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## **New Federal Law Benefits Non-resident Military Spouses**

## **Qualified Spouses May Be Entitled** to State Tax Refund for 2009

Sacramento - (BUSINESS WIRE) - The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) today (Dec. 8, 2009) announced that a new federal law exempts some civilian spouses' income from state income tax. The newly-signed Military Spouses Residency Relief Act exempts personal service income and wages earned by taxpayers who reside with their military relocated to California under military orders for the income to be exempt from California taxes. They must also share the same "domicile" or true home outside California where they intend to return and locate permanently. The act does not exempt nonmilitary income of

military personnel. States cannot tax any military pay of nonresident military personnel. The new law applies to all of calendar year 2009, allowing refunds of any taxes withheld this year on the now exempt income. The refund form, FTB Form 540NR, California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return, will be available spouses. The couple must have from FTB in January 2010. For future tax purposes, the Employment Development Department advises qualified submit taxpayers to new payroll withholding forms prevent California to tax withholding on future income. FTB is updating its Publication

Personnel, with guidelines on the new federal law. The publication will be available in mid-December online at ftb.ca.gov, at military bases, and at all FTB Field Offices.

For military families who want help completing their tax forms, the Military Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (Military VITA) offers free tax help at many bases starting February 1. For information on VITA locations, visit FTB's website after February 1 or contact a Judge Advocate General's (JAG) office.

For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit: www.taxes.ca.gov

Source: California Franchise Tax Board

## We Should All Be So Lucky



(L-R): Mims Siegel; Tom Allen, 99 Cents Store manager, Howard Schmidt from Supervisor Susan Peters' office; Ruthie Tuttle, the birthday girl; Laurie Pefley, daughter; Abe Siegel; Dana Phipps, daughter; John Pefley, son-in-law; and Aaron Edwards from 99 Cents Store all celebrate Ruthie's birthday.

Carmichael – Ruthie Tuttle of Carmichael recently turned 99 years young, and was honored by the 99 Cents Store this past week during a small celebration at the store. "My mother always said 'All the bells were ringing because I was being born', as I was born at noon and the church bells used to always ring at noon", said Ruthie. She also enjoyed the wonderful surprise of snow in Carmichael on her celebration day, as it

snowed the day she was born.

A big and beautiful rose bouquet was provided as a birthday family sang "Happy Birthday" as she enjoyed their hugs and kisses. Ruthie received a wonderful commemorative certificate from Supervisor Susan Peters, presented by Howard Schmidt.

wonderful place to live. I have a lot of friends there." She took her big birthday cake back home gift from Papadopolous Florist to share with her many friends. of Carmichael. Her friends and Ruthie was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but moved to Carmichael about twenty years ago due to her husband's illness. She moved to be near her daughters Laurie and Dana, who live in the area.

## "Home for the Holidays!" Sacramento County Animal Care Facility to Host a Series of Special Events in December

1032, Tax Information for Military

**Bring a New Best Friend** 

Sacramento - Are you looking cats one year or older. Adoptions for a new way to celebrate the holidays? Why not come visit us for one or all of our special events or take advantage of our opportunities support the animals! to "There are going to be of fun activities for the whole family at our facility for the holidays," said Pat Claerbout, Director. "We are inviting everyone to come out and visit our new facility and meet our special animals who

would make perfect the addition to your home and your family." Adult Cats -Adoption fees will be waived through December for

include spay/neuter surgery and micro-chipping.

• Decorate the Animal Care Holiday Tree – One ornament will be put on the tree for every animal adopted in December, and we are depending on the public to help us fill the tree.

• Coats for Kids Campaign with *News 10* – Don't forget to bring in your gently used coats to be delivered to children in need.

• Pet Pantry - Bring unopened wet/dry pet food to the shelter to help pets in need. The pet pantry will supply much needed pet food to families who are finding it difficult to care for their pets. • Holiday Fundraiser - Meet Rudolph the Goat and have your pet's photo taken with Santa. December 12-13 and 19-20. \$10 suggested donation each.

Learn more about these events at www. saccountyshelter. net. The Animal Care Facility is now open weekends and closed Monday and Tuesday. Doors open at 11 a.m. Visit our beautiful new shelter 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento CA 95827.

