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THE COOLING DOWN ISSUE

Pony ride operator lacking some permits

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET She might not have a large number of supporters but Marcy Winograd isn't giving up in her fight against pony rides in Santa Monica.

The business license for Tawni's Ponies, the only consistently operating pony ride company in Santa Monica, has been expired since 2004 according to City Hall documents originally acquired by Winograd. City records officials confirmed the expired license.

City finance officials are also aware that Tawni's Ponies does not have an active business license but were still taking a closer look at the implications by press time.

There is a stipulation in the company's contract with City Hall, which was signed in 2006, that requires the owner to pay a $75 flat fee every week but the contract makes no mention of business licenses.

The contract also requires that the operator has an animal permit, which, according city officials, she does not.

More than 10,000 pony rides and petting farm entries have been sold at the Farmers' Market since July, according to city officials.

Tawni Angel, the owner of the company, did not respond to e-mails and phone calls requesting comment by press time. She has been running pony rides and the petting zoo at the Farmers' Market for years.

Winograd, a resident and former congressional candidate, claims that pony rides and petting zoos are inhumane. They are made worse, she said, by the fact that children are taught to be cruel to animals.

Last month, Winograd started an online petition to ban pony rides and petting zoos in the city by the sea. To date, the petition has garnered 278 signatures. By comparison, an online petition to reinstate Mark Black, the teacher involved in a physical altercation with a student at Santa Monica High School, got more than 158,000 signatures in less than two weeks.

Angel's own online petition defending pony rides — created in response to Winograd's petition — has been signed 734 times.

Last month she defended the zoo and rides to the Daily Press, explaining that many of her animals are rescues that needed homes or would have been slaughtered for

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Residocracy growing up

Community group plans its future after successful petition drive

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE More than 200 residents gathered at Lincoln Middle School last week to hear the plans for the community group that successfully challenged a controversial development.

Residocracy, led by Armen Melkonians, will have a 12-person advisory committee and a candidates forum that endorses City Council hopefuls.

Residocracy was founded in January and by March had gathered roughly 13,500 petition signatures — more than enough to bring the Hines development project before the voters.

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DRESSING UP

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Above: Red Cross nurses in vintage uniforms browse the silent auction items during the American Red Cross of Santa Monica's Red Tie Affair at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Saturday.
Right: Captain Chesley Burnett 'Sully' Sullenberger, III, (pilot, US Airways Miracle on the Hudson flight) received the Spirit of the Red Cross Award.




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Inspiration, guidance, direction and support for writers.

The green life
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
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Join this Sustainable Works Workshop and learn how to save money, and positively impact your family, community, and ultimately the planet. Classes take place each Tuesday from April 22 through May 27. Attend one meeting or all six. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Strike a pose
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
Visit the library and get the endorphins flowing. You'll be laughing, stretching gently, clapping, breathing, and relaxing. Join the fun. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Good eats
Second Street and Arizona Avenue
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
The weekly Downtown Farmers' Market is widely considered one of the best in the Los Angeles area. Foodies and chefs rub elbows all looking for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Story time for babies
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Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
6 p.m.
Learn how to grow an efficient, sustainable garden using less space, less water, and less labor with Christy Wilhelmi, author of the book "Gardening for Geeks" and founder of gardenerd.com. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Planning Commission meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will discuss a bank planned for Wilshire Boulevard and the Draft Zoning Ordinance, which will guide development for years to come. For more information, visit smgov.net.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WESTSIDE

President Obama traveling to L.A. area

President Barack Obama will travel to Los Angeles on May 7 and 8 for several fundraisers that may cause traffic delays for residents on the Westside.

The President is expected to attend a fundraising event for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee at the home of Cindy and Alan Horn on May 7. He will also attend an event at the USC Shoah Foundation. He is expected to attend a roundtable discussion with the Democratic National Committee at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Wilshire in Beverly Hills before traveling to San Diego.

– MATTHEW HALL

TrueCar anticipates nearly $1B market valuation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK TrueCar, a provider of localized information on new car costs, anticipates a nearly $1 billion market valuation in its initial public offering.

The Santa Monica, California-based company — which had been called Zag.com Inc. — is seeking to raise up to approximately $109 million from its IPO, when excluding the underwriters' option.

