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THE RADIO ISSUE

Obama, Romney short on specifics

BY NANCY BENAC
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Worried about the economy? The rising cost of health insurance? The burgeoning federal debt?

Yup, the presidential candidates have a bullet point for that.

But despite Republican Mitt Romney's 59-point jobs plan, President Barack Obama's 64-page blueprint for change and both candidates' lofty policy speeches, voters still sense something's missing.

Just 40 percent of Americans feel Obama "has a clear plan for solving the country's problems," according to a June survey by Gallup, while 38 percent say Romney has a specific proposal.

"This election so far has been about the future in only the most general terms," says William Galston, an expert on government and politics at the Brookings Institution and a former Clinton administration official.

Obama and Romney have each "said and written enough to be able to argue that he has been specific," says Galston. "But when it comes down to what really matters — what are the top three or four things that I will do if I am elected or re-elected — I scratch my head."

While a lack of specifics is something that voters bemoan about their candidates every presidential election, the vagueness of the 2012 race is even more pronounced as both campaigns spend more time arguing about past issues like Obama's health care law and Romney's private sector experience than on what they'd do in the future if elected.

Plus, this year, each side is accusing the other of not being up front with the public about his plans if elected. Romney points to Obama's overheard comment to the Russians that he'd have more flexibility in a second term on issues like missile defense. And Obama and Democrats point to Romney's unwillingness to say exactly what would replace the health care law if he and the Republicans successfully repeal it.

There are plenty of ways to distribute blame for the public's fuzziness about the two candidates' intentions.

For one, there are still plenty of significant unknowns about their policy plans — more so with respect to Romney than the president, who's already spent 3 1/2 years

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FEELING BLUE Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*
A man adds a fresh coat of paint Friday at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier.

Wilmont purges membership

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILMONT On July 11, Adam Rakunas, a 16-year Santa Monica resident at 14th Street and California Avenue, was a member of the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition.

The next day, that changed.

Rakunas was one of an unknown

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Smoke is smoke ... sometimes

Marijuana users may bypass smoking ban

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A new law passed by the City Council this week to ban smoking in apartments and condominiums for all new tenants in Santa Monica could include medical marijuana patients, according to the City Attorney's Office.

The ban, passed Tuesday night, does away with smoking in apartments and condominiums for new tenants, but includes no language specifically dealing with medical marijuana, a drug that is legal with a doctor's recommendation in California and is commonly smoked.

Instead, the preamble details the risks posed by second-hand smoke and tobacco products, specifically that second-hand smoke is considered a dangerous carcinogen by the Environmental Protection Agency.

That smoke can enter the homes of non-smokers through shared ventilation systems. It has been proven to travel through electrical sockets, and even seep in through walls.

According to a study conducted by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health, between 30 and 50 percent of the air in a person's apartment comes from another unit.

To protect their neighbors from second-hand smoke, smokers are expected to take their habit outside, away from other doorways and areas that have been banned from smokers by previous legislation.

It's not so easy for marijuana users, said Kris Hermes, a spokesperson for Americans for Safe Access, a medical marijuana advocacy organization.

"While there's no specific law prohibiting (smoking outdoors), it isn't necessarily socially acceptable," Hermes said. "There is a significant stigma attached to consuming

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, July 14, 2012

Santa Monica's birthday
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 Seventh St., 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The Santa Monica History Museum celebrates the Santa Monica's 137th birthday with an open house and tours of the museum. Guests can experience firsthand the history of Santa Monica from its discovery in 1542 by Juan Rodriquez Cabrillo to its creation as a city in 1875. For more information, call (310) 395-2290.

dosa for SMMoA opening reception
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Santa Monica Museum of Art's gift shop, GRACIE, presents dosa for SMMoA, a unique art installation and shop featuring stunning pieces from the internationally acclaimed dosa clothing line and its renowned designer Christina Kim. dosa for SMMoA, in the Museum's Project Room 1, will feature an exquisite collection of clothing, accessories, and house wares from the dosa Spring 2012 and Standard Issue collections. For more information, call (310) 586-6488.

Paint out
Palisades Park
San Vicente Boulevard at Ocean Avenue, 9:30 a.m.
Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains hosts another painting session in Palisades Park. Look for the person with the red flag when you arrive. New or experienced artists are encouraged to participate in a day of painting. For more information, call Carole at (310) 383-1374 or visit www.allied-artist.com

Tour de Santa Monica
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 9 a.m.
Experience a three-hour bus tour that will show you all of the upcoming changes that will make Santa Monica a greener city. Find out about the new streetscapes, Expo Line, which is currently under construction, and how the Civic Center will undergo major transformations. To register or for more information, call (310) 458-8301.

Sunday, July 15, 2012

Get physical
Santa Monica Place
9 a.m. — 10 a.m.
Australian activewear label Lorna Jane, which has just launched in the USA, is celebrating the opening of its flagship store at Santa Monica Place with a summer workout series co-hosted by Lorna Jane and Equinox. Through Aug. 19. Cost: Free. For more information call (310) 260-8333.

Relaxation for kids
Annenberg Community Beach House, Terrace Lounge
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 9 a.m. — 10 a.m.
In this yoga class, children ages 5 through 11 will learn all the fundamentals from strength poses, peaceful breathing techniques and strength to flexibility, focus and confidence. To enroll, call (310) 458-8540.

Theatre fun
Morgan-Wixson Theater
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
Based on the entertaining children's story by Kevin Henkes, "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" has been turned into a play and will be performed at the Morgan-Wixson. Lilly, a cheerful mouse, gets into trouble when she spends too much time playing with her new purse during class time. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

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Waxman dishes the dirt on D.C.

BY JIMY TALLAL
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU The multipurpose room at City Hall last Sunday was filled with locals (mostly Democrats) interested in getting the latest Washington update from longtime U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman.

Malibu Democratic Club President Jean Goodman said this was the first time Waxman had spoken to the group in about four years. Goodman said Waxman has had "a very difficult schedule" since becoming chairman and then ranking member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Waxman, a Democrat, is running for re-election in the newly configured 33rd District, which, with cities such as Malibu, Calabasas and Santa Monica, includes much of his current 30th District. Added to the new district are all or part of the beach communities from Venice all the way down to the South Bay and Palos Verdes. All California districts were redrawn last year after the 2010 Census.

Waxman wasted little time laying into his opponent in the Nov. 6 general election, political newcomer Bill Bloomfield. Bloomfield, a businessman, was formerly a Republican who re-registered as an independent about a year ago. Waxman described Bloomfield as a wealthy individual who spent a million dollars to get the 24,000 votes he received in last month's primary election. The new 33rd District is heavily Democratic.

Waxman then turned his attention across the aisle. Perhaps seeking to distance himself from Congress' low poll numbers, Waxman observed that in 37 years of service he "has never seen Washington as nasty and polarized as it is today... . These last four years, the Republicans didn't want to find any common ground."

Such was not always the case, Waxman said. In previous years, "when George H.W. Bush was in, he agreed to some tax increases. When you compromise, it becomes a win-win. Over the years, I've always welcomed input to my legislation from the opposition."

His frustrations included the difficulty of passing the Affordable Care Act.

"Obama reached out to the Republicans. He brought them to the White House, held a forum on healthcare, brought in stakeholders, and modeled the plan after what Republicans had wanted. Healthcare should've been bipartisan, but had to pass by two Democratic votes."


WAXMAN

Waxman said he approached the Republicans on issues concerning the environment and carbon emissions, proposing to change U.S. energy policy to include incentives for using renewable energy technologies.

"The response I got," he said, "was that they didn't believe in the science of global warming, so therefore, there wasn't a problem… 271 anti-environmental votes have gone through the House in the past four years, but most haven't passed."

Waxman also came down on Republicans for constant use of the filibuster in the Senate, threatening not to raise the debt ceiling, trying to reduce the federal deficit during a recession and refusing to raise taxes for the wealthiest back to previous levels.

He ended by turning his attention to some of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

"Citizens United will allow corporations to buy our elections and never have to report where the money came from," Waxman said. He also asserted that contrary to popular opinion, Justice Anthony Kennedy "is not a moderate. He wrote the decision on Citizens United."

"Part of the Republican strategy is that we can pay Americans a lot less money if they're all desperate for jobs and have no power to bargain or negotiate. That's part of the whole agenda for the Republican Party," Waxman said. "They also want to fund tax breaks to billionaires by cutting services to the poorest of the poor."

Waxman has been around the block in Washington, D.C. Elected to Congress in 1975, he served from 1979 to 1994 as chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health and the Environment. From 1997 to 2006, he served on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the principal investigative committee in the House of

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PUT 'EM TOGETHER

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Scattered showers couldn't keep these folks away from the Twilight Concert Series on the Santa Monica Pier Thursday night, which featured the sounds of reggae group The Lions. This Thursday groove with HAIM and Wildcat! Wildcat! Concerts start at 7 p.m.

