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### **April 2013**

4/1/2013

The u-s department of Agriculture is releasing a list this morning of the top pests that threaten America's crops and forestland.the u-s-a today says the list of 15 invasive species include, a snail as big as your foot, and an insect the size of chocolate sprinkles... and they cost americans millions. B-t-w April is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month.

4/2/2013

NEARLY FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE MASSACRE AT SANDY HOOK - CONNECTICUT IS POISED TO PASS SOME OF AMERICA'S TOUGHEST GUN REGULATIONS THIS WEEK. THE BIPARTISAN BILLS INCLUDE BACKGROUND CHECKS, FINGER PRINTING AND A BAN on HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINE SALES.

LAWMAKERS SAY THE PACKAGE ALSO CREATES AMERICA'S FIRST STATEWIDE WEAPON OFFENDER REGISTRY... A NEW "AMMUNITION ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE"... AND ADDS 100 NEW GUNS TO THE STATE'S ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN.

PEOPLE WHO ALREADY OWN HIGH-CAPACITY CLIPS OR NEWLY BANNED GUNS WILL HAVE TO REGISTER WITH THE STATE.

4/3/2013

IF YOU LIVE ON THE EAST COAST... GET READY FOR AN INVASION.

YEAH... NO... I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT AN ALIEN INVASION.

THIS IS WORSE!

THESE GINORMOUS CICADAS ARE GETTING READY TO HATCH AFTER LIVING UNDERGROUND FOR 17YEARS.

THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE SO MANY... THAT IT'LL FEEL LIKE RAKING LEAVES WHEN CLEANING UP THEIR CARCASSES.

4/4/2013

cops in florida have issued a national amber alert this morning for two boys they say were kidnapped by their father from their grandparents' home.

investigators say joshua hakken walked into his mother-in-law's house north of tampa... Who had custody of the boys... tied her up and left with the boys.

they believe the boys' mom and dad are taking them to california or arizona in a black 2006 g-m-c pickup.

4/5/2013

ARE YOU WASTING AWAY YOUR HARD-EARNED MONEY AND OVERSPENDING?!

US CHICKADEES ALWAYS JOKE ABOUT IT.

RETAIL THERAPY!!

BUT HERE IS WHEN ALL OF US TEND TO THROW AWAY MORE OF OUR MOOLAH IN TO THE PROVERBIAL CRAPPER.... AND HOW TO FIX IT.

WE TEND TO SPEND MORE FREELY WHEN WE'RE SINGLE.

BUT HERE'S HOW TO FIX THAT PROBLEM.

YOU ALSO TEND TO SPEND TOO MUCH IF YOU'RE GOING ON VACAY.

THIS IS A DOUBLE WHAMMY.

TO KEEP YOURSELF FROM DOING THAT... CREATE A VACATION SAVINGS GOAL.

YOU ALSO TEND TO OVERSPEND IF YOU'RE TRYING TO GET IN SHAPE.  
SO HOW TO WE KEEP FROM BUSTING OUR BUDGET WHILE WE'RE TRYING TO BUST OUR BUTTS IN THE GYM?!  
REWARD YOURSELF AS YOU GO.

4/8/2013

ACCORDING TO THE LUNDBERG SURVEY A GALLON OF GAS IS AVERAGING THREE- 65.

THAT'S 32 CENTS LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S PEAK.

IN THE LATEST SURVEY, THE CHEAPEST GAS WAS THREE-33 A GALLON IN BILLINGS, MONTANA.

THE HIGHEST WAS FOUR OH-FIVE IN CHICAGO.

THE REASON BEHIND THE SAVINGS?

IT'S SIMPLE, people.

IT'S CALLED SUPPLY AND DEMAND!

4/9/2013

MEANWHILE THE PREZ VISITED CONNECTICUT YESTERDAY... GIVING A PASSIONATE SPEECH TO PUT NEW PRESSURE ON CONGRESS TO PASS TOUGHER GUN CONTROL LAWS.

TODAY... VEEP JOE BIDEN CONTINUES THE WHITE HOUSE'S WEEK OF GUN CONTROL EVENTS... WHEN HE HOSTS AN EVENT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER.

4/10/2013

A SOUTH KOREAN DEFENSE MINISTRY TOP DOG... SAYS THE NORTH HAS FINISHED PREPS FOR A MISSILE TEST THAT COULD COME AT ANY DAY. DESPITE THE WARNING FROM NORTH KOREA TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES TO EVACUATE THEIR DIPLOMATS... MOST OF THEM SEEMED TO BE STAYING PUT. MEANWHILE... OUR TOP NAVY ADMIRAL IN THE PACIFIC SAYS THE U-S DEFENSES COULD INTERCEPT A BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHED BY THE NORTH.

BUT HE SAID THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO DO THAT DEPENDS ON WHERE IT'S AIMED AND EXPECTED TO LAND.

4/11/2013

Toyota, Honda and Nissan are looking like the three musketeers this morning after they issued a massive recall.

the recall totalling more than two million cars globally all have the same problem... airbags!

turns out the air bags on the passenger side may burst, sending plastic pieces flying.

so far no one has been hurt because of the problem.

to make matters worse the problem affects other automakers and the recall can easily balloon to three million cars by today.

4/12/2013

EMPLOYMENT IN AMERICA IS LOOKING A LITTLE BRIGHTER THIS MORNING.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTS JOBLESS CLAIMS DROPPED 42,000 LAST WEEK DOWN TO 346,000. ECONOMISTS SAY THIS IS DEFINITELY A BETTER SIGN THAN WHAT WAS EXPECTED CONSIDERING THE AUTOMATIC FEDERAL SPENDING CUTS ARE GRADUALLY TAKING EFFECT.

4/15/2013

IF RED LIGHT CAMERAS ... AND SPEED TRAPS ... MAKE YOU MAD.