TrueCar Inc. said in a regulatory filing that the IPO would include approximately 7.8 million shares that will be priced between $12 and $14 per share.

The underwriters have the option to buy up to an additional 1.2 million shares.

The company expects about 71 million outstanding shares after the offering.

Through its website, TrueCar provides consumers with information on what others have actually paid for specific makes and models of cars sold in their area. It also gives estimated prices for the make and model, where available. TrueCar currently concentrates mostly on new cars.

The company has said in its regulatory filings that it has a network of more than 7,000 TrueCar certified dealers and that consumers may take a guaranteed savings certificate to these dealers to apply toward the purchase of the specified car.

TrueCar anticipates using the offering's net proceeds mostly for general corporate purposes, including working capital, operating expenses and capital expenditures. It may also use part of the net proceeds to acquire or invest in complementary technologies, solutions, products, services, businesses or other assets.

In 2013 TrueCar reported about $134 million in revenue, up from approximately $79.9 million a year earlier.

TrueCar is expected to list on the Nasdaq under the "TRUE" ticker symbol.

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NOT SO FAST

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Beverly Hills' Hans Tercek tries to prevent Santa Monica's Lucas Montanari from driving toward the goal on Friday at Beverly Hills. Samohi went on to lose, 9-5. The loss sends Samohi to 3-7 this season.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi baseball turning heads

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Apparently a 21-4 record gets teams noticed.

Despite not being ranked by the CIF-Southern Section, the Santa Monica baseball team is on the Los Angeles Times' radar.

After entering the newspaper's influential top 25 at No. 25 last week, the Vikings have moved up to No. 23, a first in school history.

Samohi has used a plethora of pitchers led by Cal Poly-bound Alex Gironda to guide them to a 6-0 Ocean League record and a hold on repeating as league champs.

Samohi continues their charge through the Ocean League Tuesday at bitter rival Beverly Hills, a team that enters the contest at 10-9 overall and 2-3 in league.

The game begins at 6 p.m. at La Cienega Park. The teams play again Thursday at Samohi.

Not to look ahead too much, but the real challenge comes next week with a pair of games against Culver City to end the regular season.

Culver City sits at 15-7 overall and more importantly 5-1 in league play.

Last year's league title came down to the final week of the season as Samohi swept Culver City to win the crown.

SAMOHI SOFTBALL STILL STREAKING

For yet another year, Samohi's softball team is dominating the Ocean League.

The Vikings have now won 106 straight league games, an impressive streak that stretches back nearly a decade.

Samohi will go for No. 107 today at Memorial Park against Beverly Hills.

Samohi is coming off an appearance in last year's CIF-SS Division 4 title game.

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Affordable housing backer

Editor:

I am writing in reply to the letter, "Make room in your heart (and your city)," SMDP, April 26, in which the writer reports on the benefit that she and her family, especially a daughter with special ed needs, have received as a result of being able to secure affordable housing in Santa Monica. Less happily, the writer also reports the resistance she encountered within the public school system and among parents who resented any extra help required by "disabled, poor and students of color."

During the current debate over the Hines proposal, the author has noticed "angry letters rejecting any affordable housing" in the columns of the SMDP and other local newspapers. Letters to the editor notwithstanding, I would like to assure the correspondent that the people whom I have encountered in neighborhood groups here in Santa Monica in the past two years do support affordable housing. I believe that widespread consensus exists here in the city regarding providing affordable housing. Where there is a difference of opinion is as to whether new housing of this type should be provided at the cost of easing zoning restrictions regarding the height and density of major new developments. City Councilmember Kevin McKeown has recently expressed support for requiring that 25 percent of new multi-unit residential building be affordable in character. And legislation to this effect has recently been introduced in the state legislature. While one awaits its passage – as well as that of other new legislation to restore public funding lost during the state's recent budget crisis – the city can take steps to assure the provision of affordable housing in new buildings without reducing zoning requirements.

Santa Monica is a built-out community with a population density even higher than that of West L. A., which already has the second highest urban density of any city in the United States. The fight to preserve Santa Monica from excessive development is an obligation that we owe to those who came before us, to the present livability of the city, and to those, including residents in affordable housing, who will live, work, and visit here in the future.

