyeglass lenses and compact discs. Many scientists believe it can act like the hormone estrogen, and animal studies have linked it with breast, prostate and reproductive system problems and some cancers.

Researchers from Britain and the University of Iowa examined a U.S. government health survey of 1,455 American adults who gave urine samples in 2003-04 and reported whether they had any of several common diseases.

Participants were divided into four groups based on BPA urine amounts; more than 90 percent had detectable BPA in their urine.

A total of 79 had heart attacks, chest pain or other types of cardiovascular disease and 136 had diabetes. There were more than twice as many people with heart disease or diabetes in the highest BPA group than in the lowest BPA group. The study showed no connection between BPA and other ailments, including cancer.

No one in the study had BPA urine amounts showing higher than recommended exposure levels, said co-author Dr. David Melzer, a University of Exeter researcher.

Drs. Lisa Schwartz and Steven Woloshin of the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice said the study presents no clear information about what might have caused participants’ heart disease and diabetes.

“Measuring who has disease and high BPA levels at a single point in time cannot tell you which comes first,” Schwartz said.

The study authors acknowledge that it’s impossible to rule out that people who already have heart disease or diabetes are somehow more vulnerable to having BPA show up in their urine.

The American Chemistry Council, an industry trade group, said the study is flawed, has substantial limitations and proves nothing.

But Dr. Ana Soto of Tufts University said the study raises enough concerns to warrant government action to limit BPA exposure.

“We shouldn’t wait until further studies are done in order to act in protecting humans,” said Soto.



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Be a duo, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Be aware of another's implicit demands. You could feel much better than you have in a long while, because you see an opportunity strike out of the blue. Actually, truth be told, you are more willing to see past the obvious right now. You see new solutions. Tonight: Your treat.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Work as a team. By yourself, you are less likely to make the grand splash you could. A sense of heaviness or fatigue could prevent you from seeing clearly. Trust an associate to carry the ball. Tonight: Be a duo.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You have a way of pulling out information, revisiting the facts and coming up with a completely novel response. You need to understand what to do or how to handle a difficult person who often rains on your parade. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Others push, and clearly feel that they can run the show; let them. A meeting or get-together could be invigorating. Don't hesitate to pursue a favorite interest. Take time to catch up on others' news. Tonight: Sort through offers.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Defer to others, letting them know, at the same time, where you stand, but not making demands. A laissez-faire attitude like this works wonders, as you shall see. Keep smiling, and trust in your power and energy. Tonight: Pull back and take in another view.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Plunge into work, knowing exactly why you are there. You might need to deal with a somber superior or authority figure. You can do it. You might feel as if you have more than your share on your plate. Tonight: Relax in your style.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Zoom in and make what you want happen, finally. You discover how much of a difference you can and do make. Others cheer you on. Keep communication flowing, even if you do want to slam the phone down. Tonight: Where people are.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your imagination fills in the gaps. You feel great, no matter what you do. You know when to be serious and when to be frivolous. You are likely to weather a hassle with ease. Think positively. Tonight: Let your hair down.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Take a stand, trusting your intuition. As a result, you come out on top. You might not like all the reactions, but ultimately you are on course. You could feel tight with funds. Tonight: In the limelight.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Stay with basics, and do not get distracted by anyone or anything. Your enthusiasm is catchy. Go for what you want, but do not skip a beat. A partner could be discouraging. Tonight: Mosey on home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Reach out for others. Be willing to seek out information and find experts. The varying views help you see the situation in a new light. As a result, you come up with a better solution. Tonight: Relax your mind.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Make calls and reach out for others. You might find that an associate, friend or key person could be quite dour. Rather than react, think about your long-term goals with this person. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