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## **Turn on the Blue Lights**

The holidays and decorating homes with lights inside and outside is just around the corner. Around the country some communities encourage residents to feature one window of their home or a part of their outdoor display using only BLUE LIGHTS as a salute to all

our Law Enforcement Officers. In recent years in Sacramento County and surrounding Counties we have lost too many officers responding to their duties and it ended with injury and sometimes death. These BLUE LIGHTS during the holidays would be a public way

to remember and thank all these men and women in law enforcement who help protect us 24/7. We hope you will consider doing this. It is really a small thing to do for the men and women who put their lives on the line for us every working day and night.

Ruthie currently lives at Winding Commons of Carmichael and says "It is a

At 99, Ruthie is still full of energy and is a real joy to be around. We should all be so lucky. Happy Birthday Ruthie!





Continuing a fall and winter season, Sacramento Symphonic Winds presents its Holiday concert December 13. Admission is \$5; seniors and kids free. "Symphonies, solos and Sing-alongs" is the name of the La Sierra Community Center event. Pictured, director Dr Les Lehr gets a chuckle from brass and woodwind players during concert rehearsals. Concert information: www.sacwinds.org.

Photo by Susan Skinner

## www.CarmichaelTimes.com

## **E-Check Payments Possible for Sacramento County Building Permit Services**

Sacramento County is now accepting e-checks for their building and development permitting services. The rate is \$1.50 for fees of \$10,000 or less and \$15.00 for fees above \$10,000. As part of the continued effort to make the building permit process easier for contractors and residents, the web-based service now allows for payments with e-checks as well as most major credit cards. Note that there will be a penalty of \$44 charged for returned checks and Visa is not accepted at this time. This service is available Director

via the Internet, 24 hours a day - seven days a week. Citizens, licensed contractors and businesses can apply and pay for permits, in addition to scheduling inspections and checking the status of a permit or inspection. Using e-checks simply require entering basic information from your checks into our system which is secured by Official Payments Corp.

"We are pleased to add this to our growing list of online building and development services," said Steve Pedretti, of Sacramento

County Engineering. "We want to provide customers with conveniences that save them time whenever we can."

Permits for reroofing and Miscellaneous Residential Permits such as replacing a water heater or air conditioning can be purchased online by providing basic information including the location of the project, approximate job value, and contractor's license. This service applies to projects in the unincorporated County.

Visit www.bldginspection. org and click Online Services on the left.



## Carmichael Times

## **First Installment** of County **Property Taxes Due December 10**

The deadline for paying the first installment of 2009-2010 Sacramento County property taxes is coming up very soon. Payments are due no later than December 10, 2009, to pay the first installment without penalty. Late payments will incur a 10 percent penalty for each tax bill. Partial payment cannot be accepted.

If you own property and have not received a tax bill, you can obtain tax bill information through the Internet at www. eproptax.saccounty.net, using your 14-digit parcel number.



Effie Yeaw

## Niello Addresses Chamber at Monthly Luncheon



Assemblyman Roger Niello addressed the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce on today's business and economic climate. Greeting the 5th District representative were (left) Vipul and Priya Bansal (owners of Seniors Helping Seniors), publisher Paul Scholl, Niello assistant Jenny Radloff, Chamber president Trish Harrington, Assembly District Officer Vanessa McCarthy Olmstead and Cozy Care Assisted Living owner Angelina Somorjai.

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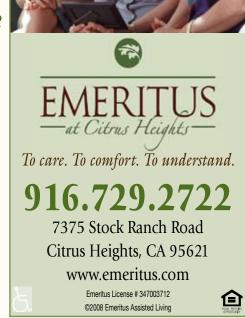


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## **Sacramento Artist Seeks Art Supply Donations For Stanford Home For Children**

Sacramento, - Midtown artist Raphael Delgado is hosting the 2nd Annual Crayons to Canvas Art Supply Drive through Dec. 12 to benefit Stanford Home for Children. Donations will help Stanford Home further develop its art therapy program for local children.

Donations of art supplies for youth ages 10-18 can be dropped off at the Raphael Delgado Art Studio, 1018 22nd Street, Sacramento, Monday through Saturday 3-8 p.m. Art Ellis Supply also will be collecting donations at 2508 J Street, Sacramento, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Art Ellis Supply will be giving 20 percent discounts for supplies donated to Stanford Home.