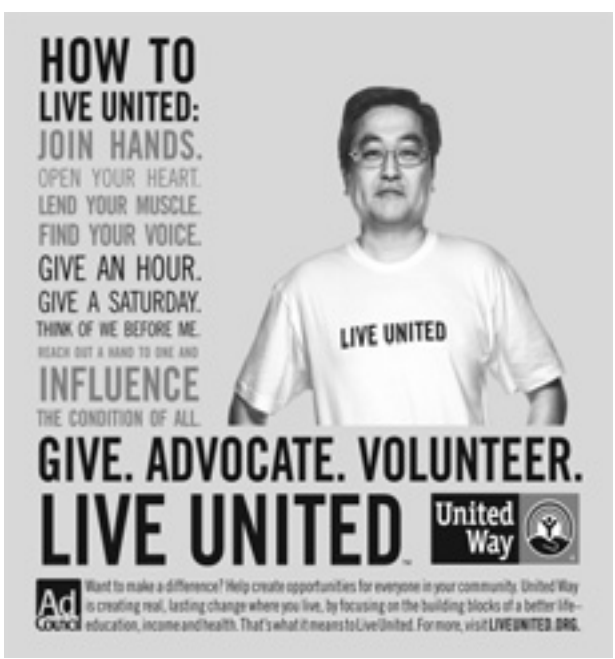
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Laughing with Pisarra

Editor:

I always enjoy David Pisarra's article and occasionally I get a laugh reading his observations about our town and his travels around it ("Chutes and ladders," What's the Point, April 28). I, too, have gone by the intersection of Pico Boulevard and Euclid Street thousands of times and never noticed that funny little 7-foot-long red curb on the corner. Today I did and I chuckled. Thanks for pointing that out!

David Thomsen
Santa Monica



What's the Point?



David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

To good mothers everywhere

THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE LONG nights, the early mornings, and the sacrifices of personal wants and desires you make for the children you love. Thank you for trudging the hard road of making decisions that are not in your best interests, but in the best interests of your child.

Thank you for showing your daughters what a woman is truly capable of. That a mother can love with an open hand and allow a child to fall down, make a mistake, scrape a knee, bruise a rib and get back out there. That being a good mother is not about protecting them from all risk, but teaching that risk is a part of life and how to recover from trips and overcome obstacles.

Thank you for teaching your sons that being a boy is an awesome responsibility. That to be a man is to have the joy and vigor of boyhood, but controlled, directed and focused for good. To allow him to explore, and play, and come home, sometimes broken and bruised, and to teach him that there is a lesson in all experiences from which he can learn.

Today the world is changing faster than ever. But children are still children. All I have to do is walk my dog by the playground at Virginia Avenue Park, or down by the green space at the end of Bay Street and I'll see children playing as they have for millennia.

I see fewer and fewer children, because they are trapped inside due to technology and my opinion is that it is a bad thing. The happiest children I've noticed seem to be the ones who are outside playing with swings and bats and balls. Kids have a lot of energy, they need to burn it off, and it has been that way forever. Our modern day construct of keeping kids inside, I believe, is very unhealthy. Kids need to actively play outdoors.

It happens across the globe, no matter where you are, children play in similar ways. I've seen it in China, I've seen it in Mexico. There are skate parks in Ajijic, Mexico and the boys ride their bikes and sail their skateboards over the mounds and up the walls just like the boys at 14th and Olympic.

I see girls do the same things in Mexico that I see on the Third Street Promenade, they hold hands and giggle their way past the cute boys. The lifelong dating game of cat and mouse, "Come closer, no, go away," is a global game with local rules.

For 15 years I've been in divorce courts. I've represented moms and dads, some good, some bad. I have my opinions about what makes a good parent and what makes a bad parent. The one thing that I've noticed is that the good parents come together around the children. Oh they're done with each other all right, but when it comes to the children the good parents don't fight very much.

A good mother recognizes that her child needs their father. That without their father the child will have a lifelong hole in their heart. That hole will be filled with all kinds of things: food, drugs, sex, gambling, a string of bad relationships but nothing will fill it.

