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THE TURKEY DAY ISSUE

Cross-country walker stuck without signatures

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER After a journey across the country and back, Armand Young, of West Virginia, is stuck, like the Israelites on the border of Canaan, at the Staples on Wilshire Boulevard.

Young, who has marched from Santa Monica to New York City and back again,

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Personal experience sparks clothing designs

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE Santa Monica is home to multiple startup businesses and for some residents, their personal lives are their source of inspiration

ATHLETE DEVELOPS SPORTS BRA

Santa Monica resident Hilary Lambert has leveraged her personal experience as an athlete to develop a new kind of sports bra that fits a full figured woman.

The American Sports Bra has dual-layer support: the inner section resembles a simple, everyday bra with molded underwire and adjustable straps, and the outer section provides extra support without confining the chest. She said both layers fasten in the front to make it easier to wear.

"Exercise can stretch the ligaments that support your breasts and once this happens, they won't recover," she said. "Women email me all the time to say they love the American Sports Bra because they can finally run or go to the gym and not feel self conscious. With the ASB support, they finally feel confident and energized to work out. One client told me she lost 14 pounds because she was no longer too embarrassed to get on the treadmill at the gym. Another woman just emailed me that she had her ASB for six years and it was finally time to order more.

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Santa Monica leaders give thanks

BY KEVIN TRUONG
Daily Press Intern

CITYWIDE Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday that is characterized by gratitude for food, family and friends. In homes all across the country people are coming together to sit down and offer up warm meals and warm smiles. We asked a few prominent Santa Monica community leaders to share what they are thankful for this holiday season.

Chui Tsang said he will be sharing his Thanksgiving meal with a few international students from around the globe in what has become an annual tradition.

The educator and president of Santa Monica College, said he invites a few students who come from overseas to sit at his Thanksgiving table and talk about what the holiday means for them.

"The holiday is symbolic of what a great nation we are, how people from different backgrounds and countries are all welcomed," Tsang said. "I always like to tell our

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SELF DEFENSE CLASS

Jenny Medina editor@smdp.com

The Santa Monica Police department offered a self defense class at 220 Fitness last week. The free event provided instruction to residents of all ages and by Officer Erik Milosevich.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

November 27

Let it Snow
Third Street Promenade at Wilshire 6 p.m.
Every year Santa Monica hosts a series of holiday events and activities that light up Downtown, bringing a festive holiday spirit to this idyllic seaside city. Winterlit takes over the corner of Wilshire Blvd at Third Street Promenade every Thursday evening, beginning at 6 p.m.

ICE at Santa Monica
1324 5th St. 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Every holiday season, Downtown Santa Monica brings a little ice skating to the beach side community and transforms the corner of 5th Street and Arizona Avenue into ICE at Santa Monica, a premier outdoor ice skating rink. The 8,000 square foot rink by the beach offers residents and visitors a little taste of winter without the bite.

November 28

Gallery
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway
9 a.m.
Mental Landscapes (Nov. 13 - Feb. 22) Gallery hours are subject to change; please call (310) 458-4904 to confirm.

No Yoga Class
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway
There will be no Yoga classes Thanksgiving Week.

Guest House Docent Tour
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway,
11 a.m.
Free, docent-led tours of the Marion Davies Guest House begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed.

November 29

Reading Mentors
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 10 a.m.
Need a reading buddy? The library will have friendly volunteers to help you practice reading. Ages 4 - 12.

Fairview Knitters
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
3:30 p.m.
Knitting, conversation, and tea at the Library. Everyone welcome!

Small Business Saturday
Montana Ave, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Avoid the crazy shopping deluge and stroll beautiful Montana Avenue from 6th - 17th streets - listen to live music and shop our unique and wonderful small boutiques to find one of a kind Holiday gifts for your loved ones.

The Aristocats
The Miles Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd.
12 - 12:30 p.m.
When mamma cat Dutchess finds herself lost in the French Countryside with her children she doesn't know what to do until she meets the alley cat Thomas O'Malley and his rag-tag bunch! Luckily for the Dutchess Thomas and his friends have a clear plan to help her and her kittens find their way back home. Free Parking. Admission: $15 - $30.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

CLOTHES
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Although she'd looked around, she had not found a better sports bra in all of that time, so she ordered four more."

Lambert is a 15 year resident of Santa Monica and said the City's focus on health, well-being and personal care have become part of the company philosophy.

"American Sports Bra was created to support women in their pursuit of health and well-being," she said. "Here in Santa Monica, I'm reminded of the importance of these principles everyday, and it fuels my motivation and inspiration to make bras that help women live healthy lives."

While the product began life as way to help women of all shapes exercise, the technology has found a use as a post surgical bra for women recovering from reconstructive surgery. According to Lambert, the bra is a boon for patients.

"One patient created a website devoted to the ASB Post Surgical bra and how it helped her heal," she said. "The Post Surgical bras are worn for several weeks after breast reconstruction of any kind. That's a long time to be in a bra and she was grateful that those three weeks were easier because of the ASB Post Surgical Bra."

Lambert said she worked with Dr. Andrew Salzberg, a leading breast specialist within both reconstructive and cosmetic surgery, to refine the standard bra into one that is ideal for breast surgery patients.

"We recommend that physicians fit the post surgical bras on their patients in advance, to allow for swelling after surgery," said Lambert. "We're currently testing new fabrics to make the Post Surgical even softer and we hope to release it sometime next year."