THEN YOU MIGHT NOT LIKE THIS STORY ...

NOW YOUR OWN CAR MAY BE KEEPING TABS ON YOUR DRIVING.

THE "NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADMINISTRATION" WANTS TO REQUIRE "BLACK BOX"-LIKE RECORDING DEVICES IN ALL NEW CARS BY NEXT YEAR.

THE MAIN ISSUE FOR MOST PEOPLE: PRIVACY...

THE DATA DEVICES WON'T RECORD YOUR VOICE OR VIDEO, BUT WILL LOG THINGS LIKE HOW FAST YOU'RE GOING, WHETHER SEAT BELTS WERE ON AND MORE.

AN OBJECTIVE WITNESS: IT COULD HELP COPS DETERMINE WHO IS AT FAULT IN A CRASH

MANY WANT STRICT PROTECTIONS TO KEEP INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM COLLECTING THE INFO WITHOUT CONSENT.

4/16/2013

THE BOMBING RATTLED NERVES FAR BEYOND BOSTON ...

NEWS OF THE EXPLOSIONS SENT STOCKS ON A DOWNWARD SPIRAL.  
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTS THAT \*YESTERDAY\* THE DOW EXPERIENCED THE \*WORST\* ONE-DAY DROP SINCE NOVEMBER - DROPPING 265 POINTS.  
THE S-AND-P AND NASDAQ ALSO CLOSED DOWN.

4/17/2013

HERE'S THE NEWEST INFORMATION ON THE BOSTON BOMBINGS.

THE F-B-I SAYS THEY HAVE NO SUSPECTS BUT THEY \*DO HAVE ACTIVE LEADS AND THEY'RE ASKING FOR ANYONE WITH PICTURES OR VIDEOS FROM THE SCENE TO SEND IT TO THEM.

WE'RE GETTING A FIRST LOOK AT THE BOMB ITSELF ... FROM \*POWERFUL NEW CRIME SCENE PHOTOS JUST RELEASED OVERNIGHT BY THE F-B-I.

THE BOMBS WERE MADE WITH PRESSURE COOKERS AND FILLED WITH NAILS AND SMALL BALL BEARINGS.... AND THEN HIDDEN IN BLACK NYLON BAGS OR BACKPACKS.

THE EVIDENCE COLLECTED SO FAR IS BEING SENT TO THE F-B-I IN QUANTICO, VIRGINIA.

INVESTIGATORS WILL TRY TO REBUILD THE DEVICES... INCLUDING A CIRCUIT BOARD... WHICH POINTS TO THE BOMBS BEING DETONATED ON A TIMER... VERSUS A REMOTE CONTROL.

4/18/2013

CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE HAVING A TOUGH TIME DEALING WITH A MAJOR SHIFT IN JOB LOCATIONS... CASE IN POINT... PITTSBURGH.

THE "JOB SPRAWL" AS THE PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE SAYS IS CREATING A MAJOR HEADACHE FOR WORKERS TRYING TO GET TO JOBS OUTSIDE THE CITY.

ACCORDING TO THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION 23 PERCENT OF THE JOBS IN THE REGION COULD BE REACHED BY WORKERS WITHIN 90 MINUTES.

4/19/2013

IT HAS BEEN A CRAZY AND SCARY NIGHT FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS... JUST OUTSIDE OF BOSTON.

TAKE A LISTEN TO THIS VIDEO FROM SOMEONE WHO LIVES THERE.

WHAT YOU JUST HEARD WAS THE GUN BATTLE BETWEEN THE SUSPECTS AND OFFICERS.

AND CHECK THIS OUT: THE 2 SUSPECTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBERS.

JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO - POLICE CONFIRMED THAT ONE OF THE SHOOTERS IS NOW DEAD.

BUT - HERE'S THE SCARY PART - THE OTHER ONE IS STILL ON THE RUN.

THE STANDOFF STARTED AFTER THE TWO WENT ON A CRIME SPREE THAT COPS SAY INCLUDED A ROBBERY, CAR JACKING ... AND SHOOTING AND KILLING AN M-I-T OFFICER.

WE'RE HEARING THAT A PRESSURE COOKER - AND OTHER UNEXPLODED DEVICES - WERE FOUND AT THE SCENE.

HERE'S THE TIMELINE OF THE EVENTS HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING.

AROUND 10-TWENTY LAST NIGHT... AN M-I-T OFFICER RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A DISTURBANCE IN THE AREA.

POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS APPROACHED THE OFFICER... SHOT HIM IN THE HEAD... AND TOOK OFF IN HIS CRUISER BEFORE ROBBING A NEARBY 7-11.

M-I-T THEN WENT ON LOCKDOWN AS THEY LOOKED FOR THE SUSPECTS.

THE 2 SUSPECTS THEN CARJACKED A VEHICLE... HOLDING THE DRIVER AT GUNPOINT FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE THEY LET HIM GO... AND TOOK OFF TOWARDS WATERTOWN.... WITH COPS IN HOT PURSUIT.

DURING THE CHASE... ANOTHER OFFICER WAS SERIOUSLY HURT AND IS NOW IN SERIOUS CONDITION AT A HOSPITAL.

ONCE IN WATERTOWN... THE SUSPECTS AND COPS GOT IN TO A SHOOTOUT.

THEY SAY ONE OF THE SUSPECTS HAD AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE STRAPPED TO HIS CHEST... AND SO THEY SHOT AND KILLED HIM.

AND NOW POLICE ARE WARNING THAT \*THIS IS THE SUSPECT STILL ON THE RUN... AND THEY WARN \*HE MIGHT ALSO BE STRAPPED WITH EXPLOSIVES.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SAY THE "GUY IN THE WHITE HAT" FROM THE PICS THAT F-B-I RELEASED IS THE ONE THAT PHYSICALLY PLACED THE BAGS WITH THE HOMEMADE BOMBS AT MONDAY'S BOSTON MARATHON.