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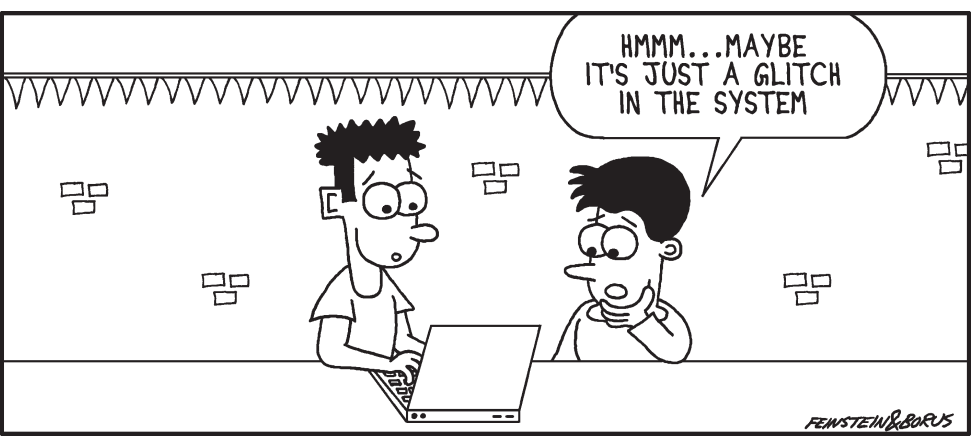
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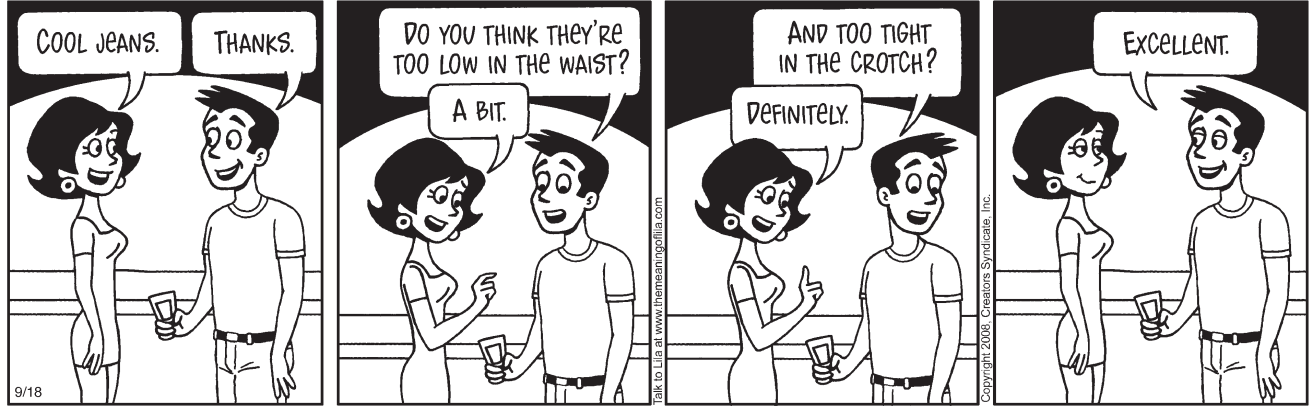
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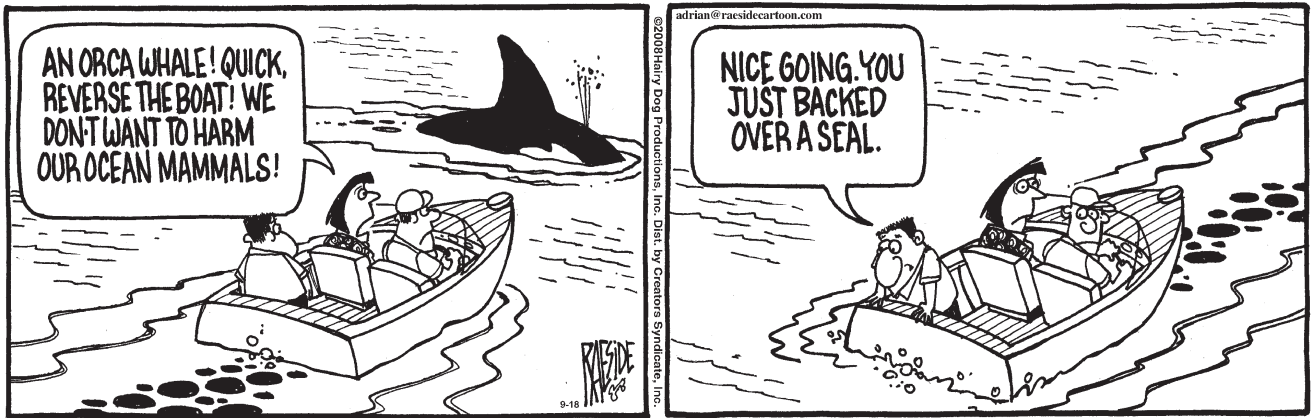
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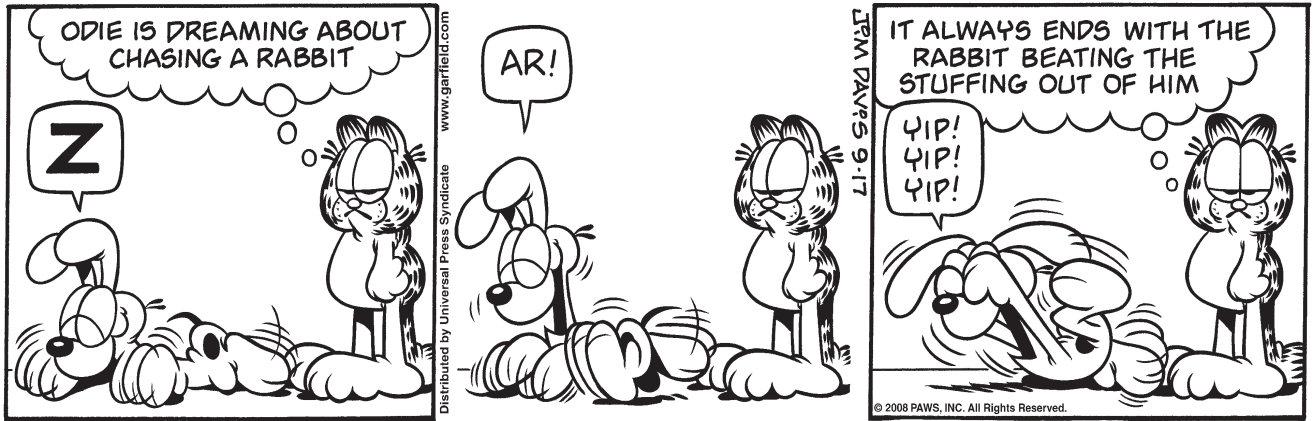
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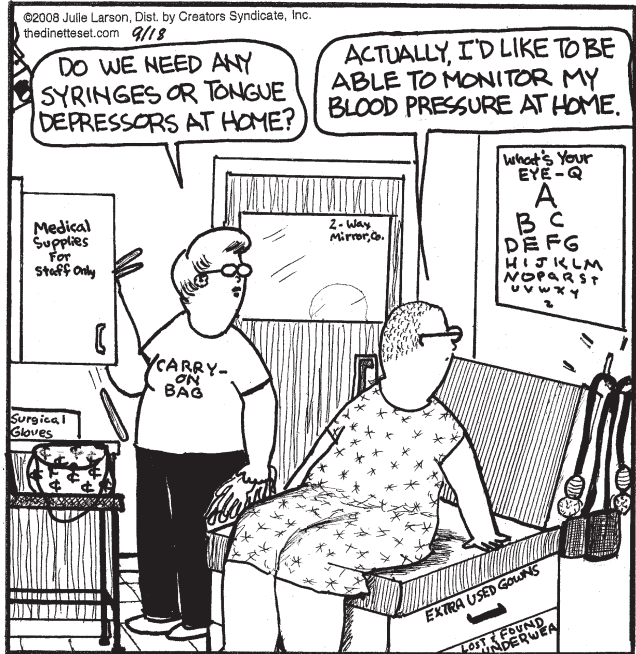
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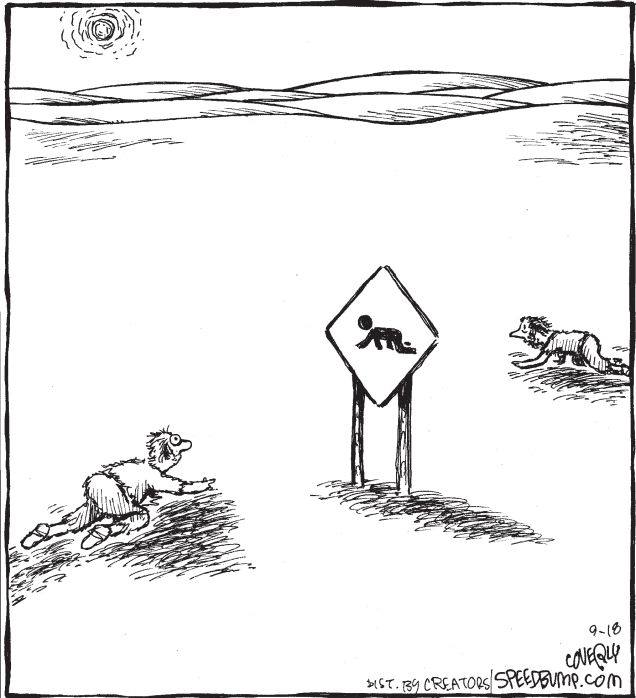
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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■ Illinois requires all state employees to pass an annual 10-question, multiple-choice "ethics" test (whose format lends itself to simplistic answers that, for instance, most college students might handle easily). In January, state ethics officials declined to accept the passing grades of 65 Southern Illinois University professors because they finished "too quickly." Asserted a reviewing state official, anyone who failed to spend at least 10 minutes on the test was being unreasonable.