For more information, visit http://americansportsbra.com.

DADS REINVENT PANTS

A group of local men have also entered the design world with their Kickstarter (manvsbaby.com/ks) project to fund "Freedom Pants", a pair of cargo pants that can replace a traditional diaper bag.

Founder/CEO and father of five James Kadonoff said the pants are a physical representation of men's increased participation in childcare.

"With men taking on some, equal, or more childcare duties than their partners we saw a need for baby gear that fits with dads' active lifestyles," he said. "Diaper bags were not working for us. Old school cargo pants were almost there with functionality but also lacked attention to design and fit, so we reengineered them for ourselves and our friends."

According to the company, "Freedom Pants feature moveable utility pouches that are lined with a removable thermal insulated and waterproof liner, expandable utility pockets, a large mobile phone pocket, a hidden pocket, sunglass loop, binky/keys pouch, carabineer loop and clip, and a changing pad with its own zippered pouch."

Kickstarter allows startups or private individuals to solicit funding from individual donors. The company said the pants will be manufactured and sold regardless of the results of their online campaign, but their hope is crowdsourced funding will accelerate the process.

The first 500 backers to pledge $99 will receive their Freedom Pants at the lowest price of $99. Backers pledging $125 (after the first 500) will also receive pants. Backers of $150 and up will receive various packages that include pants, hats, tees, onesies, and travel wipes. $1-$98 backers will receive digital thanks, ManVsBaby organic tees and hats.

Kadonoff said he lives in Santa Monica and most of the company is based in the Santa Monica area. He said the group want to establish the business in the same area that they have chosen to live in.

"We are local and love our incredibly family friendly community," he said.

The men are also founders of an online media platform, www.manvsbaby.com, that takes a male-centered look at parenting.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Malibu author releases sequel to family adventure novel

Author Mary Lynn Martin has announced the nationwide release of her new novel, "The Curse of Totem Cove," the sequel to her previous work, "Squaw Island: Mutiny on the SS Somers."

Over the holiday, Jimmie will be out of school for two whole weeks, so he and his family will be returning to the lake. This year, they will be staying in a cottage on Totem Cove, right next door to the one they rented over the summer. Once they arrive, they discover that the cottage had once been the home of a famous author. Soon, Jimmie reconnects with his curious neighbor, Jack, and learns about the mysterious Curse of Totem Cove!

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore, or by visiting barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.

Martin lives in Malibu, California, with her husband. They also spend time in their vacation home in Canandaigua, New York. It was there that she was inspired to write her first book, "Squaw Island: Mutiny on the SS Somers." Now she has written "The Curse of Totem Cove" as a sequel.

- EDITED BY MATTHEW HALL

CITYWIDE

Alumni Award

Rollins College recently awarded Santa Monican Laila Bowden, owner and creator of Krazy Ketchup, with its 2014 Alumni Achievement Award. The recognition honors alumni who have attained outstanding success and national or international distinction in their respective fields.

Bowden graduated from Rollins College in 1990 with a degree in psychology.

Her recent award highlights her accomplishments through the creation of the Krazy Ketchup product and brand. Krazy Ketchup is vegetable infused ketchup that is now an alternative to the nation's No. 1 condiment. Bowden and her business partner Erin did everything on their own from recipe development, to packaging, production and building client relationships with local farmers. In 2010, Whole Foods began selling Krazy Ketchup and it is now sold in more than 300 stores nationwide, as well as online. The ketchup was also featured on Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution.

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LOS ANGELES

Steven Bloom elected to CASA of Los Angeles Board of Directors

CASA/LA has announced that Santa Monica resident Steve Bloom, President of the law firm of Frandzel Robins Bloom & Csato, has been elected to its Board of Directors.

CASA of Los Angeles has a very special place in the history of Frandzel Robins Bloom & Csato. Bob Frandzel, the firm's founder, became involved with CASA of Los Angeles (then known as the Friends of Child Advocates) in the early 1980s, and served as a board member and board chair of the organization. After his passing in 1996, he was honored by having an award named after him that is annually presented to an outstanding supporter of CASA. Since that time, the firm has stayed very active in its support of the organization in a variety of ways, with several members of the firm serving on the board, including Bloom, Peter Csato, and Patricia Trendacosta.

"As a company and as individuals, CASA has always been a priority for us," said Steven Bloom. "There are certain causes that stand out and helping foster children in need is not only important today to those kids, but also for their future and by connection, that of our community. I'm proud to step back into a role of leadership with the organization."

Bloom originally joined CASA's board in 1996, and served as a board member for the majority of the intervening years, including a stint as Board Chair, until terming off in 2012.In 2013 and 2014, he served on CASA's Evening to Foster Dreams Gala Committee.

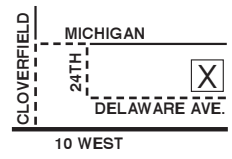
Bloom's practice emphasizes real property and commercial financings, debt restructurings and risk management, primarily for financial institutions and other providers of financial services. Bloom earned his B.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Southern California, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D., cum laude, from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. Mr. Bloom is currently co-vice chair/secretary of the Financial Institutions Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California.

Founded in 1978, CASA of Los Angeles is a community-supported 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to mobilize community volunteers to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in the overburdened foster care system of Los Angeles County. CASA's vision is of a Los Angeles where every foster child has an advocate and the opportunity to thrive.