4/22/2013

SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING IS POUNDING PARTS OF THE MIDWEST - AND MORE IS ON THE WAY. MANY TRIBUTARIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND OHIO RIVERS ARE FORECASTED TO REACH MAJOR FLOOD STAGE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

THE FLOODING IS BLAMED FOR THREE DEATHS SO FAR.  
SIX STATES ARE UNDER A "STATE OF EMERGENCY".  
THE HIGH WATERS HAVE FORCED EVACUATIONS IN MANY PLACES.  
NOW LETS TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAPS.

4/23/2013

IN OTHER NEWS... PLANNING ON TRAVELING SOON?!

WELL, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR KNIVES... AND BASEBALL BATS... AND GOLF CLUBS  
AT HOME... FOR NOW.

THE T-S-A POLICY THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED YOU TO CARRY ON SMALL KNIVES AND SOME  
SPORTING EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY GROUNDED.

WHEN JOHN PISTOLE... HEAD OF THE T-S-A MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BACK IN MARCH... IT WAS  
MET WITH A LOT OF BACKLASH FROM FLIGHT ATTENDANTS... PILOTS... FEDERAL AIR MARSHALLS... AS  
WELL AS INSURANCE COMPANIES.

NO WORD WHEN OR IF THE POLICY WILL TAKE EFFECT NOW.

4/24/2013

IT'S THE WILD WILD WEST FOR GUN DEALERS AND THE A-T-F JUST CAN'T KEEP UP..

THE U-S-A TODAY SAYS THAT 58 PERCENT OF LICENSED FIREARMS DEALERS HAVE NOT BEEN  
INSPECTED BECAUSE THE NUMBER OF DEALERS IS GROWING FASTER THAN A-T-F CAN HANDLE.  
THIS IS A PROBLEM BECAUSE MORE THAN 170 THOUSAND GUNS HAVE GONE MISSING FROM DEALERS  
SINCE 20-04.

THESE LOST OR STOLEN WEAPONS ARE A CHALLENGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT - BECAUSE THEY  
CAN'T BE TRACED.

4/25/2013

I HAVE TO GIVE IT UP TO ONE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS THIS MORNING... BECAUSE HIS NEW LOOK  
IS WORTHY OF THE RUNWAY...

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IS GETTING A FACELIFT THAT MAKE COUNTERFEITERS GIVE UP IN TRYING TO  
MAKE 100 DOLLAR BILLS...

WHAT MAKES IT UNIQUE IS A BLUE 3-D RIBBON RUNNING THROUGH THE MIDDLE AND A DISAPPEARING  
IMAGE OF THE LIBERTY BELL.

THE BILL THAT WOULD LIKE GREAT IN MY POCKET RIGHT NOW WILL BE ROLLED OUT THIS OCTOBER...

4/26/2013

WE AMERICANS JUST LOVE OUR FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE S-U-V'S... BUT THE PRICE WE PAY FOR THE  
FREEDOM OF THE OPEN ROAD IS HIGH..

HOW HIGH MIGHT SHOCK YOU... IT DID ME!

IT WILL COST YOU ALMOST 12 THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH YEAR!

THATS ON TOP OF THE PURCHASE PRICE AND LOAN INTEREST PAYMENTS.... AND THAT COST IS  
RISING...

ACCORDING TO TRIPLE A'S ANNUAL "YOUR DRIVING COSTS" STUDY THE COST OF DRIVING CLIMBED  
ALMOST 2 PERCENT LAST YEAR TO JUST OVER 60 CENTS A MILE.

SO WHAT'S YOUR RIDE GOING TO COST YA? WELL IF YOU DRIVE A

SMALL SEDAN LIKE A CHEVY AVEO

ALL MOST 7 GRAND A YEAR

OVER 9 THOUSAND FOR A MEDIUM SEDAN

IF YOU'RE GOING BIG IN A LARGE SEDAN

JUST OVER 11 THOUSAND

4WD SUV

11 THOUSAND 5 HUNDRED AND 99 DOLLARS A YEAR

AND SOCCER MOMS CLIP THOSE COUPONS... YOUR MINIVAN IS COST A COOL

9 THOUSAND 7 HUNDRED AND 95 BUCKS A YEAR!

4/29/2013

THE ARMY ITSELF HAS SAID IT DOESN'T NEED ANY MORE OF THE ICONIC AND BATTLE TESTED ABRAMS  
TANKS.

BUT, LIKE YOUR MOTHER WHO WON'T STOP FEEDING YOU WHEN YOU COME FOR A VISIT, CONGRESS  
IS COMMITTED TO SPENDING ANOTHER HALF BILLION DOLLARS ON THE WEAPON.

THE PROBLEM LIES IN THE 560 SUBCONTRACTORS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. AND ALMOST 20,000 PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN SOME ASPECT OF TANK ASSEMBLY.  
IF THE PLUG GETS PULLED IT CREATES ANOTHER ECONOMIC MESS.

4/30/2013

SOME GOOD ECONOMIC NEWS THIS MORNING, WE'RE MOVING THE DEBT NEEDLE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION! THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SIX YEARS THE COUNTRY WILL PAY DOWN SOME OF THE NATION'S DEBT, \$35 BILLION TO BE EXACT. WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BUT MONEY EXPERTS SAY IT'S DUE TO A COMBINATION OF A CONTROLLED BUDGET AND INCREASED TAXES.

## **MAY 2013**

5/1/2013

THANKS TO THE F-D-A YOU CAN NOW PICK UP PLAN B IN AISLE 3 NEXT TO YOUR FLINTSTONES VITAMINS.

F-D-A HAS APPROVED PLAN B... ALSO KNOWN AS THE MORNING-AFTER PILL TO BE SOLD IN THE RETAIL AISLE NEXT TO OTHER OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS.