"Stanford Home is an excellent organization that focuses on the importance of creating a strong family bond through family-centered solutions like art therapy," Delgado said. "This year, we are aiming to create starter kits for teenagers and their families to build on." Delgado will host an Appreciation Art Show for Crayons to Canvas contributors from 5-9 p.m. on Dec. 12 with food provided by Rudy's Hideaway. He also will be donating 30 percent of his proceeds from the December 2nd Saturday Art Walk sales to Stanford Home for Children.

"Raphael understands the inextricable link between children and art," said Keith Diederich, Stanford Home executive director. "We consider Raphael an advocate for children, and we are grateful that he has chosen our organization as his vehicle reaching local families." for Raphael Delgado Art Studio is located in Midtown and has been a favorite destination on the Sacramento Art Walk since 2006. His cubist and abstract style has redefined art by visually documenting Sacramento's changing economic status. Delgado's paintings are available to view at www.artbyraphael.com and can be purchased at the studio at 1018 22nd Street, Sacramento.

Spanning more than 100 years, Stanford Home for Children is a visionary organization working to ensure all children are safe, healthy and connected to family so they can dream, overcome and thrive. Combining a family-centered approach to care with solutions focused on results, Stanford Home provides a comprehensive array of programs that help Sacramento County's at-risk families regain self-confidence, rise above challenges and rebuild their lives. For more information, visit www.stanfordhome.org.

## An Evening with Irving Berlin



A fundraiser for the Carmichael Kiwanis recently packed the Realtors' Association HQ (Howe Ave) for an evening of Irving Berlin songs. The annual event features classic American songwriters. Organizer and star is Carolyne Swayze (center), a professional jazz singer and Kiwanis member. Other volunteer cast members included Peter Martin, Peggy Hill, Patti Baumert, Stan Read and Jim Bortolotto.

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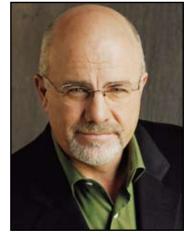
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#### Is Consolidation A Smart Move?

#### Dear Dave,

I've got my beginner's emergency fund in place, and I'm close to wiping out my consumer loan debt. I still have about \$32,000 in debt from six different government-insured student loans, but they're in deferment at the moment. I was wondering if I should try to consolidate them.?

#### Dear Jason,

- Jason

Well, you get to consolidate these one time. After that, you're stuck. So, you'll want to make sure that the net interest rate you get through consolidation is lower than your current rate. Also, make sure the interest rate is fixed. You don't want to jump through hoops to make this deal happen, and end up with an interest rate that's equal to or higher than the one you had before! Student loans are the only things I'll tell people to consolidate. They're a little different animal than ongoing loans and other kinds of credit. Chances are you're not addicted to going to class, so you probably won't go out and ring up more student loans after you've finished your

education and paid off these things. Just maintain that gazelle intensity, keep working hard to get out of debt, and pay these things off early. Remember, too, that in lots of cases consolidating student loans will move them out of deferral. There's a good chance you'll have to start making payments right away! - Dave

#### Areas of Success for Marriages

#### Dear Dave,

What are the areas do you think couples should be in agreement on before marriage? - Tommy

#### Dear Tommy,

We've worked with several marriage counselors and thousands of couples over the years, and in the process we've learned that fights over money and the resulting problems are probably the biggest cause of divorce in North America.

That's why I believe detailed, indepth pre-marital counseling is an absolute must. I'm not talking about one meeting, a high-five with the preacher as you walk out the door, and everything's cool. You wouldn't undertake an important work project or try to run a marathon without adequate preparation, right? So why on earth would you promise yourself to someone else, and enter what is supposed to be a life-long commitment without preparing yourselves?

It's been our experience that couples have a high probability of having a successful marriage if they can agree in detail on four things before they walk down the aisle: money, religion, kids, and in-laws. When it comes to money find out who is the spender and who's the saver. Get all your cards out on the table, no secrets allowed, and construct a game plan for your finances. You don't want to get married only to wake up to a bum who's irresponsible, won't work, and spends everything they make!