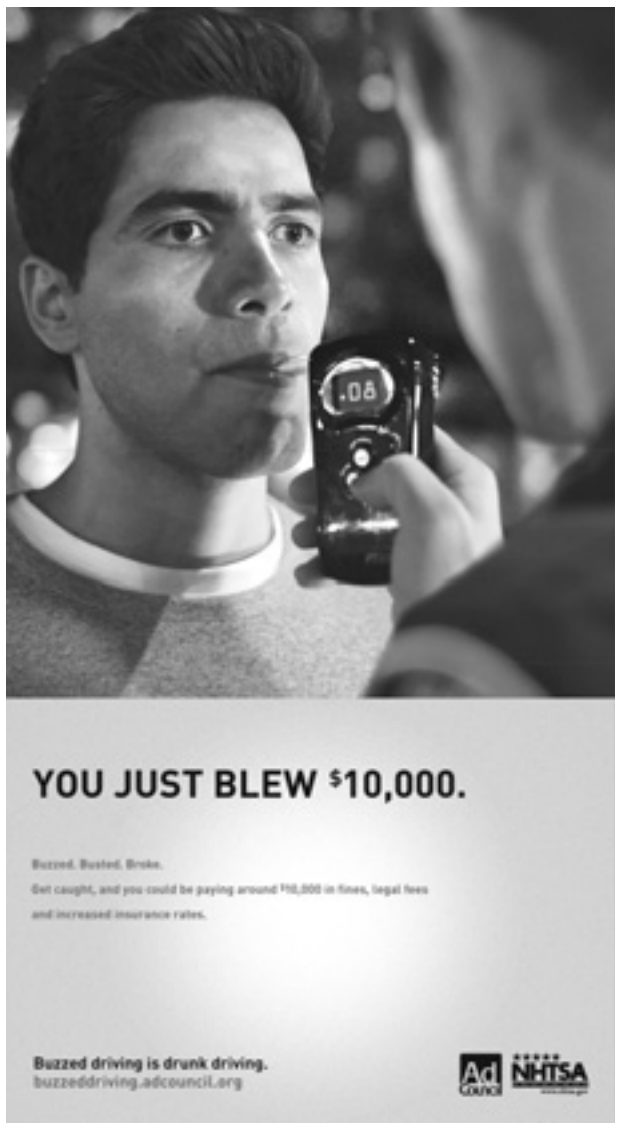
Through committed, highly trained everyday citizen volunteers, CASA brings the voice of a concerned community into the child welfare system. Studies have shown that children with CASAs receive more assistance and support than children without, and are more likely to be adopted or returned to their families and less likely to reenter the child welfare system. For more information, please visit the CASA of Los Angeles website: www.casala.org.

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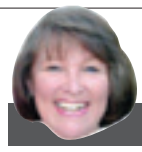
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Play Time

Cynthia Citron — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

DysFUNCtion Can Be Funky

OKAY, SO WE ALL HAVE DYSFUNCTIONAL families. And their doppelgangers have been running rampant, loving and hating one another, as in "August-Osage County," or attempting to provide hilarity onstage a la Kaufman and Hart's "You Can't Take It With You." So enough already!

The latest entry in the "whimsical family" category is a heavy-handed attempt at merriment, but the actors, unfortunately, come off as just trying too hard. It's a play by Meryl Cohn called "Reasons to Live," and it's a joint production of the Skylight Theatre Company and Open Fist Theatre Company, both of which have a history of presenting well-received plays.

In this one, the central character is The Mother, a high-spirited, self-absorbed ditz who breaks into song at the top of her lungs from time to time to sing out of sync with the singers on her CDs. Played by Judith Scarpone, she does a good job of outbouncing the rest of the cast, as if she were aspiring to be the Auntie Mame of Great Neck, Long Island. She makes the rest of the cast look downright dreary.

The occasion for the family get-together is the scheduled wedding of oldest daughter Jane (Jessica Ires Morris), who, at 43 is marrying for the second time. She appears in her wedding dress to discover that her intended husband doesn't intend to show up.

Then there is Emily (Amanda Weier), who comes to the wedding with her latest lover, Heather (Jordana Berliner), all huggy and kissy. This is only their second date, but Heather decides that the two of them should get married. (After all, they've got the food right there!)

And, rounding out this cozy little group is Andrew (Scott Speiser), Emily's twin brother. At 33, he lives in his pajamas at his mother's house and conducts all his clandestine business dealings on the telephone. What he is selling, however, is not drugs.

Andrew is sullen and anti-social until a customer, Tara (Jennifer Schoch), shows up. She is as awkward and shy as he, and watching the two of them get together is the relative high point of the play.

(Apropos of nothing, it's fun to know that Speiser has performed all over the world as one of the Blue Men in the Blue Man Group.)

And finally there is Helen (Katherine Griffith), an aunt or something, who is presumably on hand to provide comic relief.

Members of the family occasionally drop a Yiddishism into their conversation, and by this you're supposed to understand that they're Jewish, although this has nothing to do with anything else in the play.

(The rabbi they keep referring to could just as easily be a priest or a minister.) But there is at least one funny ethnic line. As Heather begins a convoluted answer to a speculative question, Emily interrupts to explain, "Most questions don't require answers if you're Jewish."