I've never had a mother come into my office demanding that we make a father take his 50 percent custody time with his children. I've had a few though who were completely willing to agree to a 50 percent custody share right away, and they were standouts in the Mom Olympics.

Every parent says they are a good parent, most are, a few are bad. What makes a bad mother? One who turns the children against their father, one who fuels her hurt and anger over a failed relationship by destroying the parent-child relationship for the father.

I see many of the bad ones, but I know that I have a reverse selected view of parents. The good parents rarely need divorce lawyers for very long. They don't spend much time in court because they resolve their issues themselves, or with the help of the court ordered mediation every family must go through if they are in family court.

I was blessed with a mother who showed me that a divorced mother could have very good reasons to be angry with her ex-husband, and still not undermine his relationship with his child. I learned early on that couples divorce, but families don't end.

My late mother was good mother. I know many good mothers today. And to them I say: Thank you, Mom.

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File photo

NO GO: **A protest condemning pony rides was held at the Main Street Farmers' Market.**

PERMITS
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food. She takes excellent care of them, she said, and, given the cost of their up-keep, the business only helps her break even.

Winograd organized a protest at the Farmers' Market in April. Six protesters showed up to the first rally.

On Sunday, Winograd and others called the non-emergency Santa Monica Police Department line. Animal Control sent an officer to the market to check on the situation.

In 1999, a previous Farmers' Market pony ride operator was arrested by SMPD after it was discovered her animals were living in squalor, according to the Los Angeles Times archives.

"I have suggested in various e-mails to city lawmakers and city management that we either close the pony ride or make it humane and educational by moving the whole operation to a larger venue, such as Virginia Park, where the ponies could be taken off the tether and put on a lead," Winograd said. "... Ultimately, the city needs an animal welfare commission to look at best practice, to affirm existing laws and policies that protect animals and promote new policies that will serve as models for the rest of the nation."

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The Q Line

Clearing the air

The Santa Monica Airport Commission is pressing for a new emission ordinance that would effectively ban certain aircraft.

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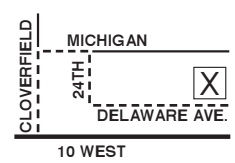




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GOT 'EM: A young boy helps the Residocracy group cart petitions to City Hall during a recent rally.

FUTURE

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Now that its first goal — halting council's decision to approve the roughly 765,000-square-foot development — is complete, Melkonians has laid out a framework for the group. He is so set on the future of the organization that he's decided not to run for council this year.

"I've gotten a lot of support from members within the community to run and it was a very difficult decision," Melkonians said. "I felt that, at the end of the day, my energy and focus needs to be 100 percent with Residocracy at this time."

The advisory committee is made up of Melkonians and 11 others — the core group of volunteers who gathered signatures for the referendum vote.

Before next week's council meeting, Residocracy will hold a rally outside City Hall. That night, the council is set to decide whether or not to repeal its 4 to 3 decision to approve the Hines agreement. If council sticks to its guns, the decision will be put to the voters later this year.

Melkonians expects council will overturn its decision without requiring a vote.

At the last council meeting Mayor Pam O'Connor noted that while many signed the petition there are another 40,000 registered voters who've not yet weighed in on the project. Melkonians felt this was dismissive.

"At first, when it was 50 people at City Hall, they were dismissed," he said. "Then it became 100 people at City Hall and they were dismissed. Then it became 200 people at City Hall and they were dismissed. And then we did our electronic petition and we had 600 people sign the petition and they were dismissed and now 13,500 people are being dismissed."

Melkonians plans to appoint resident lobbyists to voice Residocracy's opinions to city planners as they create the Downtown Specific Plan and Zoning Ordinance, both of which will regulate land uses in the bay city.

They haven't yet reached out to city planners, he said.

"We see no reason why they won't listen," Melkonians said. "They meet with the land-use attorneys, they meet with the architects and engineers who have a stake in what's happening but we feel that residents are the number one stakeholder and so there should be some kind of resident group that's meeting with them."

If council continues to approve large developments, he said, Residocracy would consider putting forward a ballot initiative that, if approved, would require all proposed developments over a certain size to go before voters.