ALL YOU WILL NEED IS AN I-D PROVING THAT YOU ARE OVER 15...

UNTIL NOW, WOMEN HAD TO ASK A PHARMACIST FOR THE PILL AND THOSE UNDER 17 COULD GET THE PILL ONLY WITH A PRESCRIPTION.

5/2/2013

There has been a lot of research done about nature and nurture. Basically, how your parents raised you and what you are made of. But scientist are taking a look at another piece to this puzzle.

The impact your siblings have on you, and research is showing that older siblings have more influence than parents do, especially in families that are unstable.

Richard Rende a professor of psychiatry at Brown University, is one of the people doing the research.

As part of his study, Rende gives sibling pairs electronic devices like cell phones that, every half hour, prompt both siblings to report what they're doing. Through such reports you can actually see each one ghosting the other's behavior.

Another note from the study, good behavior in older siblings can be just as contagious as bad behavior.

5/3/2013

ADD RHODE ISLAND TO THE LIST!

IT'S NOW THE TENTH STATE THAT ALLOWS GAY MARRIAGE.

THE FINAL VOTE IN THE HOUSE YESTERDAY WAS 56 TO 15... AND THEN GOVERNOR LINCOLN CHAFEE SIGNED THE BILL IN TO LAW AN HOUR LATER.

THE FIRST MARRIAGES WILL TAKE PLACE AUGUST 1ST WHEN THE LAW TAKES EFFECT.

5/6/2013

IF YOU LIKE TO SHOP ONLINE TO AVOID SALES TAX ... BETTER HURRY UP AND GET SHOPPING.

THE SENATE WILL VOTE, AND IS EXPECTED, TO PASS AN "INTERNET SALES TAX" BILL TODAY.

THE LEGISLATION WOULD ALLOW THE 45 STATES, AND D-C, THAT CHARGE SALES TAX, TO REQUIRE LARGE ONLINE RETAILERS - LIKE AMAZON AND EBAY - TO COLLECT TAX ON PURCHASES.

AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, ONLINE SELLERS ONLY HAVE TO CHARGE STATE SALES TAX UP FRONT, WHERE THEY HAVE A "BRICK-AND-MORTAR" STORES OR WAREHOUSES.

THE BILL IS ESTIMATED TO TAKE IN MORE THAN 12-BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IF PASSED.

5/7/2013

RELAX...REPORTS AREN'T TRUE!

ALTHOUGH SEVERAL MEDIA OUTLETS REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT A RARE STRAIN OF GONORRHEA KNOWN AS H-O-41 THAT HAS NO CURE HAD BEEN DETECTED IN HAWAII HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY IT'S FALSE...

-THIS NEW STRAIN OF GONORRHEA IS CONSIDERED WORSE THAN AIDS

-DISCOVERED BACK IN 09 IN JAPAN

5/8/2013

OPENING BELL IS JUST A FEW HOURS AWAY.

WILL THE DOW BREAK ANOTHER RECORD TODAY?

THE DOW CLOSED ABOVE 15-THOUSAND POINTS FOR THE FIRST TIME \*EVER YESTERDAY.

ACCORDING TO THE U-S-A TODAY ... INVESTORS ARE WONDERING HOW HIGH THE MARKET CAN GO BEFORE IT COOLS OFF?  
SOME EXPERTS PROJECT STOCKS COULD RISE ANOTHER 8% TO 17% BY YEAR'S END.  
THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR EVERYONE!

5/9/2013

EARLIER THIS WEEK WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A NEW GUN ... THE WORLD'S FIRST ENTIRELY 3-D PRINTED GUN.

IT'S NOT AVAILABLE YET ... BUT ALREADY A CALIFORNIA SENATOR IS MAKING MOVES TO BAN IT

ACCORDING TO THE L-A TIMES:

SENATOR LELAND YEE OF SAN FRANCISCO WILL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF 3-D PRINTING DEVICES TO MAKE USABLE FIREARMS.

YEE SAYS HIS MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THE GUNS CAN ACTUALLY SHOOT BULLETS AND COULD BE UNTRACEABLE.

5/10/2013

A QUICK CHECK OF YOUR NEWSPAPER HEADLINES:

MINNESOTA IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO MARRIAGE EQUALITY.

THE STAR TRIBUNE REPORTS THE MINNESOTA HOUSE PASSED THE SAME SEX MARRIAGE BILL 75 TO 59.

GOVERNOR MARK DAYTON PLEDGED TO SIGN THE BILL INTO LAW ONCE IT GETS THROUGH THE STATE SENATE.

IF SO MINNESOTA WILL BE THE 12TH STATE TO LEGALIZE GAY MARRIAGE.

5/13/2013

REPUBLICANS ARE P-O'D THE I-R-S TARGETED 'TEA PARTIERS,' AND ARE NOW CALLING FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION.

AN INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT, DUE OUT THIS WEEK, SHOWS I-R-S OFFICIALS KNEW BACK IN 2011 THAT POLITICAL CONSERVATIVE GROUPS APPLYING FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS WERE BEING RED FLAGGED.

THE I-R-S SAID "SORRY," FOR WHAT IT CALLS A "BUREAUCRATIC MISTAKE" CARRIED OUT BY LOW-LEVEL AGENCY EMPLOYEES.

PRESIDENT OBAMA IS EXPECTING A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE SCANDAL, BUT NEVER-THE-LESS G-O-P LAWMAKERS SAY HE SHOULD BE THE ONE APOLOGIZING.

5/14/2013

MINNESOTA WILL BECOME THE 12-TH STATE WHERE GAY COUPLES CAN WED ... AFTER THE STATE SENATE "OK'D" A NEW BILL.

THE GOVERNOR WILL SIGN THE BILL TODAY ON THE CAPITOL STEPS IN SAINT PAUL.

SAME-SEX COUPLES will be able to TIE THE KNOT STARTING AUGUST FIRST.