And so it goes. Susan Morgenstern, who directs this production, is known locally for her work at many of the most respected small theaters in the area. She also co-taught a course in American musical comedy with Tom Lehrer at U.C. Santa Cruz.

Jeff McLaughlin, who designed the set and lighting, is a multiple-award winner. The traditional living room he designed for "Reasons to Live", however, while pleasant enough and serviceable, is largely underwhelming.

"Reasons to Live" will continue at the Skylight Theatre, 1816? N. Vermont Ave. in L.A. on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 and Sundays at 3 through December 14th. Call (213) 761-7061 for tickets or visit http://skylighttix.com.

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NUTCRACKER

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Anna Yeh, a 13-year-old 8th grader at Crossroads Middle School will be dancing the starring role of the Sugar Plum Fairy for the first time in Marat Daukayev Ballet Theatre's Nutcracker, which will take place at the Luckman Theatre at Cal State LA. Yeh will be dancing the role in the 4:30 p.m. performance on Sunday, Dec 7. She will be dancing other smaller roles and with the corps de ballet in the other six performances. She has been studying ballet since she the age of 5 and has won several awards, competitions and scholarships. With over 130 dancers, ages 3-21, and over 500 costumes, this re-staging of the 1934 St. Petersburg production reaffirms the Russian roots of this holiday classic. The children of Marat Daukayev School of Ballet will be joined by international star Maria Kochetkova and Gennadi Nedvigin, principal dancers of San Francisco Ballet for two gala performances, Saturday, December 13 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m. Marat Daukayev, former star of the Kirov Ballet and every bit a commanding presence on stage, will perform the role of Drosselmeyer in all performances. The Nutcracker will be performed on Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. at The Luckman Theatre, Cal State LA, 5151 State University Drive. Tickets are $38-63 and are available online at www.maratdaukayev.org.

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Northeast Neighbors

Providence Health & Services and Pacific Heart Institute create new affiliation

Providence Health & Services, Southern California, and Pacific Heart Institute, a Santa Monica-based cardiology practice, have approved the formation of a strategic affiliation aimed at enhancing patient care.

Pacific Heart Institute provides comprehensive cardiology services including preventive cardiology, heart failure diagnosis and management, cardiovascular interventions, advanced arrhythmia management and the treatment of women with heart disease. The nine-physician practice includes 42 advanced practitioners and staff members.

Providence Health & Services, Southern California, is a Catholic not-for-profit, mission-driven healthcare system. Providence Southern California operates six award-winning hospitals and a comprehensive, fully-integrated network of primary care clinics, urgent care centers, home care, TrinityCare and TrinityKids Care hospice as well as Providence High School. Providence is anchored locally by Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills, Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, Providence Tarzana Medical Center and Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Centers in Torrance and San Pedro.

"Providence Saint John's is fortunate to have extremely talented cardiologists on our staff and we're excited for this opportunity to expand our relationship with one of these groups. Our goal is to collaborate in research as we continue to enhance the care we provide." said Marcel Loh, chief executive, Providence Saint John's Health Center. "PHI is a group of highly respected physicians, nurses and support people with strong roots in Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Malibu and other Westside communities and we welcome them to our growing Providence family."

PHI physicians collaborate to ensure comprehensive care for every patient. The practice includes board-certified cardiologists with advanced training in multiple cardiology subspecialties.

"The strength of the Providence system here in Southern California and throughout the Western states will give PHI access to an expanded base of patients, as well as opportunities for greater collaboration and sharing of cardiology 'best practices' with our colleagues," said Glenda Dennis, chief executive officer of PHI.

Providence Southern California is the second largest health care system in Los Angeles County, operating six hospitals, numerous outpatient clinics and a regional hospice program. To meet the goals of health care reform, Providence has sought innovative partnerships as it strives to expand access to quality and affordable care and to improve the health of the communities it serves. PHI is located adjacent to Providence Saint John's Health Center, a 266-bed hospital that became part of Providence earlier this year.

Providence Saint John's has a tradition of leading-edge cardiovascular care. Just this week, the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association published the results of a landmark four-year trial http://california.providence.org/news demonstrating the effectiveness of Watchman, an implantable heart device as an alternative to traditional blood thinning medicine to reduce the risk of stroke in patients with atrial fibrillation.

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HERO FILM FESTIVAL

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The 10th Annual MY HERO International Film Festival was held on Nov. 22. The International Film Festival screened various genres of films. Special prizes included: The Relationships First Award (awarded to Present Trauma Mark Manalo USC), The Ron Kovic Peace Prize (awarded to Blessed is the Peacemaker, Taqi Juba), the Sylvia Earle Ocean Conservation Award (awarded to Walter Malti - Director, Kurt Lieber - Featured HERO from Ocean Defenders Alliance), Media Award (given to Facebook Stories - The Conditioned, by Director Michael Marantz) and the Dan Eldon Activist Award (awarded to Jon Rose – Waves for Water, Aaron Flynn & Hurley). Q'orianka Kilcher was the host for the evening. Paul Cummins was honored with the 2014 Global Educator Award.





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students, especially from other countries, that this is basically how our country came into being, through hospitality and friendship."

Tsang said that he is grateful for the financial turnaround of the state, which corresponds with increased funding for the college. He said that more funding means the school can better fulfill its mission to educate.

"We're slowly restoring a list of the classes that have suffered from the lack of funds," he said, before launching into a passionate speech about the social value and equity that higher education brings to students and the state of California as a whole.