"The referendum was intended to let our City Council know how our residents feel about all this massive development; it was 13,500 people speaking out about one project," Melkonians said. "We have 35 projects in the pipeline. If City Council ignores us on the one project, then the initiative would be aimed at limiting development citywide."

Ballot initiatives require signatures from 15 percent of registered voters over the course of 180 days. As of this year, there were 65,253 registered voters in the city. They would not have time to get the initiative on the ballot by November, Melkonians said.

Residocracy will have a celebratory barbecue at Clover Park at noon on May 31.

Members of the advisory board include Melkonians, Kate Bransfield, Tricia Crane, Zina Josephs, Carol Landsberg, Mary Marlow, Ellen Hannan, Maria Loya, Ed Hunsaker, Cathy McCabe, Laura Wilson and Ellen Brennan.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **63.1°**

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Minor S swell; small NW swell mix; winds look problematic

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Potential rise in NW windswell; trace WNW swell; leftover S swell

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Trace Southern Hemi; possible NW windswell drops out; trace WNW swell

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
NW and Southern Hemi traces

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: **April 30, 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 -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 43/14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2/8

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA 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
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	D
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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State bill banning sale of Confederate flag approved

FENIT NIRAPPIL
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California state government departments will be prohibited from selling or displaying items with an image of the Confederate flag under a bill that passed the Assembly on Monday.

AB2444 by Assemblyman Isadore Hall, D-Compton, is headed to the Senate after passing on a 72-1 vote. Hall introduced the bill after his mother saw replica Confederate money being sold at the state Capitol gift shop, which no longer stocks the item.

He called the image a symbol of racism meant to intimidate.

"Its symbolism in history is directly linked to the enslavement, torture and murder of millions of Americans," Hall said of the Confederate flag. "The state of California should not be in the business of promoting hate toward others."

The only lawmaker to vote against the bill was Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, the leading Republican candidate for governor.

"We shouldn't be here picking the kind of speech we like," he said. "I am not standing here defending the symbol. I am standing here defending the principle that the First Amendment principles should apply in all state buildings, of all places."

The bill originally banned all sales of Confederate flag memorabilia on state property. In explaining that provision, Hall noted a sign sold at the state fairgrounds depicting a Confederate flag with the phrase "It's still my American flag."

He amended the bill to exclude non-government employees and businesses from the ban to avoid violating constitutional free speech protections.

Courts have upheld the rights of individuals to display the Confederate flag while also upholding the rights of government agencies to limit what they endorse.

"We aren't stifling free speech here," said Assemblyman Donald Wagner, R-Irvine, calling on Republicans who oppose flag burning to understand the symbolic implications of the Confederate flag. "Here is a symbol that's so vile, that carries such connotations, that we in the state do not want to be associated with it."

The legislation would not prohibit Confederate flag images from appearing in educational or historical contexts, such as in textbooks or museums.

Some states have gone the other direction: Earlier this year, Georgia approved a specialty license plate featuring the Confederate flag.

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Amazing Spider-Man 2 in 3D (NR)
4:30pm, 10:05pm

Amazing Spider-Man 2 (NR)
1:00pm, 8:00pm

Bears (NR - Family friendly)
12:45pm, 3:00pm

Transcendence (NR)
1:30pm, 7:15pm

Quiet Ones (PG-13)
4:20pm, 10:00pm

Railway Man (NR) 1hr 56min
2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Grand Budapest Hotel (R)
5:15pm, 7:45pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Amazing Spider-Man 2 in 3D (NR)
12:15pm, 2:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:30pm, 10:40pm

Amazing Spider-Man 2 (NR)
11:00am, 6:00pm

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (NR)
11:05am, 1:20pm, 4:30pm, 7:35pm, 9:45pm

Rio 2 (NR)
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 8:00pm, 9:50pm

Heaven Is for Real (PG)
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:35pm

Other Woman (NR)
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Cycling With Moliere (Alceste a bicyclette) (NR) 1hr 44min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Blue Ruin (NR) 1hr 30min
3:10pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Fading Gigolo (NR) 1hr 38min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Finding Vivian Maier (NR) 1hr 23min
1:00pm, 5:30pm