MINNESOTA IS THE FIRST MIDWEST STATE TO ALLOW GAY MARRIAGE.

5/15/2013

ABOUT \*10-THOUSAND PEOPLE DIE IN DRUNK DRIVING CRASHES EACH YEAR - THAT'S WHY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS WANT TOUGHER STANDARDS.

THE N-T-S-B WANTS ALL 50 STATES TO CHANGE THE BLOOD-ALCOHOL CONTENT CUTOFF FROM THE STANDARD .08, TO .05.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN IN REAL LIFE?

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA RESEARCHERS SAY A 180-POUND MAN WILL LIKELY HIT .08 AFTER FOUR DRINKS OVER AN HOUR...

THAT SAME PERSON WOULD HIT POINT-OH-FIVE AFTER TWO OR THREE DRINKS.

5/16/2013

money news now:

First the bad news ... you didn't win last night's 360-million dollar powerball.

But, hey, that's also the good news.

that means the THE JACKPOT will skyrocket TO 475-MILLION BUCKS for saturday's drawing.

According to the washington post, THAT'S THE SECOND LARGEST AMOUNT IN POWERBALL HISTORY.

Last night's numbers are at the bottom of your screen:

2-11-26-34-41

Powerball 32

5/17/2013

THIS IS CERTAINLY A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION...

A BIPARTISAN GROUP IN THE HOUSE HAS COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE BASICS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION BILL.

THE 8 MEMBERS... 4 DEMOCRATS AND 4 REPUBLICANS... ARE NOW working on A FINAL VERSION OF THE BILL.

5/20/2013

WE'RE ONE WEEK AWAY FROM MEMORIAL DAY.

IF YOU WANT A NICE SUMMER VA-CA THAT WON'T BREAK THE BANK- HERE ARE THE TOP PICKS IN THIS YEAR'S "FAVORITE CITIES SURVEY" BY TRAVEL AND LEISURE.

CHECK THIS OUT... K-C IS ONE OF FEW CITIES WHERE HOTEL PRICES HAVE STAYED THE SAME OR EVEN DROPPED COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. CAN'T BEAT THAT.

THE TWIN CITIES SCORE BIG EVERY YEAR WITH THEIR BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND ROMANTIC WALKWAYS.

--IF YOU WANT A QUICK HISTORY LESSON STOP BY SAN ANTONIO TO GET A PEEK AT "THE TERRACES AT ALAMO RANCH."

I'M SURE LANCE WILL AGREE WITH THIS ONE...

TRAVELERS TEND TO LOVE MEMPHIS' STREET PERFORMERS AND FINGER-FRIENDLY GOURMET FOOD.

5/21/2013

LISA, AS THE MORNING PROGRESSES WE'LL be hearing MORE AND MORE STORIES from survivors.

And we're also getting a look at stunning photos and video of the twister.

HERE'S VIDEO FROM NEWCASTLE, OKLAHOMA WHERE A K-F-C WORKER CAUGHT VIDEO OF THE TORNADO

-WHILE OTHER EMPLOYEES TOOK SHELTER, MICHAEL WELCH AND HIS MANAGER STOOD THERE TAKING VIDEO

- HE SAID "IT WAS VERY LARGE AND FAST, I COULD SEE DEBRIS FLYING ALL OVER"

-THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME HE'S EXPERIENCED A TORNADO BACK IN 20-11 HE SURVIVED THE BLANCHARD ONE.

5/22/2013

LOOKING AT OTHER NEWS this morning:

THE BOY SCOUTS FACE A VOTE TO REPEAL A BAN ON OPENLY GAY YOUTHS, BUT NOT HOMOSEXUAL SCOUT LEADERS.

ABOUT 14-HUNDRED DELEGATES WILL VOTE ON THE POLICY CHANGE DURING THEIR NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING, WHICH STARTS TODAY NEAR DALLAS, TEXAS.

HUNDREDS FOR AND AGAINST THE ISSUE ARE EXPECTED TO RALLY OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE.

RECENTLY, TOP SCOUT LEADERS BACKED THE CHANGE IN POLICY WHILE AN ONLINE SURVEY OF OVER 200-THOUSAND MEMBERS FOUND 61-PERCENT AGAINST IT.

THE SUPREME COURT RULED 5-4 IN 2000 THAT THE BOY SCOUTS, AS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, HAS THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE GAY PEOPLE.

5/23/2013

FOUR AMERICANS KILLED BY U-S DRONES SINCE 2009...

THAT'S THE ADMISSION FROM THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION BEFORE OF THE PRESIDENT LAYS OUT HIS NEW COUNTERTERRORISM "PLAYBOOK" TODAY.

IN A LETTER, ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER WROTE AMERICAN CITIZEN AND AL-QAEDA CLERIC, ANWAR AL-AWLAKI, WAS \*SPECIFICALLY TAKEN OUT BY DRONES IN 2011.

AL-AWLAKI WAS ALLEGEDLY PLOTTING TO BOMB U-S AVIATION.

HIS RIGHT-HAND MAN DIED IN THE SAME DRONE STRIKE, WHILE HIS SON AND A FOURTH MAN WERE TARGETED AT OTHER TIMES.

PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL TALK NEW POLICIES ON DRONE-STRIKES AND GITMO THIS AFTERNOON.

5/24/2013

WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT SEVERE WEATHER ALL WEEK AND WITH HURRICANE SEASON KICKING OFF JUNE 1ST IT SEEMS LIKE MORE IS ON THE WAY...