"That was probably a long lesson, but I'm a teacher," Tsang said laughing.

Nat Trives, wears the moniker of Mr. Santa Monica proudly, and the name is well-earned. A former police officer for the city, he has also served on the city council and as mayor of the Westside community.

Now retired, Trives dedicates his time towards volunteer and service opportunities and mentoring and guiding young residents.

"I've been retired 17 years and my calendar is busier now than ever in my working life," Trives said.

A three-time cancer survivor, Trives said he is ultimately thankful that he has been able to give back to the community which has provided him so much.

"I'm really thankful for the fact that I'm still around and able to keep helping others," he said.

Mayor Pam O'Connor recently staved off a slate of challengers and triumphed in a hard-fought campaign over the seat on the city council she has held for years.

But while she has plenty to be thankful for on the political front, she reminded Santa Monicans to remember the city employees who make their holiday season possible.

"I am thankful for the dedicated City of Santa Monica employees especially those who are working on Thanksgiving Day, and other holidays, protecting our safety, driving buses, maintaining services and facilities so the rest of us can celebrate the holiday with our friends and families," O'Connor said.

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WALK
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promised his mother, who died in his arms, that he'd collect one million signatures on a bamboo pole adorned with American flags, before completing his journey. After more than seven years, he's gone the distance, on foot, but he's 320,000 signatures shy. So he's sleeping on the beach, collecting about 300 signatures a day, and waiting to cross into the Promised Land, the Santa Monica Pier, so he can finish his journey and return home.

"I really, really want to get back to my wife," said Young, who sounds a bit like Elvis Presley. "I want a shower. I want to make my wife breakfast in bed. I thought I'd be home by Thanksgiving but that's obviously not happening."

Young started his journey on April 16, 2007, walking from the pier to Plymouth, Ind. where he got word that his mother, back in San Diego, was dying. He flew back to be with her and 19 days later she died.

Before she died, Young promised her that he'd collect a million signatures - promises from the signers that they'll complete an act of kindness - on his bamboo pole.

Eventually, he returned to Indiana and continued his journey to the site of the collapsed World Trade Center towers in New York City.

He toured the city, filling his bamboo pole with 80,000 signatures. He began adding American flags, each one covered with 1,000 signatures.

He went to work in West Virginia for several months before returning to New York City to begin his walk back to Santa Monica. He made it to Gettysburg, Pa. before getting word that his sister was in a car accident in Ohio. She, too, died with Young at her side.

Young continued from Gettysburg to Iowa, where the cold winter weather knocked him out. He took a break, returning to West Virginia. When the weather warmed, he trekked from Iowa to Santa Monica, hoisting the bamboo pole adorned with hundreds of signed flags on his back like Sisyphus' boulder.

He got to Santa Monica a few weeks ago, he said, but he can't end his journey until the signatures are gathered.

He's been walking back and forth between Venice and Santa Monica, or sitting outside the Staples, a company that, he says, has sponsored him during his walk.

"I can't believe I didn't get a million signatures while I was walking across the country," he said. "I can't keep doing this forever. I want to see my wife so bad."

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **63.9°**

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small WNW-NW swell

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New WNW swell mix to build; size may build into the 3-4'+ zone for top spots out west in the PM; stay tuned

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
WNW swell - more size for standouts out west; stay tuned

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Possible WNW swell eases; watching winds/weather; stay tuned

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **November 19, 2014**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 15
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 8

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SIMA, Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	A+
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	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	D
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+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	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 DWW jetty).	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	D

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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MLS player rues slow acceptance of gays in sports

MELISSA MURPHY
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Los Angeles Galaxy soccer star Robbie Rogers wants some company, now that he's the last man standing as an openly gay athlete in a U.S. professional league.

Jason Collins recently retired from the NBA, and Michael Sam is without an NFL team. That leaves Rogers, the first openly gay player in Major League Soccer, hoping for a bigger fraternity.

"To be honest, I thought when I came out and Jason and Michael, I thought there'd be a chain reaction," Rogers said in a recent phone interview with The Associated Press. "It's been a lot slower. I guess that just reminds me how big a problem it is in sports culture with homophobia. They don't feel comfortable."

Rogers chronicles his struggles with soccer, faith and family acceptance in the memoir "Coming Out To Play," released Tuesday by Penguin Books. It's a collaborative effort with Eric Marcus, who co-wrote Greg Louganis' book, and recollections from his mother and oldest sister. Rogers discusses growing up in Southern California, playing soccer in U.S. and European leagues and dealing with his sexuality.

On Sunday, he helped the Galaxy defeat Seattle 1-0 in the opener of the Western Conference finals. He's been a key defender this season after briefly retiring from the sport last year at age 25.

Rogers recently signed a contract extension, and the Galaxy players have embraced him. But locker rooms notoriously weren't a safe environment to talk about sexuality, except for teammates bragging about their heterosexual conquests.

"Like every locker room I'd been in for years now, 'f-g' and 'gay' were tossed around like an all-purpose putdown," he wrote. "It cut deeper into an already raw wound."

So Rogers stifled his feelings, occasionally dating women to please his questioning teammates and family. After playing five seasons for the Columbus Crew in MLS, with stints in the Netherlands and England, he realized his happiness required living an authentic life. So he simultaneously came out and retired in a blog post in February 2013, thinking he couldn't be an openly gay man and a pro soccer player.