Local biz capitalizes on Instagram's popularity

BY SEAN FITZ-GERALD
Special to the Daily Press

CYBERSPACE Everybody's doing it. You're probably even doing it.

You're sightseeing on a road trip, or a spectacle catches your eye in the street — a parade, a flash mob, a famous actor. You snap a couple pictures with your phone. You put on some filters to dress up the image, and you share it with your friends and family. In a matter of seconds, your trendy, textured photo is all over Facebook and Twitter.

That is the allure of Instagram, a smartphone app launched in October of 2010 by co-founders Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger — and procured for $1 billion by Facebook earlier this year. The duo's rea-


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Standing up for non-smokers

Editor:

First off, I'm biased. At age 49, I was diagnosed with bladder cancer. The surgeon and oncologist both agreed I got it from living for 18 years in a house with two heavy smokers. My parents didn't know about the cancer connection to smoking back then, but we know now.

What the four City Council members did is rather Earth shattering, but in a very good way ("Council OKs more restrictive smoking ban," July 12). Finally, innocent people have protection from cancerous smoke coming into their homes.

Make no mistake, this measure is about property rights as much as health. Smokers will cry about losing their rights when, all along, it was them abrogating the rights of their neighbors to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

Smokers should be able to smoke in their own homes; I'm actually in favor of that. But it is up to them to prevent their smoke from entering their neighbor's home. It's not up to the neighbor to keep it out. The smoker has to pay to seal his/her space such that the smoke cannot pass through. This is physically possible. But it's up to the smoker to pay.

Thank you Councilmembers [Bobby] Shriver, [Terry] O'Day, [Bob] Holbrook and [Mayor Richard] Bloom. You did the right thing.

As for Councilman [Kevin] McKeown not being "comfortable with using secondhand smoke to create second class citizens," I'm afraid the smokers did that themselves. Tobacco smoking is a drug addiction that causes more deaths than all illegal drugs combined. Being exposed to their filth in your own home is beyond the pale. In the past, the city sided with the smokers. No more!

Paul Scott
Santa Monica

Family history

Editor:

I was stunned by Councilman Bobby Shriver's insensitive comments about smokers during the debate to outlaw smoking in apartments ("Council OKs more restrictive smoking ban," July 12). I would like to think that anyone with a family history of alcohol and substance abuse would have more empathy for those addicted to nicotine.

Margaret Coyne
Santa Monica

Open up

Editor:

Re: "Cuba is the neighbor we don't quite know," July 6, Travel.

Much thanks to Doris Sosin on sharing her trip to Cuba with us. My wife and I went with a similar calling 10 years ago and engaged Cubans and their music in many of the same places.

As a gastroenterologist, I saw the head of the big cigar factory in Havana, who had an ulcer problem. I came with medication. He paid me in kind, with cigars. We saw a marvelous ballet at the Gran Teatro from a story by José Martí. We roamed around Havana with a Spanish speaking friend attending a grade school class, a library, and the Central Receiving Hospital (the director attended UCLA years before). We also visited an orphanage (left some baseballs), an old folks home and the old Havana baseball stadium, where one of our tour members had played an exhibition game with the old New York Giants.

I found a cousin I had never met before and, eventually, his sister, in South Beach, Fla.

A trip to Cuba or any country ravaged by political despots offers us the treasure of its people, culture, history and many surprises. We must open more borders and share what we can.

Dr. Jerome P. Helman
Venice, Calif.

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Lee H. Hamilton

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It's time to quell excessive partisanship

THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS IN WHICH members of Congress differ from the American people. They are wealthier, whiter and older. Proportionally more of them are men, and far more are lawyers. All of these differences can affect congressional deliberations, but none matches another yawning gap that has opened up between Congress and average Americans: Congress, unlike the country at large, is noxiously partisan.

Yes, there are partisan divisions among voters. But most Americans want to see our challenges addressed pragmatically. They are not especially interested in ideologically driven legislative maneuvering, and have almost no patience for political leaders who zealously seek partisan advantage. They want politicians to find common ground — not dwell on their differences, promote special interests or place party loyalty ahead of national progress. Americans see the value in compromise, accommodation and civility.

Congress, on the other hand, is filled with people who barely talk to each other, do their best to undermine the other side, and seek partisan advantage at every turn. There are exceptions, but I'm always struck by news stories outlining efforts to bridge the partisan divide — that these are news, rather than commonplace occurrences, highlights the problem.

How did Congress get to the point where partisan polarization has become the most prominent feature of American politics? There's no single reason.

The gerrymandering of congressional districts certainly has hurt. More often than not, people running for Congress do so in districts drawn to favor one party or another. This means that if there's a political threat, it's from members of their own party. There is very little reason for a candidate to consider the views of people across the political spectrum or to move to the center. Instead, the candidate must focus on the small number of partisan activists who dominate primaries.

As New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg points out, good transportation hasn't helped either. Instead of going to restaurants together or going to their kids' birthday parties, members of Congress leave Washington on Thursday and spend as much time as possible in their districts. They have few opportunities to get to know one another.

The partisan divide is also exacerbated by changes in the media. The 24-hour news cycle and instant analysis have forced politicians to take positions before they really have time to think them out. Social media, for its part, creates a referendum virtually instantly on every issue. Politicians need time to study and ponder issues; instead, it's as if they face an election every day on every issue before them.

The result is that the sheer intensity of our politics has been ramped up — with money, lobbyists, interest groups, reporters, bloggers, and countless ordinary-citizen commentators adding to the pressure politicians feel, raising the stakes and amplifying the feelings on every issue.

LOW TURNOUT IN OUR ELECTIONS GREATLY ENHANCES THE POWER OF HIGHLY PARTISAN VOTERS. MORE VOTERS WOULD FORCE POLITICIANS TO LISTEN TO A WIDER RANGE OF VIEWS.

Just as there's no single cause for Washington's out-of-control partisanship, there's no single solution. We need to find ways of reducing the outsized role of money in politics, eliminating the partisan gerrymandering of districts and opening up state primaries, so that interest groups and partisan activists have a harder time dominating elections. Congressional leaders need to expand opportunities for members to get to know one another and their families, principally by paying attention to the work schedule; it's hard to get mad at someone you know well, much less demonize him or her.

But perhaps the most important effort would be to expand the electorate. Low turnout in our elections greatly enhances the power of highly partisan voters. More voters would force politicians to listen to a wider range of views. It would tilt the balance toward where most Americans are — somewhere around the middle.

Too often, "debate" these days is just the two parties' talking points hammering at each other in a mean-spirited, strident tone — not a genuine dialogue that searches for common ground and a solution to the problem. Changing this will require you and me to make it clear to our political friends that we do not like divisive name-calling, constantly attacking an opponent's motivation or blatant partisan calculation. Let them know that we all pay the price for excessive partisanship, and we're tired of it.

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The Q Line

In the air

The City Council this week was asked to consider a ban on smoking in multi-unit apartments.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think a ban is in order or does it go too far?

Here are your responses:

"PAGING GEORGE ORWELL. WHEREVER Mr. Orwell is, he must be puking. His grand opus about authoritarian thinking, '1984,' is again being enacted by lesser minds in Santa Monica. Because of no unifying occurrence or spiritual goal, people become petty in their dislikes. Negatives like smoking become monumental issues. Sleazy politicians in this town will use public distress that they helped manufacture to divide and conquer the lame. I do not like smoking, but I have a greater disgust for those who manipulate us to despise a minority all in the name of progressive correctness. Mr. Orwell, here's your Pepto-Bismol."

"YES, BAN SMOKING WHEREVER A non-smoker can smell it. The rights of a smoker to give themselves lung cancer end where the rights of non-smokers to breathe start. If the smokers don't like it, they can quit or move."

"I WAS WONDERING WHO DECIDED THE City Council should get involved with this ludicrous proposed smoking ban in multi-unit buildings. I would hope there are more pressing city issues (traffic, parking, homeless camping, etc.) with which they should be more concerned! It looks like another way of 'those who believe they know best for us' to run our lives. I am not a smoker and never have been, but this is not up to the City Council — butt out!"

"NO BAGS, NO HEDGES, NO FREE PARKING meter time, an extra sales tax, giant utility taxes, no smoking outside anywhere and now no smoking inside your own apartment. Commie Monica is worse than Commie China! What if you have a guest who smokes? Some of our City Council members have said they're in favor of legalizing marijuana, so where are they going to smoke their wacky tobacky?"

"I AGREE IT'S A VERY GOOD IDEA, AND this should've been done a long time ago. The only reason why they're probably waiting is because somebody must have paid them off. That's the only reason I can figure out. It doesn't make sense to get poisoned by these morons who continue to keep smoking. They cut down the smoking in front of the apartments, but inside they don't do anything — and on the patio. They don't want smoking on the patio? What kind of nonsense is that? Somebody must have been paid off."