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AMONG THE CROWDS TONIGHT, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Be direct in your dealings, as you know what to do and how to do it. Your ability to communicate will open doors and allow greater give-and-take between you and others. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Stay centered, and decide what choice will work best for you. Honor a change in your living style. You might want to put some of your energy into a project that is near and dear to your heart. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have a way and style about you that attracts many admirers who care a lot about you. You also could be driven to accomplish a lot more than you ever thought possible. Tonight: Go out and enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Be sensitive to your fiscal concerns, and know where you are heading with a personal matter. Understand more of what you need to get done. Relate to a child or loved one you care about more directly. In fact, take some extra time off to be with this person. Tonight: Anchored in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You'll beam in much more of what you desire. Remain sure of yourself, and know that you don't need to justify your actions. You might feel energized and ready to take on another project. Remain receptive and forthcoming, even with a difficult person. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Stay centered and direct in how you deal with others. The less said, the better off you will be. Others will notice that you are unusually quiet. In a few days, you will have a totally different impression. Deal with a loved one directly. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You have a lot going for you. Your immediate circle of friends could be larger than you realize. Keep in mind that your pals understand you very well. Tonight: Be among the crowds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ All eyes will turn to you as you attempt to work through a problem. You could be in a situation that is more difficult than you originally thought it would be. Understand what is happening with someone you care about. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to turn a situation around and handle it differently. You could see a personal matter in a new light. What was considered a hardship in the past might not be an issue anymore. Tonight: Make unusual plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Deal with one person directly. Be sure to understand your natural limits and expectations. Be more serious about the possibilities that surround you. You might want to veer in a different direction in order to make a situation easier than it has been. Tonight: Be a duo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others seek you out. Observe and understand what needs to happen. Be willing to state your boundaries. You could be so full of fun and interesting conversations that others will continue seeking you out. Someone might have a crush on you. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might want to consider an alternative surrounding an immediate situation. You have a lot to do and a lot of ground to cover. Recognize that you will need to stay focused on your long-term goals. Make it OK to relax and enjoy the moment. Tonight: Have some fun.

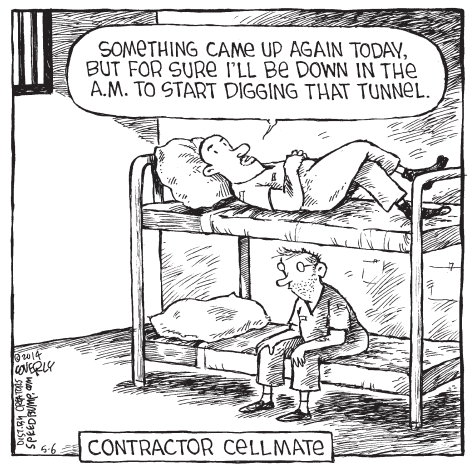
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This year you will evolve to a new level. Be willing to state your boundaries, and be ready to assert them. Others might test this newfound clarity. Many people surround you and want to be involved in your life. The issue will be that you are only one person, and there are only so many hours in the day. If you are single, you could be overwhelmed at times with so many choices of potential suitors. Date until you're absolutely sure that you are in the type of relationship you desire. If you are attached, maintain a strong bond with your sweetie. By late summer, you might want to move or remodel your home, as the two of you will be interested in making it more of a "nest." LEO loves hanging out with you.

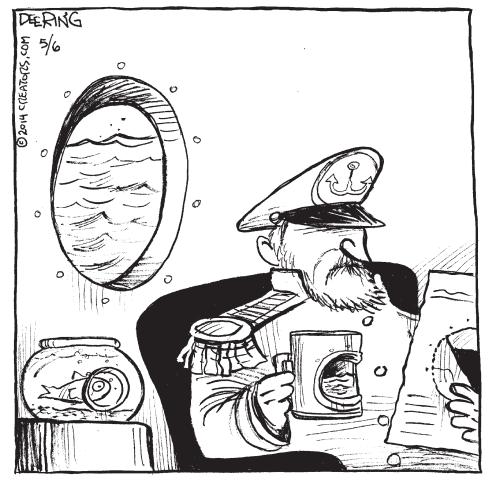
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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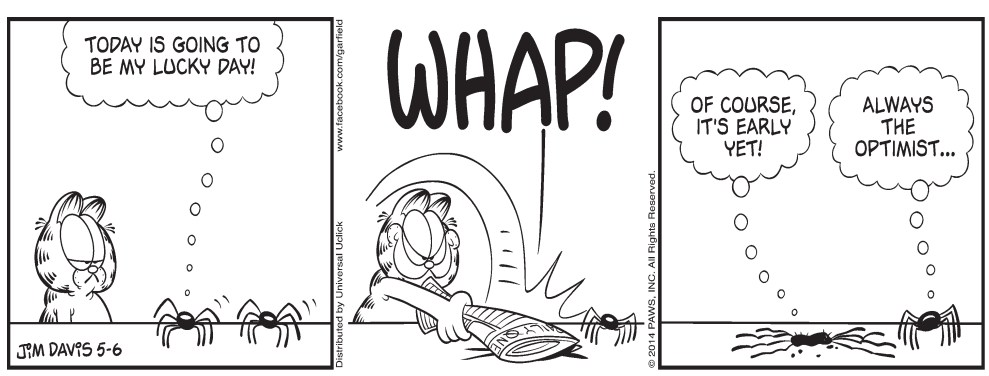
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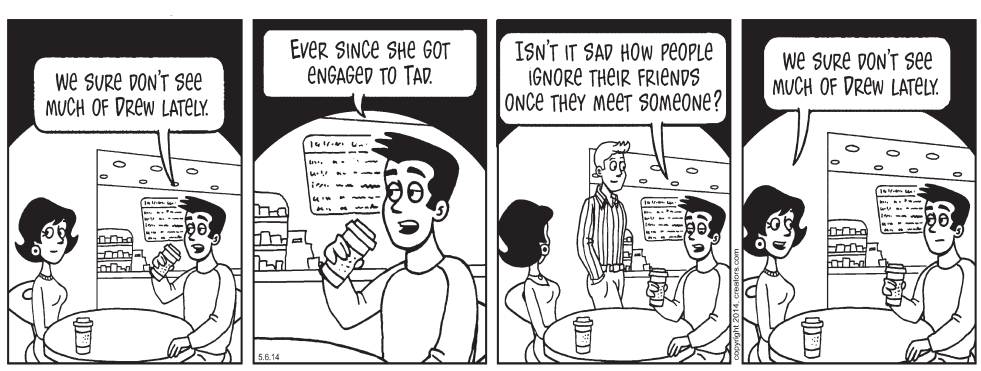
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By Jim Davis



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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 ★★

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

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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

2	6	5	9	4	1	7	8	3
1	8	7	6	3	5	9	2	4
3	4	9	8	7	2	5	1	6
8	2	6	7	5	3	1	4	9
7	5	4	1	8	9	3	6	2
9	3	1	2	6	4	8	5	7
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Reader Keyhan Almir correctly identified the Mystery Photo as one of the viewers on the Santa Monica Pier. Checkout Wednesday's issue of the Daily Press for another chance to play. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

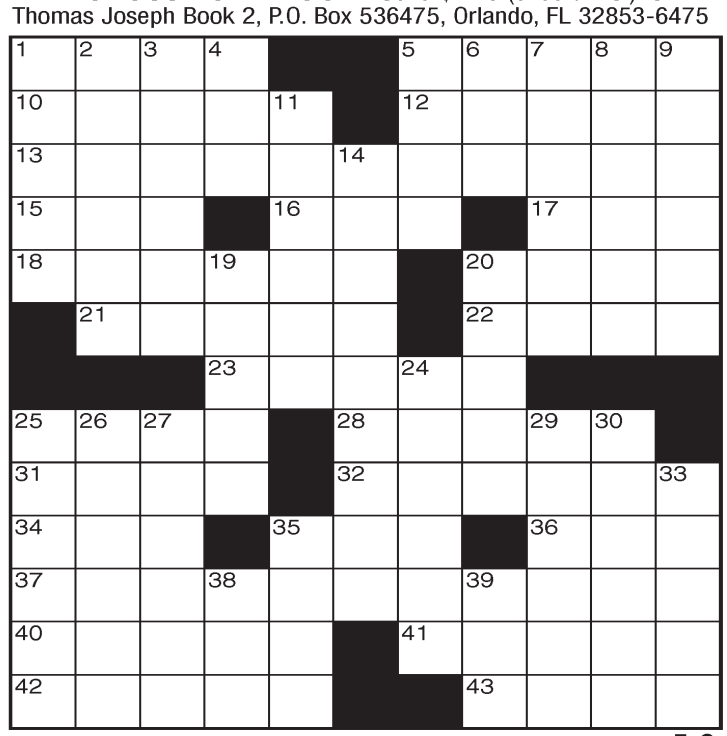
ACROSS
1 Apple center
5 Floor models
10 Mimics
12 Supreme Court justice Kagan
13 1969 "Hello, Dolly!" star
15 Finish
16 Long, long time
17 "My country — of thee"
18 Had a sword fight
20 Make over
21 Old outhouse
22 Important times
23 Suit pieces
25 Flag feature
28 Be a rooter
31 Despise
32 "The Matrix" star
34 Heady brew
35 Long sandwich
36 Make a choice
37 Soup grain
40 Follow as a result
41 Competitor
42 Rider's horse
43 Singer Seeger

DOWN
1 Like Superman
2 Door-pounder's cry
3 Library patron
4 Go astray
5 College head
6 Actor Wallach
7 Warm sunshine, to snow
8 New York lake
9 Assurances
11 Shirt part
14 Exfoliating stuff
19 Book, in France
20 View anew
24 Legal profession
25 Forms
26 Natural gift
27 Relaxed
29 Change over time
30 Do over
33 Designer's concern
35 Downhill coaster
38 Regret
39 Tear

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MEGA MILLIONS — Draw Date: 5/2
1 18 26 35 40
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: $92M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS — Draw Date: 5/3
5 9 25 31 46
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: $60M

Fantasy 5 — Draw Date: 5/5
1 2 16 29 38

DAILY 3 — Draw Date: 5/5
MIDDAY: 7 1 5
EVENING: 9 0 9

DAILY DERBY — Draw Date: 5/5
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A California model, Elizabeth Dickson, filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles in March against Playboy Enterprises for an injury she suffered as a guest on a Playboy Channel cable TV show in 2012 when she allowed host Kevin Klein to tee a golf ball off of her rear end. According to the $500,000 lawsuit, Klein took a swing at the ball that was teed between her cheeks, missed, and struck her buttocks hard, causing her "pain, suffering, worrying and anxiety."

■ Rehabilitated: Cook County, Ill., judge Cynthia Brim is awaiting the Illinois Courts Commission's decision as she seeks to be reinstated following her suspension in 2012 for mental health issues. Brim has been diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, has been hospitalized "multiple" times since 1993 (according to a Chicago Sun-Times report), and now claims to be fine, provided she takes her meds on schedule -- which her doctor said she will need to do for the rest of her life. Her suspension came after a manic courtroom outburst lauding her heroic "testicles" and which preceded a scuffle with sheriff's deputies outside a county judicial building.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1960 – More than 20 million viewers watch the first televised royal wedding when Princess Margaret marries Anthony Armstrong-Jones at Westminster Abbey.

1966 – Myra Hindley and Ian Brady are sentenced to life imprisonment for the Moors murders in England.

1972 – Deniz Gezmifl, Yusuf Aslan and Hüseyin ‹nan are executed in Ankara for attempting to overthrow the Constitutional order.

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North of Montana
$3,899,000



- Built in 2000
- 4 Bedrooms
- 4.5 Bathrooms



- Approx. 4,000 Sq Ft
- Detached Guest House
- Oasis Pool & Spa

11326 Bolas Street
Brentwood Glen
$1,249,000

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May 4th
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- Extensively Remodeled
- Brentwood Glen
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom



- Detached Guest House

Buyer Needs

I am working with qualified Buyers who are looking for:

Single Family Home
SM, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades
Minimum 3 + 1.75
$1,200,000 - $3,500,000

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Single Family Home
SM, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Malibu (close in), Westwood
Minimum 3 + 1.75
Pool or Room for Pool
$1,200,000 - $3,500,000

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Income Property
SM, Brentwood, West LA, Mar Vista, Venice, Marina del Rey, Playa del Rey, Culver City
3 or More Units
$1,000,000 - $3,000,000

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