But an outpouring of support, conversations with Los Angeles star Landon Donovan and an invitation from Galaxy coach Bruce Arena to train with the team caused a change of heart.

Now the Galaxy are vying for a spot in the MLS final, Rogers is in a steady relationship and hoping more pro sports leagues provide education about diversity. That way, a teammate might think twice before throwing around gay slurs in the locker room.

There are still no openly gay players in the NFL, NHL or Major League Baseball.

"There are a number of gay men playing professional sports, just not out," Rogers told the AP. "In the end, it's really about guys coming out and changing the atmosphere by being in it. You definitely need to create the environment first where guys feel comfortable."

Baseball hired Billy Bean, who came out after his MLB career, to talk to all 30 teams about inclusion. Rogers says teams need to educate players on "racism, sexism and homophobia. The leagues should have a person there guys can go talk to, honestly. Talk about mental health or depression or guys wanting to come out."

Rogers was a prodigy growing up, playing organized soccer at 4. As a teenager, he competed on the Orange County Blue Star team. Jurgen Klinsmann, now the coach of the U.S. national team, would occasionally stop by. His favorite players were European stars Thierry Henry and Zinedine Zidane. After helping Maryland win the 2005 NCAA title as a freshman, Rogers turned pro and went to the Netherlands. Playing for Leeds United in 2012, he sustained a concussion 12 minutes into his debut, colliding with an opponent while going for a header. An ankle injury intensified his depression and isolation, and he eventually returned to the U.S.

Rogers heard negative comments about gay people at home, at church, in school and in the locker room. He considers his family "socially and politically conservative and very Catholic." Rogers describes his family as loving and close, yet there were harsh comments from his father about not being a "fairy" and negative comments from his mother about gay celebrities and gay marriage.

"Growing up, I heard and saw plenty that made me think that being gay was bad, defective and sinful," Rogers wrote.

He came out to his family, despite the fear of rejection, before posting his blog. Now he says his parents, three sisters and younger brother are his biggest supporters.

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VEG A LITTLE TONIGHT, SCORPIO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You can't seem to get enough of the social nature of the day. Whether you are the host or the guest, you are likely to have a great time. You might decide to watch the Thanksgiving parade or reach out to someone at distance. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your role could be quite important, as you might be enlisted to pitch in and make dinner at the last minute. As a result, don't expect to have much private time to catch up with loved ones and friends. Tonight: Finally, some time for yourself!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your mind seems to drift to family or friends at a distance. If you can, take the day off to visit with them. People could have an unpredictable quality to them today. You could be surprised by what goes on. Tonight: Get into the warm, friendly nature of the day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might choose to make this a low-key Thanksgiving, where you prepare dinner for just you and your immediate circle of friends. You will enjoy the process as much as the turkey. Tonight: Enjoy some free time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could have more invitations coming your way than you know what to do with. Try not to hurt anyone's feelings while making the social rounds. Consider bringing a thank-you gift as you go from one get-together to the next. Tonight: Touch base with someone at a distance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You could be quite busy, whether you have to do some work or handle a domestic responsibility. A loved one would be only too happy to pitch in, so let him or her take the reins. Otherwise, you might feel overburdened on some level. Tonight: Take care of loose ends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your natural self-expression sometimes can be flirtatious. Be careful, as someone who doesn't know you well might misread you. On the other hand, a loved one might decide that he or she has had enough, and could demand all of your attention. Tonight: Make amends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21
★★★★ You might decide to stay close to home. You enjoy visiting with others and catching up, but a relaxed pace of staying put might be more appealing right now. Maintain a sense of humor as everything falls into place. Tonight: Know that you can finally veg a little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ The doorbell might be ringing all day long, as family members seek you out. You have a choice to make: Stay present with the moment, or respond to these incoming requests. Tonight: Visit with those around you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could get stuck running some last-minute errands and end up arriving late to Thanksgiving dinner. Many of you who visit with several different families will have a little more flexibility than others. Tonight: Try not to overindulge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You'll smile, and others can't help but be pulled in. You might be concerned about helping others feel at home. Others could seek you out, but you'll have your hands full doing everything you need to do while still remaining sociable. Tonight: Let the party begin!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Tension seems to build around a matter that you might not be able to discuss right now. You could feel quite frustrated as you try to accommodate others while holding this information back. You might decide to excuse yourself early from what is going on. Tonight: Not to be found.

Thursday, November 27, 2014

This year you opt to walk a more bohemian, or offbeat, path. You also tend to push past mental boundaries that perhaps you never knew existed. If you are single, you might enjoy your "unattached" status, as you could find yourself in a rich period for meeting people. Your circle of friends is likely to expand, and with it the possibility of meeting Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a lot of quiet time together at home in front of the fireplace or out on your front porch. Schedule a long-desired vacation. AQUARIUS can be difficult to relate to.