■ Charlie Van Wilkes Jr., 31, was arrested in Danielsville, Ga., in August and charged with possession of drugs and burglary tools. The arrest report noted that Wilkes had a "large lump in the front of his blue jeans, with wires running from inside his pants and hanging down dragging the ground" as he walked. Wilkes explained that he was wearing a "homemade vibrator," hooked to a battery. Wrote the officer, "(A) small motor had been removed from an item and placed inside a pill bottle, and then wrapped in a piece of pipe insulation before being placed inside (Wilkes') pants for a pleasurable sensation."

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Andy, a major in the Army, was stationed in Northern California where the two began to make plans for a family. In 1939, Polly gave birth to her first child, Nancy, and in 1943, her second daughter, Judy, was born. The family finally settled in Whittier where Andy started his dental practice. Polly loved to travel and found great joy traveling around the world with Andy. Upon Andy's death in 1973, Polly moved to Santa Monica to be near her three grandchildren where she had lived for over 30 years.

After her family, the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica was her love. She was active on several committees and rarely missed a Sunday service. Polly was an avid reader, had a strong faith, and believed in philanthropy. Instilling a sense of kindness, faith, and charity to her grandchildren was very important to her.

Polly, or "Gaga" as she was named by her first grandson, was a lovely lady, kind, honest, sincere, and loved by all. She will be truly missed and never forgotten. Those who knew her refer to her as a "blessing."

Polly is survived by her two daughters, Nancy Schweizer and Judith Fite, and her three grandchildren, Scott, Todd, and Kellie Fite. A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica on Friday, September 19, 2008 at 4:00 pm. It will be open to all friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in memory of Polly Todd Anderson to the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica, 1008 Eleventh Street, Santa Monica, CA 90403.

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