"I HAVE TO SAY, AS A RENTER IN A building, I don't want anybody smoking around me. And as a former homeowner, I wouldn't want anybody smoking in my home. You know, smoking isn't good for you, and it shouldn't be encouraged in any place that we have to live. I don't think it's going too far to say that a ban is in order."

"I AM IN FAVOR OF THE CITY COUNCIL being asked to consider a ban on smoking in multi-unit residences. I have a person downstairs that smokes and doesn't care about anybody else. It's very bad. It comes into my window and I hate breathing it."

"YES, AS A FORMER LANDLORD — AND I think that smoking is terrible, yes I would. I would vote for a ban. I don't like cigarette smoke, and it's dangerous."

"MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE NEW law will apply to new tenants only. I'm confused as to why a landlord would rent to a smoker these days. I won't. We are so fortunate to live where air conditioning is not needed and the breeze is generally fresh and clean; that can be spoiled by one smoker in a building — or in my case, next door. If City Council is afraid to take this step, I hope they at least make it a requirement for landlords to post the current law on all rental applications. If newcomers knew how restrictive the existing laws are, perhaps they will choose to live somewhere else."

"A BAN WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY IF smokers kept their smoke in their own apartments. Since they allow their smoke to intrude into other's living spaces, the ban is necessary."

"THERE IS NO SAFE LEVEL OF second-hand smoke, and there is no constitutional right to smoke. Any person performing any act that causes harm, injury or death is a crime and needs to be stopped by legislation. A complete ban on smoking in all multi-unit housing would be paramount to having a society that is ready to move forward."

"I AM VERY STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF restricting smoking in residential housing. I have chronic asthma and if a new neighbor moved in next door to me who was a smoker, I would have to move. I think as long as this doesn't affect existing tenants who are smokers, it is not a hardship for those who smoke. They could either be placed in smoking sections of a building or go outside to smoke."

"THE TERM 'PRIVACY' INDICATES A relationship. A smoker may want to smoke in the privacy of their own apartment unit. But that smoker's private activity is actually a communal activity. The unfortunate truth is any person within that smoker's air space is involved with that cigarette. Smoking in apartment units cannot be considered a private activity: The smoker is not keeping his or her smoke private. The smoke is leaving his or her apartment, entering the neighbors' units, entering the neighbors' bodies, depositing toxic chemicals inside their bodies as well as all over their belongings. This ban does not succeed in going far enough to protect non-smoking tenants … ."

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For four (4) members of the City Council	Full term of four (4) years
For two (2) members of the Rent Control Board	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Santa Monica City College Board of Trustees	Full term of four (4) years

The nomination period for these offices begins on July 16, 2012, and closes on August 10, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer are not filed by August 10, 2012, the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, August 15, 2012, to nominate candidates other than the person who is the incumbent, for that incumbent's elective office.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

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SF considering ways to curb plastic water bottles

BY FENIT NIRAPPIL

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO San Francisco, the city that regulated Happy Meal toys and banned plastic grocery bags, has a new target in its health-conscious, eco-friendly crosshairs: plastic water bottles.

City officials are considering an ordinance that would require owners of new and renovated buildings with water fountains to install special bottle-filling taps. The law's designed to encourage thirsty people to refill containers instead of reaching for another bottle of Evian or Aquafina.

"This is the appropriate next step to make it easier for San Franciscans to get out of the bad habit of using environmentally wasteful plastic water bottles and into the good habit of using reusable water containers," said Board of Supervisors President David Chiu, who introduced the legislation in June.

Bottle-filling taps like the ones that would be required if Chiu's measure passes already are found at San Francisco International Airport and at some city parks and schools. Installed behind a drinking fountain's regular faucet, they dispense chilled water in a quick-streaming vertical jet that is high enough to accommodate most water containers.

Advocates say having bottle-specific spigots encourages the reuse of water bottles by eliminating long waits to fill them and removing concerns about germs. Some people squirm at the thought of drinking from a fountain exposed to so many mouths, although city officials say water fountains are no less hygienic than bottle taps.

Skeptics question whether the ordinance is necessary, since the proposed taps pour the same highly-regarded public water that comes out of every other faucet and drinking fountain. Businesses often complain that San Francisco lawmakers are too quick to impose bans or restrictions that affect their bottom lines.

"If you are in an office, your kitchen has a sink, the sink has a faucet and that faucet puts out Hetch Hetchy (reservoir) water," San Francisco Building Owners and Managers Association representative Ken Cleaveland said. "It's just one more new law that San Francisco is implementing on top of hundreds of other laws to make, rather force, compliance in sustainable practices."

Despite initial skepticism, the association is waiting for more details before taking a stance on the law

Adding a bottled-water spigot to existing water fountains would cost at least around $750, according to manufacturers.

For officials at Pennsylvania State University, the cost has been worthwhile. The university is now installing taps on all its campuses after experimenting with them for three years, said Lydia Vandenbergh, an official overseeing the university's effort to reduce use of plastic water bottles. Students were more receptive to filling bottles from special taps than drinking fountains, thought to be dirty.

"In the era of hyper hygiene, for a lot of people, that's a barrier," Vandenbergh said. University officials have estimated the busiest tap replaces the equivalent of 35,000 plastic bottles a month.

Chiu's ordinance calls plastic water bottles "bad for the environment," unnecessarily taking up landfill space and causing greenhouse gas emissions when cheap tap water is available. San Francisco city departments have been barred from buying plastic water bottles since 2007.

Chiu said he considered other aggressive measures to curb the bottle, including a fee and an outright ban. The proposed ordinance is less severe and is meant to raise awareness about drinking tap water as an alternative, he said.

Environmental groups are supportive of efforts to wean San Franciscans from plastic water bottles.

"San Francisco has among the best drinking water in country. It's ridiculous that people would go out and spend their now very limited dollars to buy bottled water," said Mae Wu, an attorney with the National Resources Defense Council.

Chris Hogan, an International Bottled Water Association spokesman, said his industry contributes a small fraction of worldwide energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. He welcomed efforts to encourage drinking tap water, but said they don't require demonizing bottled water.

"When you make the argument to discourage people from drinking bottled water, you are removing the healthiest option when it comes to choosing a bottled beverage," Hogan said.

Chiu introduced the ordinance at a board of supervisors meeting on June 26. It is expected to go before the supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee in September and if it passes, on to the full board of supervisors.

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soning for creating the social media phenomenon was twofold: It was photo sharing reinvented and it was free to download and use.

But all those pictures you've taken might be worth something more than a "like" or a comment.

Founded by programmer-entrepreneur Sean Broihier, Santa Monica-based Instaprints two weeks ago launched an online marketplace that offers Instagram users the opportunity to sell their photos as greeting cards, prints and posters.

Instagram could not be reached for comment regarding this article.

In April, social-media news blog Mashable reported that, according to Instagram's Application Programming Interface (API), the photo-sharing app passed the 50-million user mark and is adding new users at a rate of roughly 5 million per week.

"I was excited to get into this [business] because everybody loves mobile," Broihier said. "When it comes to startups, [mobile] is the fastest developing section. There's this huge [Instagram] user base out there, and we're allowing [users] to take their beautiful images … and convert them into an online business."

Instaprints is an offshoot project developed from the same idea as his first company, Fine Art America, which he launched in 2007. Fine Art America, the Internet's premier art space, is poised to make $12 million to $15 million in revenue this year and currently has 115,000 users who sell their art online.

"[Instaprints] is uncharted territory, but [Fine Art America] is a proven business model that has been doing well for a very long time," Broihier said. "I'm very excited to launch a business that comes out of the barrel ready to be used. We got the potential to do it all."

On Fine Art America, visual artists and photographers can join for free and sell their pieces for a base price — which is controlled by Fine Art America — plus a profitable mark-up price — which is declared by the original artist. Broihier said all of the profit from the mark-up price goes to the user.

Broihier added that Fine Art America users prefer his pricing structure because they receive more value for their art.

David Lloyd Glover, a professional landscape artist based in Beverly Hills, Calif. and a Fine Art America user, said what impresses him most about Broihier's online marketplaces is that shoppers actually have the confidence to purchase art online.

"My sales revenue is remarkably high on Fine Art America," Glover said. "[Fine Art America] does a lot of marketing outside their domain so that they are placing product in a way that drives traffic to their site."

Just as Fine Art America lets artists price their work, Instaprints lets iPhone- and Droid-wielding photographers mark up their wares as well. Instaprints sets a base price for each available product, so when the photo is purchased, the user keeps the entire markup. Base prices range anywhere from $3.95 to $58.50; it depends on the size and type of the product.

For example, an Instaprints photo called "Orange Light Bulb," which depicts exactly what it sounds like, runs for $7.95 as a greeting card and goes for $66 as an acrylic print.