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

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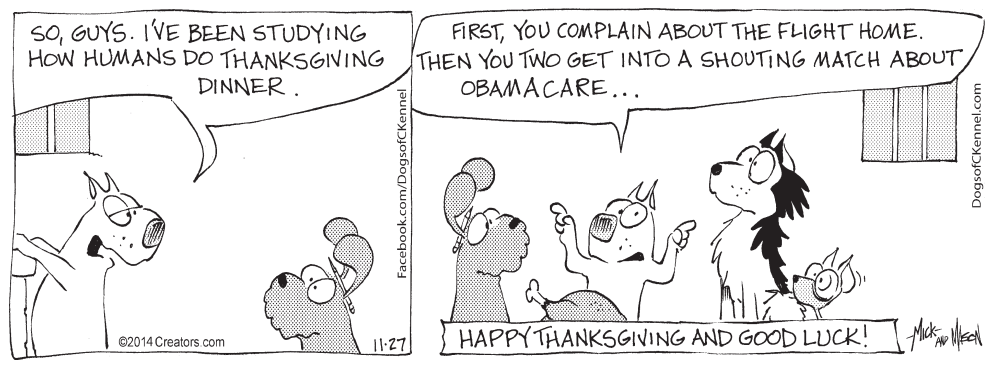
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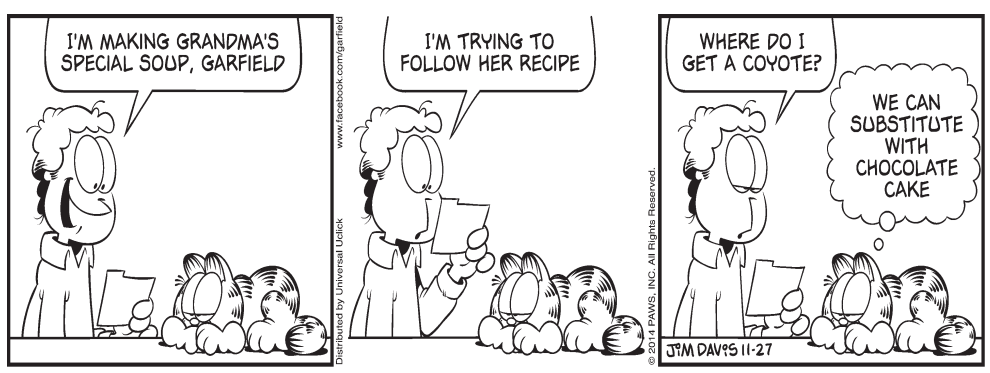
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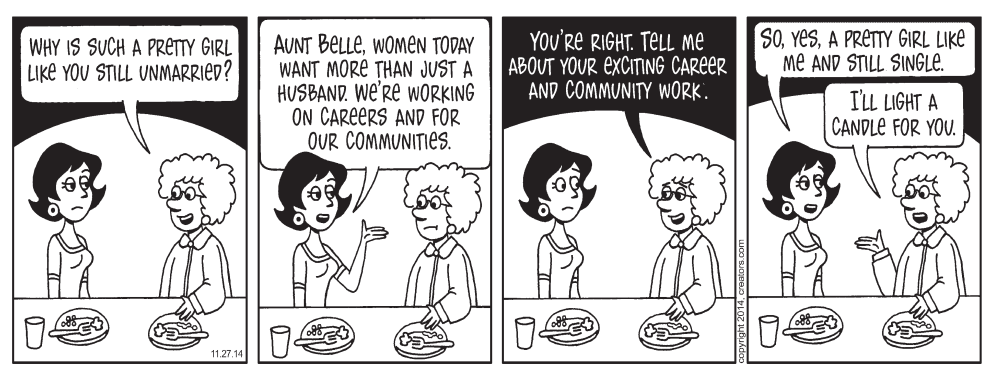
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 389 calls for service on Nov. 25.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Burglary on the 400 block of 21st St. at 4:49 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1500 block of 5th St. at 5:50 a.m.
Loitering on the 1500 block of 2nd St. at 7:48 a.m.
Hit and run at 23rd and Wilshire at 8:29 a.m.
Traffic accident on the 1900 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 8:36 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 2400 block of California Ave. at 8:45 a.m.
Petty theft on the 100 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 9:25 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 1500 block of 11th St. at 9:49 a.m.
Petty theft on the 2300 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 10:09 a.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 200 block of 21st St. at 10:13 a.m.
Fraud on the 2500 block of Kansas Ave. at 10:20 a.m.
Hit and run on the 1800 block of Main St. at 10:31 a.m.
Identity theft on the 1700 block of Sunset Ave. at 10:38 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 1300 block of 4th St. at 11:17 a.m.
Battery on the 1400 block of 5th St. at 11:28 a.m.
Petty theft at 15th and Georgina at 11:41 a.m.
Traffic accident on the 2500 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 11:42 a.m.
Panhandling on the 700 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 12:37 p.m.
Fraud on the 1800 block of 10th St. at 1:14 p.m.
Grand theft on the 2600 block of 6th St. at 1:36 p.m.
Elder abuse on the 500 block of Olympic Blvd. at 2 p.m.
Vandalism on the 2200 block of Virginia Ave. at 2:54 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 800 block of PCH at 3:29 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1200 block of 4th St. at 3:51 p.m.
Vandalism on the 2000 block of Virginia Ave. at 3:51 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 4:36 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1900 block of Colorado Ave. at 5:17 p.m.
Vandalism on the 2000 block of 21st St. at 5:31 p.m.
Battery on the 2600 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 5:32 p.m.
Traffic accident at Cloverfield and Pico at 5:54 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 1900 block of Ocean Ave. at 6:34 p.m.
Identity theft on the 1600 block of Washington Ave. at 6:59 p.m.
Grand theft auto on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 7:50 p.m.