NOAA'S 20-13 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON PREDICTIONS ARE HERE AND THIS IS WHAT WE KNOW...THINGS ARE EXPECTED "ABOVE NORMAL AND POSSIBLY EXTREMELY ACTIVE". IN THIS

OUTLOOK WE MAY SEE ANYWHERE BETWEEN 13-20 NAMED STORMS, 7 TO 11 WHICH ARE FORECAST

TO TURN INTO HURRICANES AND 3 TO 6 WHICH ARE FORECAST TO TURN INTO 'MAJOR HURRICANES' AS IN CATEGORY 3 OR ABOVE, WITH WINDS OF MORE THAN 110 M-P-H

5/27/2013  
MEMORIAL DAY

5/28/2013  
THE N-Y-P-D HAS GIVEN THE ALL CLEAR ON THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE AFTER A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE SHUT IT DOWN YESTERDAY.  
THE FAMOUS BRIDGE WAS ONLY SHUT FOR ABOUT AN HOUR LAST NIGHT... BUT AS YOU CAN IMAGINE IT CREATED QUITE THE HEADACHE FOR DRIVERS COMING HOME FROM THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.  
THE S-U-V HAD NO LICENSE PLATES or IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND WAS IN THE RIGHT LANE OF THE MANHATTAN-BOUND SIDE OF THE BRIDGE.  
THE BOMB SQUAD AND OTHER INVESTIGATORS CHECKED IT OUT AND GAVE THE THUMBS UP AROUND 7 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

5/29/2013  
we've all been there at some point... Flying the not so friendly skies...  
everything that makes you "aggro" about traveling like getting bumped... Hidden ticket fees... and Lost luggage, is all about to CHANGE.  
now... the airline is going to "owe you" for your trouble thanks to the new "passenger bill of rights" going into effect in august!  
If you're bumped from a flight... You don't have to take the voucher... Ask for cash instead!  
You can get up to four times the amount of your ticket... up to 13-hundred dollars if you're delayed more than two hours.  
If the airline books YOU on another flight within two hours, you can get two-times the cost of your ticket, or up to 650 dollars.  
If they lose your luggage... You could get up to 200 dollars in cash for the inconvenience a couple of other changes worth mentioning...  
no more hidden ticket fees! All extra charges will have to be displayed before you hit "purchase"  
also, the airline must contact you if they know your flight will be delayed more than 30 minutes...  
and quoted fares must be held for 24 hours without having to pay anything in advance.

5/30/2013  
It's a "twister watch" thursday as the national weather service has issued tornado watches for Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.  
within the last 24 hours at least six tornadoes were reported in kansas.. You're looking at a twister developing on farm land in bennington, kansas

5/31/2013  
at least a dozen tornadoes have been reported in Oklahoma and Arkansas within the last 24 hours  
sending at least a dozen people to the hospital.. Luckily no one's seriously hurt.  
Tornado watches will be concentrated on the borders of oklahoma, kansas, missouri and arkansas

## **JUNE 2013**

6/3/013  
the blaze has burned more than 25-thousand acres and forced three thousand people to leave their homes. So far at least six homes have been destroyed and another dozen damaged.  
Gusty winds, triple digit temperatures and decades-old dry brush is making it tough for firefighters trying to contain the flames!  
The blaze which started thursday was named the Powerhouse Fire because it started near the "powerhouse one" plant that sends electricity to Los Angeles.

6/4/2013  
MOST OF US GET THE HEALTHY LIVING BIG PICTURE...BUT SOMETIMES it's the SMALLEST THINGS THAT ESCAPE US AND CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE LATER ON...  
A NEW STUDY SAYS HEALTHY SKIN IS ONLY THREE LETTERS AWAY... S-P-F



RESEARCHERS IN AUSTRALIA FOUND that USING SUNSCREEN YEAR ROUND WILL KEEP YOUR SKIN LOOKING YOUNGER.

WE ARE TALKING AT LEAST ONCE A DAY. Just because you're not in a swimsuit does not mean you can skip out

the sun is everywhere all the time not just at the beach or pool.

They recommend at least SPF 15.

Lifehacker-dot-com suggested these other simple THINGS WE CAN START DOING NOW ....

LISTEN TO THIS ONE...TAKE OUT THE EAR BUDS and TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEARING NOW.

many studies show more young people than ever are going deaf get volume limiting software for your smartphone.

HERE IS ONE WE ARE ALL PROBABLY GUILTY OF IGNORING...GET MORE SHUT EYE

adds years to your life

- sleep tracker apps will help find your best sleep schedule

- cut back on t-v and other electronics before bed

LAST UP...BRUSH AND FLOSS DAILY

- only one set of pearly whites

- dentist at least once a year

6/5/2013

UNCLE SAM IS CALLING FOR A MAJOR RECALL OF NEARLY 3 MILLION CHRYSLER S-U-V'S BECAUSE OF A DEADLY FIRE HAZARD BUT THE CAR COMPANY IS REFUSING...

GOVERNMENT EXPERTS SAY JEEP GRAND CHEROKEES FROM 93-TO-04 AND LIBERTIES FROM 02-TO-07 ARE LIKELY TO HAVE GAS TANKS THAT CAN RUPTURE IN REAR END ACCIDENTS

AT LEAST 51 PEOPLE HAVE DIED BECAUSE THEIR JEEPS BURST INTO FLAMES AFTER AN ACCIDENT.

BUT THE COMPANY SAYS it doesn't AGREE WITH THE GOVERNMENT REPORT AND SAY its JEEPS ARE SAFE.

INDUSTRY EXPERTS say CHRYSLER IS TAKING A HUGE RISK BY NOT FOLLOWING THE RECALL RECommendations.

6/6/2013

IF VERIZON IS YOUR CELL PHONE CARRIER... I SURE HOPE YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO HIDE!

THAT'S BECAUSE THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY IS COLLECTING THE PHONE RECORDS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS UNDER A TOP SECRET COURT ORDER.

A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS OBTAINED BY A BRITISH NEWSPAPER, SHOWS THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION... THE COMMUNICATION RECORDS OF MILLIONS OF U.S. CITIZENS WERE BEING COLLECTED INDISCRIMINATELY AND IN BULK, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY WERE SUSPECTED OF ANY WRONGDOING.