Next, be in agreement on religion. Statistically speaking, two people from the same faith have a much better chance of making a marriage work. With kids, the big question is do you want them or not? If so, how many and when? Are you going to let them run around like wild Indians, or are you going to make them behave? And when it comes to your future in-laws you really need to learn what you're getting into. What are they really like, and where are the boundaries when it comes to their influence in your lives?

Everyone has a past and opinions, and all of these issues should be talked about, dealt with, and agreed upon before the rings go on the fingers. Otherwise, you're liable to get yourselves into a real mess! - Dave

#### \*Please visit www.davesays.org for more financial advice.

## Laura on Life **Books** and **Their Owners**

#### By Laura Snyder

You can learn a lot about a family by the books they read. The next time you walk into the house of someone you've not known very long, look at the collection of books, or in some cases, lack of books, they own.

If there are no books around, but they have a TV that's bigger than the fireplace, it means that someone is a sports fan and that person is in charge of the family purse strings.

Books, however, suggest a certain intellectual aspect. Whether the family is a bunch of smart cookies or simply bored depends on the kind of books they read. If you walk in and there are Bibles everywhere, it means that you are about to be blessed with scripturequoting zealots. A Bible, a Koran, and a Torah canoodling side-byside on the same shelf means that the homeowners are either lost and searching for answers or they just want to keep their options open.

My husband is one person whose dream is to one day have a library full of books in our house. The problem with that is that he hates to read unless he's in the bathroom. So, ideally, we either need bookshelves in his bathroom or a toilet in our library. However, just because a family

has a roomful of books on shelves, doesn't necessarily mean they read them. What you have to look for when determining clues about a person is not what books are on his shelves, but what books are not on his shelves.

What book is hidden in the folds of an afghan wadded up on the sofa? What book is opened face-down on the coffee table or night stand? In my husband's case, the bathroom is a chief source of information as well.

If you came to my house, looking for clues to my family through our literature, the bookshelves would look like a whirling dervish had danced through the room. It would be difficult to find one book that is actually standing upright, binding out, like a little sentinel guarding the secrets of its pages. No, our bookshelves are visited often by every member of the family, thus they resemble an Amtrak collision.

I like to read historical romance novels, biographies, motivational and how-to books. A nice combination of flight and fancy. I'm an anytime, anywhere kind of reader. My husband reads an eclectic mix of technical manuals, invention magazines, a wide variety of activities "For Dummies"books, and sci-finovels. Of course, he is quite selective in his reading times and location.

All of my children read for  $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to an hour before sleeping and anytime they are required to be silent; like in the car or waiting for a haircut or vaccination.

My newly-minted teenager likes fantasy novels like Harry Potter and The Edge Chronicles and other series-type books. And for those of you who are wondering, he has read every Harry Potter book available and has not yet been moved to satanical worship. He has not



joined the occult, started wearing black eveliner or even asked for a magic broomstick for Christmas.

My daughter likes mysteries, history, and fairies, but draws the line at anything scary. Which is good, because she kicks in her sleep. For those of you who may wonder why this matters, I challenge you to try to keep your kid out of your bed after they've read a scary book.

My youngest like his books with lots of pictures. Especially pictures of things with wheels: Trucks, race cars, motorcycles, you name it. He also likes comic books like Captain Underpants and Calvin and Hobbes. Like my husband, he is also selective in his reading location. So if, while looking for books in my house, you happen to come upon a comic book with questionable stains on it, I suggest you dig through our bookshelves and select a different book. The clues you have just deciphered through our books have given you enough information to start a stimulating conversation with one of us if you were to meet us at a dinner party. That is, however, very unlikely, as we will probably be at home reading a book.

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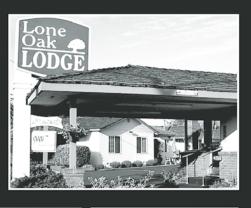
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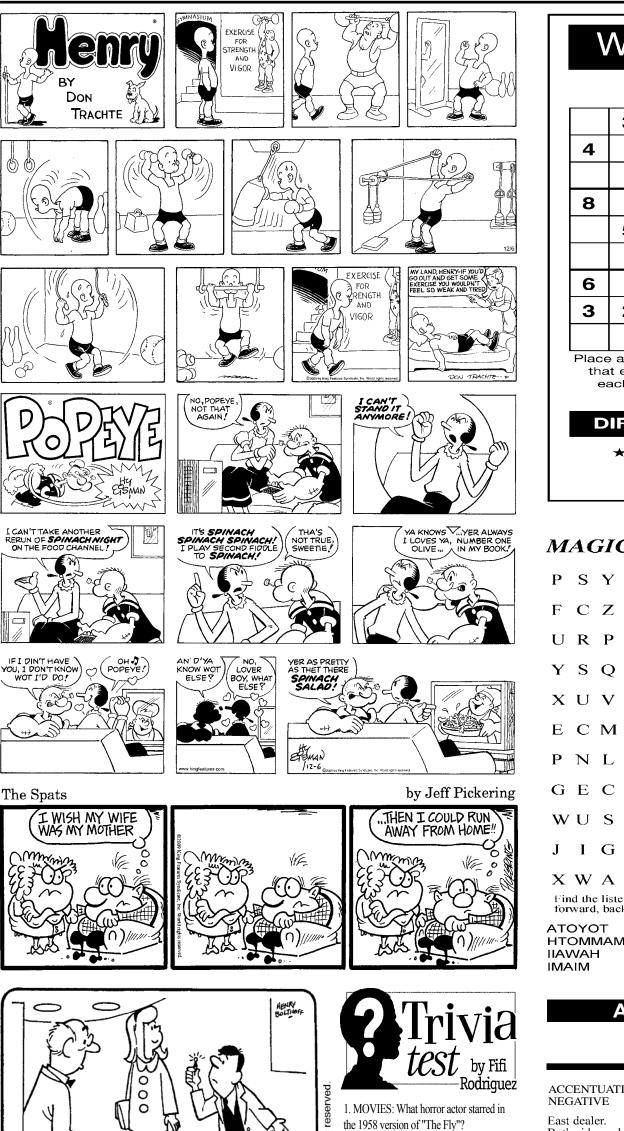


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**Contract Bridge** 

ACCENTUATING THE

Both sides vulnerable. NORTH reached four spades on the bidding shown, and West led the ace of clubs. West then shifted to the ten of hearts. Dummy's queen lost to the ace, and a low heart return from East went to dummy's king. Declarer led a low

December 9, 2009

**Sutter's Fort** 

**Invites the** Community to Celebrate **"A Simple** Emigrant Christmas" on **December 12** Docents & Guests to **Participate in Activities** & Decorate the Fort's - Popcorn Sacramento, cranberry stringing

Holiday Tree 1840s - Style

and Candledipping. Crafting paper cut-out ornaments. Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) invites the community to step back in time for "A Simple Emigrant Christmas" on Saturday, December 12 to celebrate a variety of early holiday traditions and cultural activities similar to what California's early Emigrants experienced in the 1840s.

In fact, Sutter's Fort was one of California's early gathering places where different cultures came together to share and experience differing holiday traditions, many of which are still celebrated today. As part of "A Simple Emigrant Christmas," families and friends are encouraged to visit this historic gathering place where costumed docents will interpret and demonstrate the many different Christmas traditions that were celebrated by the early immigrants at Sutter's Fort. Also, docents and guests will work together to decorate the Fort's holiday tree using only materials available in the 1840s.

Sutter's Fort SHP is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays and



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



5. Man's tie is white. 6. Row of rings is missing. woman's jacket. 3. Ceiling light is added. 4. Bowtie is missing. Differences: 1. Sale sign is added. 2. Button missing from

coward" is an example of what?

3. COMICS: What was the name of Caspar the Friendly Ghost's ghost horse friend?

2. LANGUAGE: "Draw, O Caesar, erase a

4. LAW: What did the 21st Amendment to the Constitution do -- or rather, undo?

5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the evil group that battled the good guys on "The Man from U.N.C.L.E."

6. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element gold?

7. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with 2009 inventing the bicycle pedal?

8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the autobiographical novel "Empire of the Sun"?

9. ART: For what subject matter was painter John Singer Sargent best known?

10. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who said, "The unexamined life is not worth living"? © 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Pass

In some deals, declarer can tell at once that a particular defender cannot have a certain key card. So, while declarer can rarely be sure of every card a defender does hold, he can often feel certain about a specific card (or cards) that that defender does not hold.