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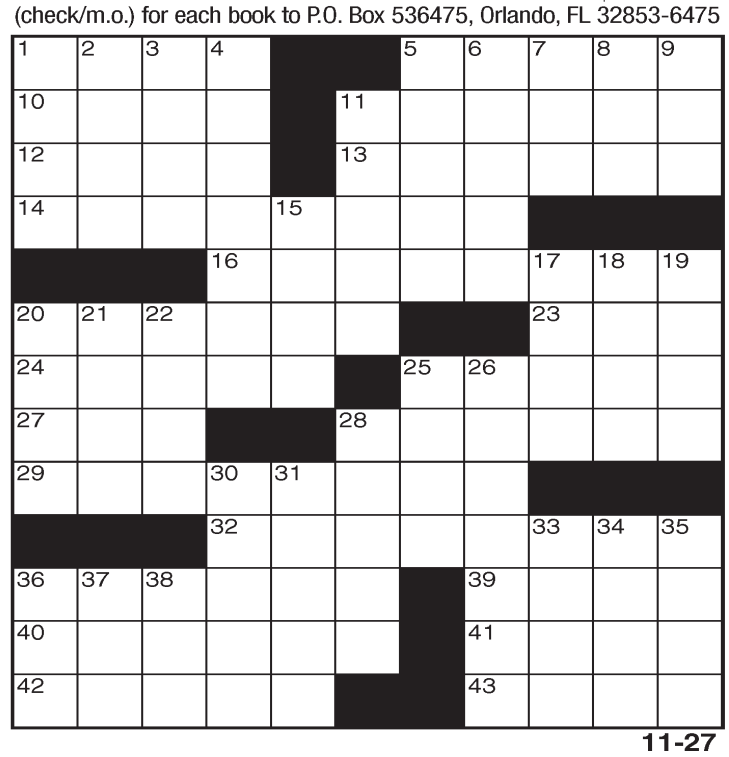
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Washington, D.C., restaurant Second State recently added an accessory to its bar menu -- "hand-cut rock," i.e., "artisanal" ice, for $1 extra (but free in premium drinks). The local supplier Favourite Ice assures that its frozen water contains no calcium to cloud it and, with a heavy-duty band-saw blade, "hand-cuts" 200-to-300-pound blocks into the cubes that ultimately wind up in the glass. A Favourite Ice founder said his frozen water resists drink-weakening longer than ordinary cubes do.

■ Daniela Liverani, 24, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and British singer Katie Melua recently survived inadvertent, grotesque ordeals hosting, respectively, a three-inch leech and a spider. The leech had found its way into Liverani's nose during an Asian backpacking trip and had poked part-way out several times (though Liverani had assumed it was a nosebleed clot and "sniffed (it) back up"). When she finally saw a doctor in October, she said, the leech played peek-a-boo for a half-hour until the doctor grabbed it with tweezers. Melua's tiny spider apparently lived in her ear for a week, creating a constant "rustling" noise until her doctor vacuumed it out. She guessed that it came in through old earbud headphones on an airline flight. (Her spokesperson said the singer had no hard feelings and had released the spider into her garden.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1983 - Avianca Flight 011: A Boeing 747 crashes near Madrid's Barajas Airport, killing 181.

1984 - Under the Brussels Agreement signed between the governments of the United Kingdom and Spain, the former agreed to enter into discussions with Spain over Gibraltar, including sovereignty.

1991 - The United Nations Security Council adopts Security Council Resolution 721, leading the way to the establishment of peacekeeping operations in Yugoslavia.

1992 - For the second time in a year, military forces try to overthrow president Carlos Andrés Pérez in Venezuela.

1997 - Twenty-five are killed in the second Souhane massacre in Algeria.

1999 - The left-wing Labour Party takes control of the New Zealand government with leader Helen Clark becoming the first elected female Prime Minister in New Zealand's history.

2000 - In the Canadian federal election the Liberal Party of Canada wins its third consecutive election with a gain in the number of its members.

2001 - A hydrogen atmosphere is discovered on the extrasolar planet Osiris by the Hubble Space Telescope, the first atmosphere detected on an extrasolar planet.

2004 - Pope John Paul II returns the relics of Saint John Chrysostom to the Eastern Orthodox Church.

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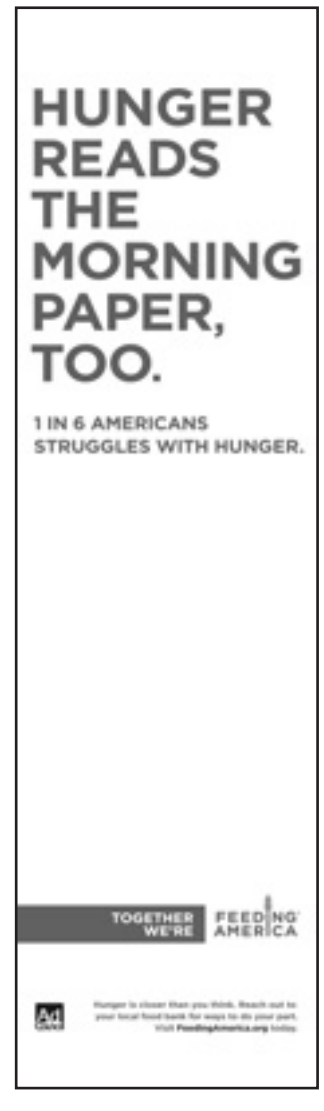
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