THE PAPERS REPORTS THAT THE PHONE NUMBERS OF BOTH PARTIES ON A CALL ARE HANDED OVER... AND SO IS THE LOCATION DATA... CALL DURATION.. UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS... AND THE TIME AND DURATION OF ALL CALLS.

\*HOWEVER, THE CONTENTS OF THE CONVERSATION ITSELF ARE NOT COVERED.

6/7/2013

TROPICAL STORM ANN-DREE-A DRENCHED WESTERN FLORIDA AND IS CURRENTLY HEADED ACROSS THE EASTERN SEABOARD AFFECTING OUR FRIENDS IN THE CAROLINAS AND GEORGIA WITH FLOODING AND TORNADO WATCHES AND WARNINGS.

THIS SYSTEM WILL HIT NEW ENGLAND THIS WEEKEND.

COMING UP I'LL HAVE MORE ON WHAT TO EXPECT THIS WEEKEND ON YOUR DETAILED WEATHER REPORT

6/10/2013

Florida is known for two things. Its crazy people and its crazy wildlife. Well the wildlife just got crazier.

Monster mosquitoes have been spotted in Central Florida.

They are called galli nippers.

And they are twenty times the size of normal mosquitoes.

If that is not scary enough, they are known to attack in swarms, they are aggressive and it stings when they bite.

Experts believe the recent tropical storms are the reason for the infestation.

6/11/2013

A NEARLY DECADES LONG BATTLE IS OVER AND THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IS DOING AWAY WITH AGE RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF THE "MORNING AFTER PILL"

THE MOVE COMES AS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCED IT WOULD GO ALONG WITH A COURT'S RULING TO ALLOW UNRESTRICTED SALES OF PLAN-B.

UNTIL RECENTLY, THE PILL WAS ONLY AVAILABLE WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION TO WOMEN 17 AND OLDER WHO PRESENTED PROOF OF AGE.

SOME PEOPLE SAY IT WILL LEAD TO PROMISCUITY, WHILE ADVOCATES SAY IT WILL HELP REDUCE UNWANTED PREGNANCIES AND ABORTIONS.

6/12/2013

THE SENATE IS moving forward with THE IMMIGRATION REFORM BILL.

THE BILL CLEARED ITS FIRST HURDLE WITH LAWMAKERS AND NOW FORMAL DEBATE CAN BEGIN.

THE BILL IS THE FIRST IMMIGRATION OVERHAUL IN A GENERATION.

it WOULD AFFECT THE NATION'S 11 MILLION UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS, ALL U.S. EMPLOYERS AND FUTURE LEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

THIS IS THE FARTHEST that ANY ATTEMPT AT PASSING IMMIGRATION REFORM HAS GOTTEN.

6/13/2013

THE N-S-A WILL FACE MORE QUESTIONING IN CONGRESS TODAY AFTER A SENATE HEARING GOT WEIRD.

yesterday - the NSA DIRECTOR \*swore\* THAT CYBER-SNOOPING HAS HALTED "DOZENS" OF TERRORIST ATTACKS.

BUT IT WAS SENATOR BARBARA MIKULSKI WHO STOLE THE SHOW...

A BUZZ-FEED REPORTER NAMED "ROSIE GREY" CALLED MIKULSKI OUT ON TWITTER AFTER SHE TOLD OTHER SENATORS TO HOLD QUESTIONS ON DATA-MINING FOR A CLOSED DOOR MEETING TODAY.

MIKULSKI HALTED THE HEARING TO ANSWER THE TWEET ALOUD, ENDING WITH THIS...

6/14/2013

AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE DIED YESTERDAY AFTER A WIDE LINE OF STORMS SWEEPED ACROSS the MID-ATLANTIC STATES BRINGING WITH IT STRONG WINDS, TORNADOS, DOWNED TREES, LOSS OF ELECTRICITY AND FLOODING.

THIS RIGHT HERE IS THE KEY BRIDGE THAT TAKES YOU FROM D-C INTO VIRGINIA WHERE AS YOU CAN SEE...IN THE MIDDLE OF RUSH HOUR FOLKS HAD THE SIGHT OF A TORNADO RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM.

6/17/2013

WHILE N-S-A LEAKER EDWARD SNOWDEN STAYS HIDDEN IN HONG KONG, THE BIG GUNS IN WASHINGTON ARE ON THE ATTACK...

FORMER VEEP DICK CHENEY WAS ONE OF MANY WHO TOOK TO POLITICAL TALK SHOWS YESTERDAY TO DEFEND THE N-S-A'S SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS.

THE AGENCY NOW SAYS IT "ONLY" SCRUTINIZED LESS THAN 300 PHONE NUMBERS, BUT FOILED DOZENS OF POTENTIAL TERRORIST ATTACKS.

6/18/2013

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ALL THIS?

A NEW POLL SHOWS MOST AMERICANS THINK SNOWDEN SHOULD be PROSECUTED- and DON'T WANT the government COLLECTING THEIR DATA.

THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOUND 54-PERCENT OF PEOPLE WANT SNOWDEN TO FACE CRIMINAL TRIAL...

AND 53-PERCENT BELIEVE THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS PREVENTED TERRORIST ATTACKS.

AMERICANS ARE SPLIT OVER...

WHETHER THE PROGRAMS ARE GOOD OR NOT, AND AREN'T SURE IF THE LEAK OF CLASSIFIED INTEL HURTS OR BENEFITS THE PUBLIC.

6/19/2013

AS FIREFIGHTERS CONTINUE FIGHTING THE WORST WILDFIRE IN THE colorado'S HISTORY...

WE ARE GETTING MORE INFO ON THE TWO VICTIMS WHO DIED last week.