Broihier said Instaprints and Fine Art America process every order on behalf of the seller. Their services include printing, framing, matting, packaging, shipping, collecting payments and sending profits. The final product is delivered ready-to-hang with a 30-day money-back guarantee.

Dave Welling, a professional nature photographer based in Canoga Park, Calif. and Fine Art America user, said he likes how the websites are presented and how intuitive the functionality is.

"There's never an issue about payment, I get the money like clockwork, and [Fine Art America] has got it set up so you can get prints and cards — and it's very simple," Welling said.

Susan Smela, a new user to both Instagram and Instaprints based in Venice, Calif., said she's excited to utilize Instagram and Instaprints as vehicles for sharing her photography while at the same time getting feedback and selling images.

"[Instaprints] is a win-win scenario for someone like me, who has very little experience in professional photography, but who now has an opportunity to present my photos to a broad spectrum of people on the Internet," Smela wrote in an e-mail.

Broihier said Instaprints also provides its users with an interactive marketplace: Buyers and sellers are allowed to follow their favorite photographers —similar to Instagram —participate in online discussions, advertise local events, chat with online members and comment on photos.

"You're in the smaller end of the photography business here," Broihier said. "My goal is to see if there truly is a great market for [Instagram prints]. If there is, then I'm going to be the biggest website in the industry."

When Instaprints launched, they picked up 1,500 users in the first week, Broihier said. At that rate Instaprints would outgrow Fine Art America's user base in two to three months.

"[Instaprints] is a great idea," Glover said. "Instagram is what people are doing these days. The digital camera is pretty much out of business because people are just using their smartphones."

Though Glover thinks the idea is hot now, he said it's a phase and expects it to fizzle out.

"It meets the technology that's here now, but as we all know, a year from now, that could all be different," he said. "I would say [Broihier's] got a good bet on it for a while, though."

Smela likes Broihier's project because she said it creates a vast marketplace of images and sets an affordable tone for his consumers.

"It's bringing photography to a much more mainstream audience, while also providing a platform for photographers to gain exposure to a massive viewing public," Smela wrote. "The world can only benefit from art, from beautiful imagery, and Instagram and Instaprints are a great promoter of that ideology."

As Broihier says, only time will tell.

But next time you're out and about, think twice about what you snap. Your still du jour could be another person's new dining room wall piece.

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POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 6 de noviembre de 2012, para los siguientes Funcionarios:

Para cuatro (4) miembros del Concejo Municipal	Periodo completo de cuatro años
Para dos (2) miembros de la Junta del Control de Alquileres	Periodo completo de cuatro años
Para tres (3) miembros del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Monica-Malibu	Periodo completo de cuatro años
Para tres (3) miembros de la Junta de Administración del Distrito del Colegio Comunitario de Santa Monica	Periodo completo de cuatro años

El periodo de nominación para estas oficinas comienza el 16 de julio, 2012, y termina el 10 de agosto, 2012, a las 5:00 pm. Si los papeles de nominación para un oficial titular no son presentados para el 10 de agosto, 2012, los votantes tendrán hasta 83 días antes de las elecciones, el 15 de agosto, 2012, para nominar otros candidatos en lugar de la persona que es el titular, para la oficina electiva del titular.

Si no se nomina a nadie o solamente a una persona para un cargo electivo, se puede realizar el nombramiento al cargo elegido según lo prescrito por la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral del Estado de California.

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Colorado cantaloupes return; growers push safety measures

BY KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Colo. Nearly a year after the nation's deadliest foodborne illness outbreak in more than two decades, Colorado cantaloupes are back in supermarkets.

Farmers near the town of Rocky Ford are going on the offensive to restore the fruit's reputation a year after melons from one of the area's farms caused a nationwide listeria outbreak. They have banded together to trademark Rocky Ford melons and fund $800,000 worth of safety upgrades to prevent future outbreaks, but they must convince buyers that the melons are safe.

Last fall's listeria outbreak traced to Jensen Farms in eastern Colorado was blamed for the deaths of 30 people. It infected 146 people in 28 states with one of four strains of the disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"When everything happened, after 125 years of growing a safe product, people were so upset," said Nathan Knapp, a Rocky Ford melon grower who drove to a Denver-area supermarket Friday to see the cantaloupes go on sale.

Some farmers who had raised melons for decades decided to stop growing Rocky Fords this year. Only about a third of the land devoted to growing the cantaloupes last year is now growing this year's crop, according to the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

"Quite a few people just dropped out," Knapp said. "They had no interest anymore in dealing with the risk."

But Knapp and a few dozen other farmers in Otero and Crowley counties decided to band together to restore confidence in Rocky Fords, melons with a distinct sweetness thanks to the area's hot, sunny days and cold nights. First the farmers patented the name Rocky Ford — an important step because the source of the outbreak was 90 miles from Rocky Ford but was using the name.

Then the farmers overhauled their production practices to restore public confidence. They hired a full-time food safety manager to monitor melon-picking and started paying the seasonal pickers by the hour, not by the amount of cantaloupes picked. The farmers also built a new central packing shed where all Rocky Ford-labeled melons will be washed with soap and a chlorine oxide, then rinsed with well water tested for contamination.

After being washed, the melons will be cooled to reduce condensation and then packed into boxes labeled with codes traceable to the fields where the melons were grown. The boxes will be packed with slips that interested shoppers can scan using a smartphone to read about where their melons originated.

The Food and Drug Administration said last year that melons at Jensen Farms likely were contaminated in the operation's packing house. The FDA concluded that dirty water on a floor, and old, hard-to-clean equipment probably were to blame.

"We've built a brand new system, top to bottom," said Michael Hirakata, a farmer and head of the new Rocky Ford Growers Association. "It's early, but so far it's working well."

Jensen Farms, located in Holly, Colo., has filed for bankruptcy and isn't growing melons this year.



Photo courtesy Google Images

SAFE: **Farmers near the town of Rocky Ford are going on the offensive to restore the fruit's rep.**

Lawsuits against Jensen Farms are still pending but may be settled this fall, lawyers said last month. The lawsuits were filed by people who were sickened or who had a family member die after the outbreak.

"I would say we are very close," Jim Markus, an attorney for Jensen Farms, said last month.

The bigger challenge facing Colorado melon growers may be restoring public confidence in the cantaloupes. So far, the growers' investments seem to be paying off.

Hirakata, who has 120 acres of Rocky Ford melons, said prices are up. He said boxes of Rocky Ford are wholesaling for $17 to $20, up from about $14.50 last year. The fall listeria outbreak happened after almost all the crop was in and sold, so this is the first market response farmers have seen to the outbreak.

A spokeswoman for King Soopers, the supermarket chain that started selling Rocky Ford cantaloupes Friday, said there was no plan to reduce orders for the melons this year.

"We support the product and believe this product is safe to consume," King Soopers spokeswoman Kelli McGannon said.

A few shoppers said they recalled last year's problems but didn't fear buying more cantaloupe.

"I remember the outbreak of course, but I figure if it's happening again, they would take the melons off the shelf," said Cindy Lewis, a Glendale woman who picked up a melon Friday. "There could be a risk from any food, or from just walking down the street, you know? I'm not going to worry about it."

Another shopper, Paul Borger, picked up a fruit tray including cantaloupe to serve guests. The tray's melon wasn't from Rocky Ford, but Borger said he didn't check either way before putting the tray in his buggy.

"I'm not worried. Whatever the problem was, they got it fixed," Borger said.

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FLAVORFUL: **Truffles pack plenty of flavor. Combine them with some good ground beef and you have a mouth-watering meal.**

Fraiche's truffle burger done just right

THE WORD TRUFFLE UNEARTHS IMAGES OF forest foraging swine, luxurious cuisine and earthy, pungent flavors. More than just a mushroom, truffles (both black and white) are culinary gems. The small spores can pack some serious flavor.

But to the detriment of many dishes the truffle can easily overpower a plate. Worse off, truffle oil, which in many cases is synthetically made on the cheap, is readily available to anyone with a free wielding pour hand and a sauté pan. T.V. host and culinary curmudgeon Anthony Bourdain's take on truffle oil: "If I have a mission in life it's to let people know that truffle oil is fucked up."

What Bourdain may have been alluding to is that since truffle oil is cheap, lazy chefs think they have a magic bottle of "instant fanciness" while in reality they're just marring meals and giving the poor truffle a bad name.

If your only experience with the fungus comes from the bottomless basket of truffle fries at the local Garlic Joe's then you lost out on a few levels already. Truffles are meant to be savored, used in moderation, and held to a higher standard. Not to say that the truffles should be relegated to a life of snobbery. But there should be some sort of middle ground from a multi-Michelin star restaurant and the sample section at the Costco.

Fraiche's truffle burger seemed like a good compromise.

Fraiche, located on Wilshire Boulevard in Downtown, boasts French fare, a notable happy hour, and when you combine the two their signature sandwich — the truffle burger — is born.

The truffle burger is as French as a burger can get, it's almost cliché. Onion fondue, boschetto al tartufo (truffle cheese), and truffle aioli, on prime beef and topped on a brioche bun are its makeups. At first bite, the truffle flavors by no means are subtle nor do they overpower. Synergy was happily attained.

The brioche bun, almost over toasted and seemingly too dense, did have the capacity to accommodate the abundance of succulence flowing from the savory burger. The truffle aioli, onion fondue, truffle cheese and burger juice rendered some sort of super tonic that should probably be bottled and sold to food weirdos like myself.

Only the biggest of cabernets will suffice for such a flavorful burger. And as expected the French fries were very good as well. Fraiche offers a Father's Office quality burger at Barney's Beanery prices: $9. Happy hour is happiest with a truffle burger done just right.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food, or on CityTV hosting his own show, "Tour de Feast." To reach him visit his website at tourdefeast.net or follow him on Twitter @TourDeFeastSM.

Blending best of s'mores and puffed rice treats

BY ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

School often starts when kids still have summer on the brain. So these easy-to-make bars have summer in mind, too.

We aimed for a simple snack with the flavor of s'mores, but with the texture, ease and portability of puffed rice treats.

We ended up with a layer of marshmallow-rich crushed graham crackers topped with chocolate. To make things interesting, we turned them into peanut butter s'mores bars. But if your kids aren't peanut butter inclined, just leave it out.

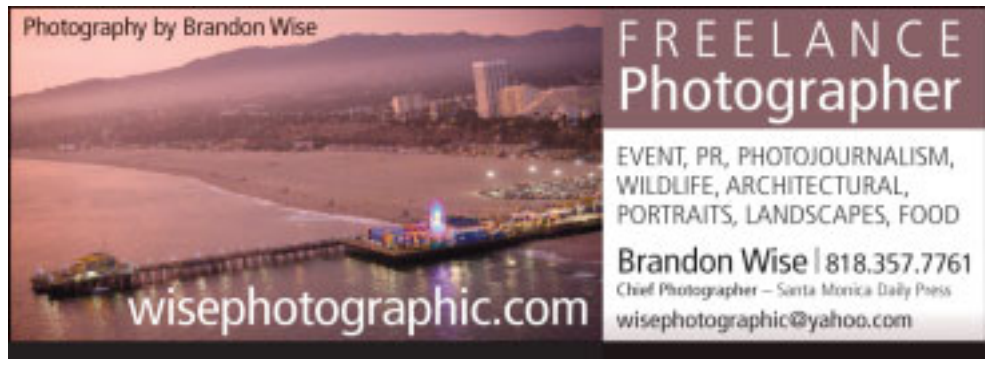
Peanut butter s'mores bars
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Servings: 12
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3 cups graham cereal, lightly crushed
1 sleeve of graham crackers (9 sheets), lightly crushed
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate bits
1/2 cup lightly salted peanuts

Coat a 9-by-9-inch baking pan with cooking spray. In a large saucepan over medium-low, heat the butter, marshmallows and peanut butter. Stir until completely melted and smooth.

Remove the pan from the heat and add the graham cereal and graham crackers. Stir to coat. Using buttered fingers, press the mixture into the prepared pan. Set aside.

In a microwave-safe dish, melt the chocolate bits by heating in 30-second intervals, stirring in between. Spread the melted chocolate over the bars and sprinkle with the peanuts. Allow to cool and then cut into bars.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 320 calories; 130 calories from fat (41 percent of total calories); 15 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 10 mg cholesterol; 46 g carbohydrate; 6 g protein; 2 g fiber; 190 mg sodium.



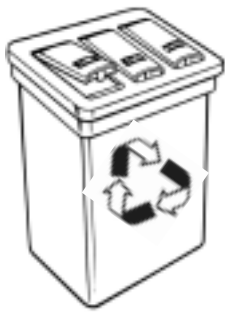










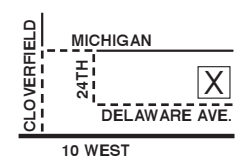


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medical marijuana."

Medical marijuana users can't consume their medicine without attracting attention, often from law enforcement, Hermes said.

"People don't want that risk, understandably so," he said.

For the most part, that leaves the home as one of the few places that medical marijuana users can take their meds.

"It is a potentially complicated area," said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky. "Under the definition of smoking, (marijuana) is definitely included."

From a public safety point of view, second-hand smoke produced by burning marijuana is a problem.

According to a 2007 study published in the journal "Chemical Research in Toxicology" comparing second-hand smoke from marijuana and cigarettes, marijuana smoke contains many of the same chemicals found in tobacco smoke.

That by itself was the most important finding, according to the paper, although some quantitative measures showed much higher amounts of ammonia and hydrogen cyanide, among other things, when the marijuana was burned.

Hydrogen cyanide is a chemical used for fumigation and pesticides, according to the Center for Disease Control.

It's likely that medical marijuana exemptions to the ordinance will have to be decided on a case-by-case basis, with passes given only to those that can prove that they need to smoke and can't take it outdoors, Radinsky said.

"We can treat it similarly to a disability request. It will need to be based on a situation that is a medical reality that a doctor can confirm. Then it might be an exemption," Radinsky said. "We would assume the user would need a valid doctor's note on the need for smoking in a way that violated the law."

If marijuana users can find alternative means to consume their medicine without smoking, that might disqualify them from getting an exemption.

The chemicals found in marijuana that help patients are called cannabinoids, and combustion is not the only way to get them into the body.

They can be released in fats and then used for cooking, or put in a machine called a vaporizer that heats the marijuana until the chemicals are released but before the vegetation actually starts to burn.

No burning, no smoke.

While those options would satisfy the no-smoking ban, they don't work for all people, Hermes said.

"There are people in chemotherapy, who are living with cancer or have HIV or AIDS that can't keep food down," Hermes said. "It's easier to smoke than ingest foods for obvious reasons."

Vaporizers are expensive. Top of the line models can cost upwards of $200, and the results are not consistent from patient to patient, Hermes said.

Roger Diamond, a local attorney, is "very much an anti-smoker and pro-fresh air."

He's also representing a medical marijuana testing facility that tried to set up shop in Santa Monica before City Hall shut it down by refusing to give it a business license.

For Diamond, it's not about the substance, it's about the smoke.

"I think smoking anything should be banned in apartments," Diamond said. "Nobody should be forced to inhale someone's smoke."

A libertarian, Diamond concedes it would be different if apartment complexes were sealed, and that one person's activities didn't impact their neighbors.

Until that happens, "marijuana will have to be eaten in brownies or consumed some other way," Diamond said.

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Representatives, and chaired the committee from 2007-09. During his time on the committee, it investigated everything from prescription drugs and government contracting to Enron. In 2006 and 2007, Waxman helped a local issue by investigating BHP Billiton and the EPA regarding a proposed LNG (liquefied natural gas) facility off the coast of Malibu.

Goodman said she was pleased with the turnout of 65 people on a Sunday morning, and got "very good feedback" from those attending. She found Waxman's talk interesting "because it filled in some of the holes in the information we've received; and gave kind of a behind-the-scenes look at what's been going on in Washington and why."

A number of local dignitaries also attended the talk, including Malibu Mayor Pro Tem Lou La Monte, SMMUSD school board member Nimish Patel, Assemblywoman Betsy Butler and Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom.

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governing from the Oval Office.

Romney, for example, has pledged to cap total federal spending at 20 percent of the gross domestic product by the end of his first term, increase defense spending and put the federal budget on track to be balanced within eight to 10 years. But he's offered scant detail about the painful spending cuts that would be necessary to pull off such a trifecta.

Obama, for his part, has laid out annual proposed budgets for the federal government that are lush with details. But year after year, many of those details are dead on arrival in Congress, leaving voters to wonder how things would be different in a second Obama term.

The president also has put off some key policy decisions until a possible second term.

Earlier this week, while renewing his push to extend tax cuts only for middle-income earners, Obama said crafting a long-term plan to simplify the tax code could wait.

"Once the election is over, things have calmed down a little bit, based on what the American people have said and how they've spoken during that election, we'll be in a good position to decide how to reform our entire tax code in a simple way that lowers rates and helps our economy grow, and brings down our deficit," he said.

His speech, along with GOP efforts in Congress to extend an even broader complement of tax cuts, prompted the bipartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget to warn policymakers this week against "kicking the can down the road" on how to solve the country's growing debt problems.

Comprehensive plans to address illegal immigration and Social Security's financial woes also have been pushed into a second term by Obama, although he took unilateral action to stop deporting young people who were brought to the country illegally as children.

Romney, meanwhile, has been vague on a number of big-ticket policy fronts beyond his sketchy budget proposals.

He's promised a "civil but resolute" plan to address illegal immigration details TBD. And he makes a virtue of the lack of specifics he's provided on what he'd do after repealing Obama's health care overhaul, saying states should make the call on how to cover their uninsured.

At times, the candidates' efforts to flesh out their plans haven't done them much good.

Obama's "to do" list serves to highlight his inability to get congressional action on his initiatives.

Romney's emphasis on his 59-point jobs plan got dismissive treatment from a prominent ally.

Outgoing Marriott CEO Bill Marriott, during a March interview with The Associated Press, offered some advice to the candidate who was named after the hotel executive's father, J. Willard Marriott:

"His message is too complicated," Marriott said of Willard Mitt Romney. "He says: I have a 59-point economic policy. My response: People aren't going to listen to 59 points. ... You really need to simplify your message and repeat it, repeat it, repeat it and don't wander off."

In some cases, the candidates' rhetoric targeting one another has contributed to the fog swirling around voters.

Both sides expend considerable time and money running down the opposition for having no new ideas — or no good ones.

"He's got no new answers," Romney says of Obama.

Republicans may have a plan to win the election, counters Obama, but "it's not a plan to create jobs. It sure as heck is not a plan to grow our economy. It's not a plan to revive our middle class."

The candidates also are eager to fill in the blanks in each other's policy proposals by sketching worst-case scenarios.

The Obama campaign's latest talking point: Romney has a $5 trillion tax cut plan for millionaires and billionaires. He hasn't explained how he'd pay for it, "so either he'll blow up the deficit or he'll raise taxes on families."

Romney told the NAACP this week: Obama says he'll fix the economy "but he has not. He cannot. He will not."

"If I am president, job one for me will be creating jobs," Romney said. "I have no hidden agenda."

Whether the candidates' agendas are missing, muddled or hidden, neither has nailed "the vision thing" that George H.W. Bush once famously talked about.

WILMONT
FROM PAGE 1

number of people who received a cease and desist letter from the board of the neighborhood group, commonly called Wilmont.

The letter, sent by attorney Becki Kammerling of the Santa Monica-based firm Sustainable Lawyer, accused Rakunas of violating Wilmont's rules and regulations by participating in a vote at what was meant to be the group's annual meeting on June 9.

His membership was permanently revoked, and he was told in no uncertain terms that "in the event that you attempt to attend any future meetings of the organization, you will be escorted by security off the premises."

Rakunas was shocked. He never attended the June 9 meeting, at which a group of residents took over the Wilmont annual meeting and held a vote to elect nine new board members.

"I was planning on going, but my wife reminded me that it was my turn to stay home and take care of our daughter," Rakunas said.

And so continues an ongoing dispute between rival factions in one of Santa Monica's neighborhood groups over the validity of the June 9 vote.

According to the cease and desist letter and a release by Valerie Griffin, the chair of the Wilmont Board of Directors, the board voted Wednesday to kick out all members of the "rival group" that took over the June 9 meeting and attempted to elect a slate of anti-development candidates to the board.

Those same candidates, called the Wilmont Rebels on a supporting website, received the cease and desist letter warning them against calling themselves board members of Wilmont under threat of civil or criminal charges.

The Wilmont Rebels have decided to lawyer up as well, and have established a fund to help defray the legal costs, according to a release by disputed board member Reinhard Kargl.

"The allegations made in the letter are false, malicious and baseless," Kargl wrote. "They are ludicrous and further evidence that the current board no longer represents the wishes of Wilmont members."

City Hall, which provides $4,000 to the neighborhood group in grant funding, will not get involved in the dispute, wrote Kate Vernez, deputy city manager for special projects, in an e-mail.

The Wilmont board holds that the vote never officially happened. Days before the annual meeting at which the vote was supposed to occur, the board called off the meeting and commuted it to a "community meeting."

The reasoning: Marcia Carter, the octogenarian in charge of membership rolls, had fallen and broken a hip. The rolls, locked away on cards in her apartment, were unavailable, and so the vote could not proceed.

Without the rolls, it was both impossible to verify that either the voters or the 11 candidates who turned in nomination papers to run for office were dues-paying members of Wilmont, Griffin said at the time.

The group went ahead with the vote on June 9 and counted the votes on July 7. Of the nine people they announced were elected to the board, eight of them belonged to what Griffin refers to as the "splinter group."

Those individuals say that they ran for the seats in an attempt to win the Wilmont board back for the residents and overpower a group of entrenched leaders who made decisions on key items without care for their constituency.

The current board believes that the new candidates were organized by the operators of the Huntley Hotel, a luxury hotel that is opposed to the expansion of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, which the Wilmont board supported. The hotels are located across from one another on Second Street.

No one ever wanted to be on the board before the Fairmont Miramar project came to a head, said Larry Isaacs, a long-time member of the Wilmont Board.

Now it feels like "mob rule," he said.

The Wilmont board announced that it would cancel its regular meeting scheduled for July 16. That is the second meeting in a row that has been called off.

Jeanne Dodson, a former member of the Wilmont board and now one of the rebel leaders, said that the meeting would go on as planned and that the group was "exploring legal action."

Rakunas just hopes he'll get his membership fee back. This is not how he expected it would be used.

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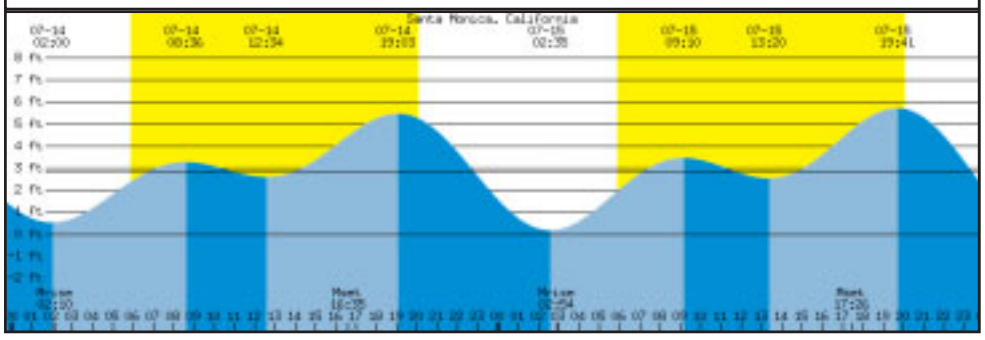
Swell Forecast

Looks like a waist high day for south facing breaks with some occasional chest high sets at stand-outs, mainly in the early AM (smaller in the afternoon).

Long Range Synopsis

Looking at knee high surf most everywhere.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 8
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 45
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alias creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
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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A Roundabout Way Of Thinking

Drivers in Santa Monica might have noticed some recent changes to many intersections around town that have people wondering if they are headed down the Champs Elysees towards the Arch de Triumph or perhaps lost on an English country road. The roundabout intersection has made a roundabout trip across the world to Santa Monica with the hopes of easing traffic congestion and making the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Drivers here in Santa Monica must be aware of the traffic rules and regulations that govern roundabout driving so that motorists are not stranded like foreigners in a foreign land. Here are some basic rules and explanations about roundabouts that will hopefully help you on your way around town.

The basic definition of a roundabout is a circular junction in which road traffic must travel in one direction around a central island. Roundabouts increase safety in the community by requiring drivers to both decrease their speeds and in turn increase their awareness upon entering the intersection. Roundabouts also increase a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal by creating charming and unique architectural designs. Neatly landscaped circles or placement of a statue, monument, or flagpole give roundabouts a homely and suburban feel despite their very urban purpose. Pedestrians are often prohibited or discouraged from entering the center circle of a roundabout, but pedestrians and drivers can nonetheless enjoy the visual charisma that the intersection adds to a community. Roundabouts facilitate motorists, bicyclists, runners, and dog-walkers in an efficient and competent manner.

Roundabouts have some negative drawbacks as well. Larger vehicles and trucks may find it difficult to navigate through narrow roundabouts that are not built to handle such vehicles. The recent implementation of roundabouts in Santa Monica has also caused some backup and unwanted traffic delays at roundabouts where drivers are not familiar with the traffic laws and traffic flow. On the same note, there is a greater risk of traffic collisions and accidents from drivers who are simply not paying attention to their surroundings. Roundabouts require far greater concentration and awareness than do conventional squared intersections.

Upon entering a roundabout, drivers should first notice a sign or traffic indicator alerting the driver to slow down and prepare to yield. A painted dashed line will also alert drivers that they are entering a roundabout intersection. Unless otherwise indicated, drivers do not have to come to a complete stop; however, the situation may require a complete stop depending on traffic conditions at the time. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way! So, if you see a bicyclist, jogger, or walker you must stop in order to allow that person safe passage. If there are no other cars in the roundabout and no pedestrians, the driver can then safely enter the roundabout. Most Santa Monica roundabouts are one-way, meaning a driver can only make a right turn to enter the roundabout and a right turn to exit the roundabout.

A driver that is already in the roundabout has the right of way over a driver that is entering the roundabout. Thus, if you are the car that is approaching the roundabout and slowing down getting ready to turn into the roundabout, do not expect another car that is already in the roundabout to stop or slow to let you in! This area tends to be one of the most confusing aspects of roundabouts, but if you remember that the car already in the roundabout has the right of way…you should be alright. Regardless of who has the right of way, drivers should nonetheless always remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings to prevent any kind of accident. Keep a slow to moderate speed while circling depending on the traffic at the time. Also, it is very important that drivers remember to use their turn signals. Turn signals alert circling drivers inside the roundabout and allow other drivers to adjust speeds based on turns. Moreover, a turn signal also notifies drivers waiting to enter the roundabout that the path is clear for them to safely make the maneuver.

Avoid unnecessary traffic citations, accidents, and congestion by following these simple roundabout rules. Remember to be aware, vigilant, and attentive to your surroundings at all time. Adjust to a roundabout way of thinking and enjoy the ride around town!

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MOVIE TIMES

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Saturday, July 14, 2012
Striking A Good Deal In A Bad Economy: Film Finance and Distribution Seminar, 3hrs
2:00pm
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Gone With the Wind (G) 3hrs 42min
7:30pm

Sunday, July 15, 2012
Jason and the Argonauts (G) 1hr 44min
4:00pm

The Leopard (PG) 3hrs 25min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
11:15am, 12:45pm, 7:30pm

Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
4:05pm, 11:00pm

Rock of Ages (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
5:10pm, 11:00pm

Prometheus (R) 2hrs 04min
11:55am, 3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection (PG-13) 1hr 54min
2:15pm, 8:15pm

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

Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
10:30am, 1:45pm, 5:00pm, 8:15pm, 11:30pm

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:15pm, 7:45pm

Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
11:45am, 3:00am, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Brave (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

Ted (R) 1hr 46min
10:45am, 11:45am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm, 11:20pm

Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) 1hr 34min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:20pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm

Unforgivable (Impardonnables) (NR) 1hr 50min
1:50pm, 7:10pm

Bernie (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:00am

Your Sister's Sister (R) 1hr 30min
11:00am, 9:50pm

Safety Not Guaranteed (R) 1hr 25min
4:40pm, 9:55pm

To Rome With Love (R) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Bill W. (NR) 1hr 44min
11:10am

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Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
11:45am, 2:35pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Savages (R) 2hrs 10min
11:55am, 3:10pm, 4:35pm, 6:30pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm, 10:50pm

People Like Us (PG-13) 1hr 55min
11:15am, 1:55pm

Magic Mike (R) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm, 8:05pm, 10:50pm

Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG) 1hr 35min
11:35am, 2:15pm

Katy Perry: Part of Me 3D (PG) 1hr 35min
4:55pm, 7:35pm, 10:25pm

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Lighten the mood tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You happily dart from spending time with a favorite friend to the gym, or perhaps a meal with a loved one. You seem to be playing catch-up with others and enjoying every moment. Do choose your words with care. You could be misunderstood easily. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Remain sensitive to others, and understand that money might not solve the problem or be the vehicle to express your caring. In some sense, you realize the importance of your actions. You cannot underestimate this self-expression. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You beam in much more of what you want. Others are highly responsive to your energy and inquiries. A child or loved one could be creating a lot of uproar. Talk about your feelings, and allow the other party to clear the air. Tonight: It is your call.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Know when to pull back and do little. Sometimes it is more appealing to allow the other party to make the first move; you might be a lot happier that way. Tonight: Add some mystery to the mix.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Whatever you touch seems to work, whether it is just getting together with friends or playing softball. A conversation might have a harsh tone to it, but ultimately you discover that no ill will was intended. Unexpected news might be pivotal. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Pressure to do something becomes more and more important as time goes on. You could think there is a problem surrounding the request or demand. Still, you need to respond. Tonight: To the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You have an ability to see the big picture. Surprising events could cause you to rethink a certain commitment. Detach, and look at the long term. Do not forget to call a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be willing to have a long-overdue discussion. You could feel uneasy, yet you may need to experience this discomfort if you want to root out a problem. Your sense of caring is pivotal to a loved one. Let your feelings show. Tonight: Add in some fun or flirtation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You need some quality time with a friend or loved one. Whether it is a low-key visit or traveling somewhere together, you could be surprised and delighted by this person. Nix an invitation to join friends if you want to. Tonight: Doing only what you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ A project needs to be taken off the back burner. You could be drawn and tired from the past few days, which most likely were spent socializing. Take advantage of a need to catch up on rest, and also make sure to handle this project. Tonight: More R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your lighthearted manner attracts both children and adults. Where you direct your energy is your choice. Make calls to someone at a distance; you'll see life in a much different light as a result. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ If you can, stay close to home. Invite family over if you are due for a visit. You will enjoy all the chatter and fun -- far more than you ever thought possible. You'll feel fortunate by the day's end because of what happens. Tonight: Lighten the mood.

Happy birthday

This year you will want to clarify appointments, statements and meeting places. If ever there were a year where confusion could occur, it is this one. As a result, your communication will improve. You also will opt for a lot of downtime to re-energize. If you are single, you could attract someone who could be emotionally unavailable. Make sure you know this person well before giving away your heart. If you are attached, the two of you will gain, especially if you take weekends away together from your normal lifestyles. You need this bonding time. GEMINI understands you better than you would like.

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

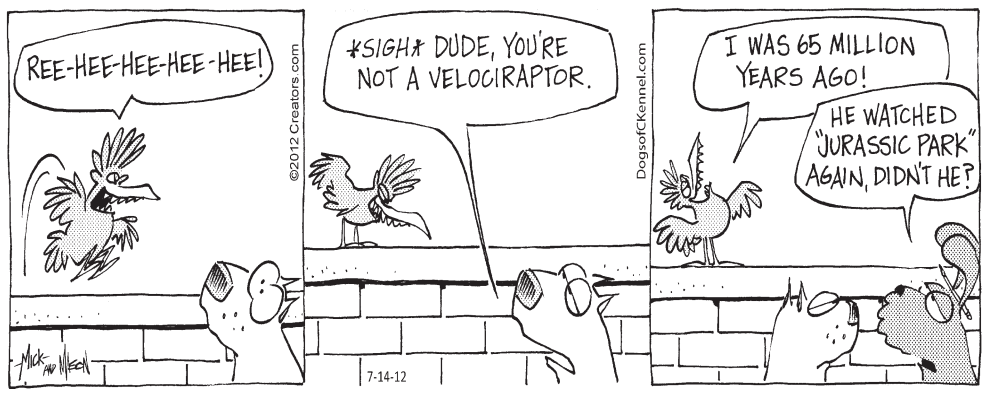
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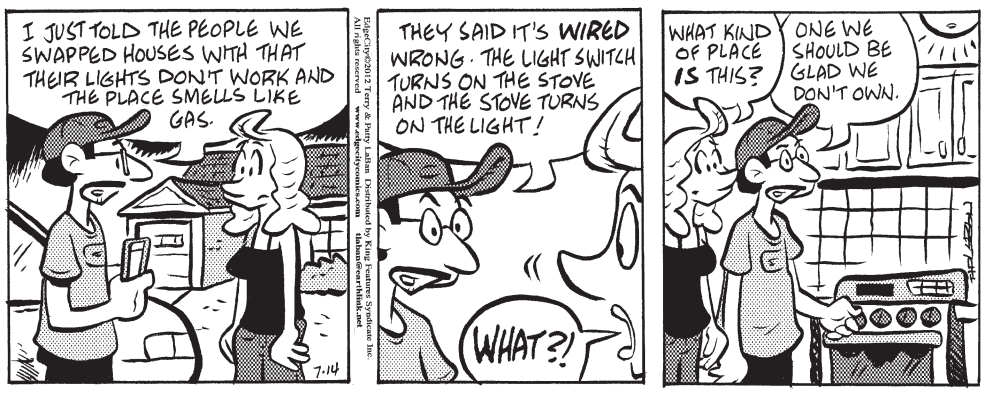
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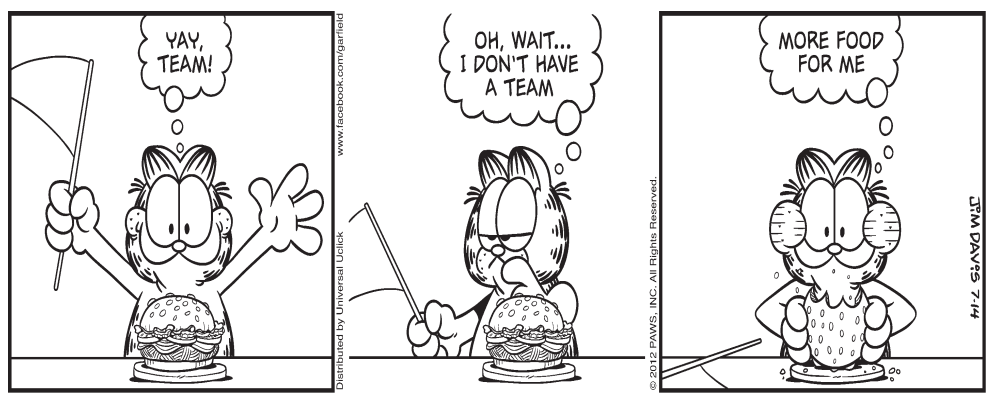
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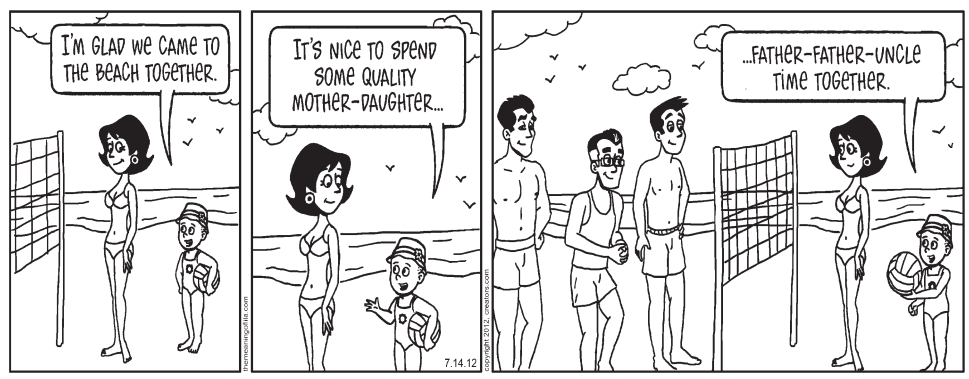
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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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.

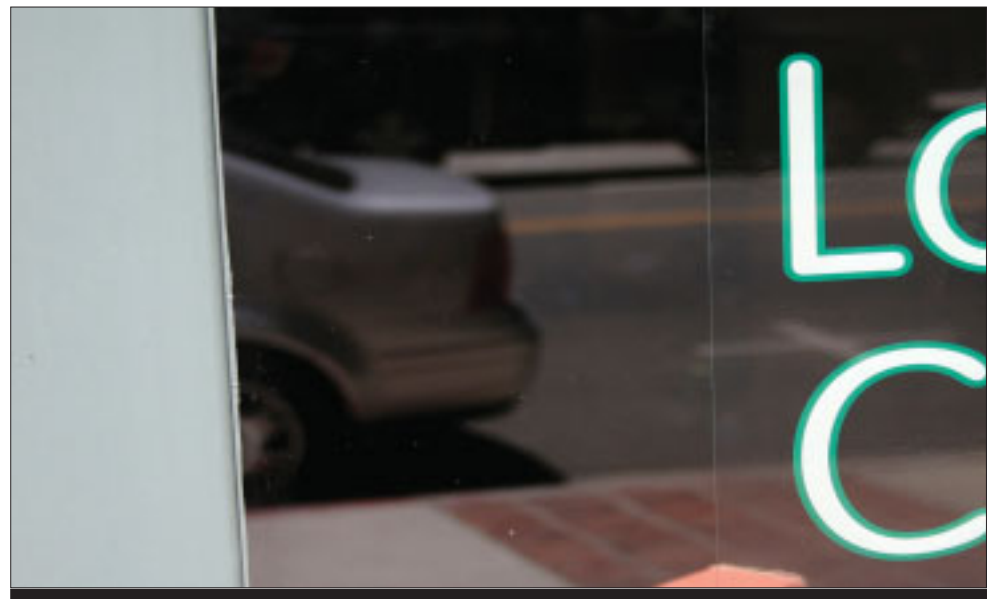
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3	5	7	8	2	9	6	4	1
1	8	2	5	6	4	9	3	7
7	9	5	3	4	8	2	1	6
6	4	8	2	5	1	7	9	3
2	1	3	7	9	6	8	5	4
8	3	6	9	1	2	4	7	5
5	2	1	4	8	7	3	6	9
4	7	9	6	3	5	1	8	2

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Hockey need
5 Rose
10 Writer Nin
12 Sports spot
13 Historic caravel
14 Healthful drink
15 Drama division
16 Due follower
18 Purpose
19 Tearjerker
21 Walked over
22 One of a Christmas trio
24 "Just listen —!"
25 Sandwich served au jus
29 Eye drop
30 Blew one's top
32 Avenue tree
33 Mouse alert
34 Heady drink
35 Brighten
37 Dark
39 Runway worker
40 Left Bank sight
41 Graceful birds
42 Funny fellows

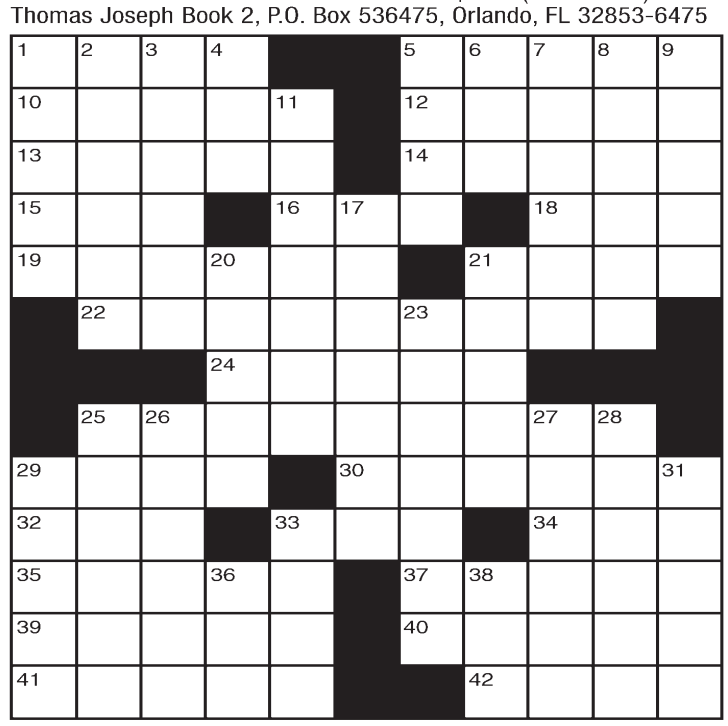
DOWN

1 Fleshy fruit
2 Children's welfare org.
3 Easy gait
4 Model buy
5 Fence feature
6 Gold, to Coronado
7 Prof protector
8 Concord
9 Showed nervousness
11 Audited, as a college course
17 Be eco-friendly
20 Wendy's friend
21 Heavy footsteps
23 New Jersey city
25 Bloke
26 Beach shelter
27 Milano's land
28 Pier support
29 Abounds
31 Bastille beans
33 Snaky fish
36 Kayo count
38 Modern

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **You Would Think ...:** (1) In June, Logan Schwab, 20, who used to work at the police department in Carlisle, Pa., was seen on surveillance video sneaking into an office at the station, prying open a desk, and taking away $200 to $300 in parking-ticket money. (2) In Panama City, Fla., in May, Michael Marquez, 34 (who had been arrested with another man after being caught fighting over suspected stolen goods), was seen snatching a clock off the wall of the room in which he was being interrogated. He had stuffed it into his backpack when an officer left the room briefly, but was recorded on surveillance video.

■ In the U.S., most preschoolers who parade down pageant runways with their mothers cheering them are 5- and 6-year-olds. Britain's upcoming Miss Mini Princess U.K. will probably feature Eleanor June Rees-Sutherland, who has yet to reach her second birthday. Though Eleanor June's father strongly disapproves, Mom Robyn told the London's Daily Mail that Eleanor June is a born pageant contestant ("such a girly girl") who loves to wear makeup and nail polish, especially bright colors, and already owns a wardrobe of 20 dresses and 15 pairs of shoes. Robyn seems assured that pedophiles pose no threat: "I don't think there's anything sexy about a child who's dressed like a little princess."

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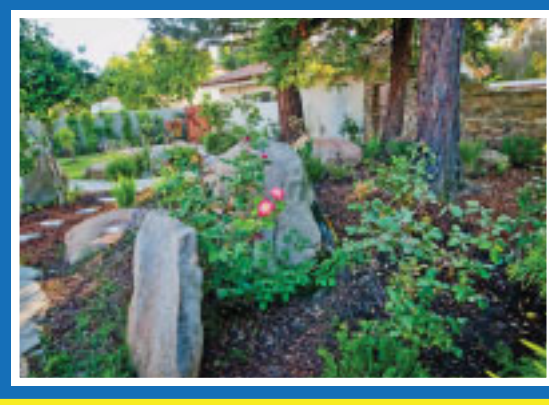
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