Pass

spade to the ace, ruffed a club with dummy's king and drew two more rounds of trumps. Having lost the first two tricks,

South now had to avoid losing either a diamond trick or a heart trick. When the hand was actually played, declarer led a diamond to the ace at this point, felling East's singleton king. As a result, South wound up with 11 tricks - two more than he would have made had he taken the tempting diamond finesse.

Unquestionably, declarer was lucky to find the diamond king unguarded. However, it was the kind of luck one learns to expect from good players.

South did not need to peek to know that East had the king of diamonds. The bidding had indicated this, since West would hardly have passed his partner's opening bid with a hand containing the ace of clubs and king of diamonds. So, rather than play West for a card he couldn't have, South pinned his hopes on the relatively slim possibility that East's king was unchaperoned. © 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.

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8 Sacred

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admission is as follows: \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for youths ages 6 to 17 and free for children 5 and under. Regular admission prices apply for "A Simple Emigrant Christmas" and more information about the event or other activities can be obtained by calling 916-445-4422 or visiting www.parks.ca.gov.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipp HONEY, I'M GLAD YOU LIKED IT, BUT YOU HAVE TO SCRAPE THE TEFLON DIDNT FROM THE

## **King** Crossword

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Answers on Page 8

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#### Here is a case in point. South 🗕 by Steve Becker 🗖

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court for a decree changing name of Brianna Tackett to Brianna All that real property situated in the County of Sacramento, State Saldana. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above of California, described as follows: A portion of lot 19, as shown entitled matter appear before this on that certain plan entitled. "Plat court at 8 a.m. on Dec. 23, 2009 of Citrus Heights Addition No. 16" in Dept. 135, located at 3341 filed in the office of the Recorder, Power Inn Road, Sacramento,

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us not into temptation, but deliver

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your enemies try this year, they will not succeed.. You have been

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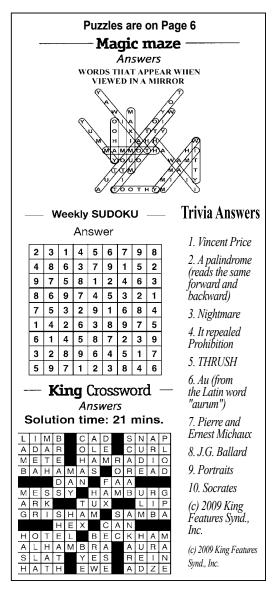
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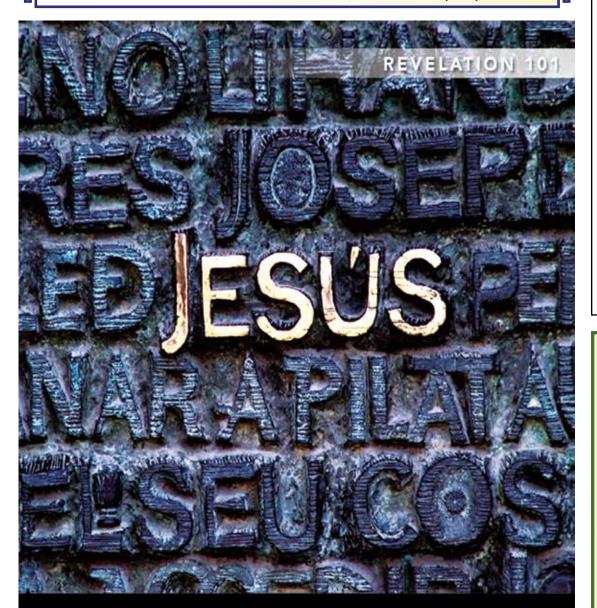
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A spa day seems out of the question, but stressed-out celebrants can find breathing time. Here are some tips for Americans looking to relax over the holidays: -Learn to say "No." You don't have to attend every party for which you receive an invitation. If you feel overwhelmed, open up a space in your schedule. Use that extra time to do something that you enjoy, whether that be baking, reading a book at a local café or napping. - Don't abandon healthy habits. Sure you're busy, but that doesn't mean you should skip your regular exercise routine. Exercise releases happy-thought-inducing endorphins and gives your brain a break. If you don't exercise now, fit a walk to work or yoga class into your regular routine. - Give your feet a break. Fashionable pumps and sprints



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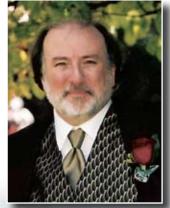
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