THEY'RE I-D'D AS 52-YEAR-OLD MARC HERK-LOTS AND HIS WIFE ROBIN HERK-LOTZ.

BOTH WERE LONG-TIME MEMBERS OF AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND.

A CO-WORKER SAID THEY DIED TRYING TO PROTECT FIREFIGHTERS BY REMOVING AMMO AND PROPANE TANKS FROM THEIR HOME.

THE FIRE WHICH IS 85 PERCENT CONTAINED IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN HUMAN CAUSED...

NEEDED RAIN IS COMING THAT WAY AND I'LL UPDATE YOU ON THAT IN FEW MINUTES.

6/20/2013

SCIENCE COULD BE WINNING THE WAR AGAINST THE MOST COMMON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION IN AMERICA, H-P-V.

THE VACCINE FOR H-P-V HAS REDUCED THE RATE OF CONTRACTING H-P-V AMONG TEEN GIRLS BY 56-PERCENT, ACCORDING TO THE C-D-C.

A MAJOR MILESTONE FOR A DRUG THAT'S ONLY BEEN AROUND SINCE 2006.

RESEARCHERS SAY ABOUT 79 MILLION AMERICANS, MOST IN THEIR LATE TEENS AND EARLY 20S, ARE INFECTED BY THE CANCER-CAUSING VIRUS.

6/21/2013

IN A WONDERFULLY SHOCKING TWIST OF NEWS...

A GAY CONVERSION GROUP IS SAYING "I'M SORRY" AND SHUTTING DOWN FOR GOOD.

EXODUS INTERNATIONAL - WHICH ONCE CLAIMED IT COULD PURGE SAME-SEX URGES - IS CLOSING ITS DOORS AFTER 37 YEARS.

AT ITS PEAK, THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY HAD SOME 260 CAMPUSES NATIONWIDE.

THE GROUP'S PRESIDENT, alan chambers, APOLOGIZED THIS WEEK FOR...

"YEARS OF UNDUE SUFFERING AND JUDGMENT AT THE HANDS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE."

6/24/2013

A MAJOR HEALTH WARNING THIS MORNING...

OFFICIALS AT TWO NATIONAL PARKS ARE REPORTING AN OUTBREAK OF NOROVIRUS.

OFFICIALS SAY SOME 200 VISITORS AND PARK WORKERS AT BOTH YELLOWSTONE AND GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK - may have been affected.

IT'S BELIEVED THE OUTBREAK STARTED IN EARLIER THIS MONTH IN THE MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS AREA OF YELLOWSTONE.

THE C-D-C SAYS THE BEST DEFENSE IS TO WASH YOUR HANDS.

6/25/2013

IN ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED DECISIONS THIS SESSION... THE SUPREME COURT DECIDED TO TAKE A MIDDLE GROUND ON AN IMPORTANT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CASE.

IN THE CASE OF FISHER VERSUS THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN... THE HIGH COURT UPHELD USING RACE AS A FACTOR IN ADMISSIONS... PROVIDED THAT THE RACE-BASED POLICIES WERE REALLY NECESSARY TO CREATE DIVERSITY.

THE 7 TO 1 VOTE REAFFIRMS THE IMPORTANCE OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY ON CAMPUS.

BUT IT'S ALSO ENCOURAGING UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS TO TRY "RACE NEUTRAL" POLICIES WHEN ENROLLING STUDENTS.

MANY EXPERTS THOUGHT THE SUPREME COURT WOULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DO AWAY WITH AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN EDUCATION.

6/26/2013

TODAY... THE LAST DAY OF THE SUPREME COURT'S SESSION... THE JUSTICES ARE EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR DECISIONS ON TWO KEY SAME SEX MARRIAGE CASES.

THE FIRST ONE TACKLES WHETHER CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION 8... WHICH DEFINES MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN... IS CONSTITUTIONAL.

THE QUESTION BEFORE THE HIGH COURT IS WHETHER THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT... PROHIBITS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FROM DEFINING, MARRIAGE AS THE UNION OF A MAN AND A WOMAN.

AND THE SECOND CASE THEY'RE LOOKING AT... CHALLENGES A SECTION OF THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT... OR DOMA... THAT DEFINES MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN A WOMAN AND A MAN.

THIS LAW DENIES FEDERAL BENEFITS TO SAME-SEX COUPLES WHO ARE LEGALLY MARRIED IN THEIR STATES.

UNLIKE THE PROP 8 CASE, THE DOMA CHALLENGE DOES NOT ADDRESS WHETHER THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION TO SAME-SEX MARRIAGE.

6/27/2013

YESTERDAY... THE HIGH COURT RULED THAT A PORTION OF THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT THAT DENIED GAY COUPLES FEDERAL BENEFITS WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

IT ALSO DECIDED NOT TO RULE ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION 8... ESSENTIALLY PAVING THE WAY TO REINSTATE SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN THE GOLDEN STATE.

CALifornia'S STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TOLD HER STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THAT THEY MUST RESUME ISSUING AND RECORDING MARRIAGE LICENSES FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES AS SOON AS THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT LIFTS THE STAY.. WHICH IS TYPICALLY 25 DAYS AFTER THE SUPREME COURT DECISION IS FINALIZED.

6/28/2013

STUDENTS...

SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR JUNK FOOD!

FOR THE FIRST TIME - THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS REPLACING POTATO CHIPS AND CANDY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH BAKED CHIPS AND GRANOLA BARS.

THE U-S-D-A CALLS THEM "SMART SNACKS".

Expect to see more foods MADE WITH WHOLE GRAINS, LOW FAT DAIRY, FRUITS OR VEGGIES.

THE NEW NUTRITION STANDARDS ONLY EFFECT FOOD SOLD DURING THE DAY BY THE SCHOOL, AND NOT HOMEMADE LUNCHES OR SNACKS SOLD AT FUNDRAISERS AND AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS.