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THE HOOP IT UP ISSUE

No nonprofit ads allowed on Big Blue Buses

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council stood by the Big Blue Bus administration Tuesday night in rejecting a bid by Mayor Richard Bloom to allow a nonprofit that raises money for AIDS research and education to advertise on local buses.

Instead, council members asked staff to see if there was anything to be done about the policy, which permits commercial companies like British Petroleum to advertise their products and services but prohibits nonprofits like Santa Monica's own Heal the Bay from doing so.

The distinction came to light in August when Ed King, director of Transit Services for City Hall, issued a council item saying that the nonprofit AIDS Project Los Angeles would no longer be able to run ads concerning the event AIDS Walk Los Angeles because they contravened a policy against noncommercial speech that has been in place since 2001.

That means that the nonprofit, which organizers say helps fund one of the largest food pantries and oral health programs in

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ORDERING UP: **A food truck lot at the corner of 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard will continue to operate for now.**

City Council stalls on food truck lots

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council punted a decision on whether or not to allow permanent food truck lots in Santa Monica, instead calling for more information on the impact of the mobile eateries on local businesses and the city as a whole.

Councilmembers balked at staff's proposal to allow the food truck lots to operate under "performance standards permits," a kind of permit that, once approved, stays with the physical site on which the lots do business.

That means that it would be difficult to shut down a lot if the presence of the food trucks one night a week at one spot on Main Street and up to three nights a week at four locations along Santa Monica, Lincoln and Pico boulevards ended up being detrimental to existing businesses.

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Actor arrested for alleged animal cruelty

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY An actor who played Leatherface in the latest installment of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" was arrested in Santa Monica along with his girlfriend for allegedly hoarding 25 Pomeranians in a mobile home in Ocean Park.



BRYNIARSKI

Police said Wednesday that Andrew Bryniarski, 43, who has appeared in several television shows and movies, including "Any Given Sunday" and "The Program," was arrested Saturday along with Jennifer Abram, 34, on suspicion of animal cruelty, a misdemeanor.

The two were cited and released on $5,000 bail, said SMPD spokesman Sgt. Richard Lewis.

Police responded to a mobile home parked on the 2300 block of Third Street around 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 after receiving tips from at least two different residents who said they could hear the sound of multiple dogs crying coming from inside the vehicle.

When officers arrived, they found a door to the mobile home ajar and could see "what they thought were 15 dogs in multiple kennels with no food or water," Lewis said.

"There was a heavy smell of urine and a lot of trash inside," he added.

Before they could enter the mobile home, Bryniarski and Abram arrived and were questioned by police. The couple said it was using the mobile home to house the dogs so that they could be rescued.

Officers at the scene were concerned for the animals' welfare and placed the couple under arrest. The dogs were taken to the Santa Monica Animal Shelter where they were being cared for as of Wednesday afternoon.

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Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012

Ask the candidates
Santa Monica Business Park
3200 Ocean Park Blvd., 6 p.m.
Activist group Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution is hosting a City Council candidates forum to give the public a chance to see where the candidates stand on the Santa Monica Airport. For more information, visit jetairpollution.com.

Excel made easy
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
This two-part class provides an introduction to formatting cells and manipulating data to create simple spreadsheets. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

The world is a cabaret
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Prepare for a night of can-can during this production of "Moulin Rouge," complete with a four-course French buffet and even a little wine. Cost: $55 in advance; $75 at the door. For more information, visit passionsproductions.com.

Friday, Sept. 14, 2012

Wheels of steel
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 8 p.m.
World famous DJ Avicii comes to the Civic for a night of electronic music. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, visit smgov.net/departments/ccs/civicauditorium.

Jazz it up
Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Jazz pianist and composer Steve Lockwood leads a stellar band through an eclectic set of contemporary music. Cost: $10. For more information, call (310) 434-4323.

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012

Clean up the state
Various locations
9 a.m. — 12 p.m.
More than 11,000 SoCal volunteers are expected to join this year's California Coastal Cleanup Day, the state's largest volunteer event, annually drawing over 80,000 volunteers out to more than 800 cleanup sites across the state. For more information, visit www.healthebay.org.

Be prepared
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
10:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.
This unique event provides an opportunity to prepare for emergencies in a fast and convenient way. The Prep Shop is co-presented by the city of Santa Monica's Office of Emergency Management, and its staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice about disaster readiness. For more information, call (310) 458-2263.

Music on the waves
Santa Monica Pier
9 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Saturday is the second installment of the pier's Wake Up With the Waves children's concert series. Every Saturday through Oct. 27 will feature a free show. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

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Campaign trail comes to bear hugs, biker babe

NANCY BENAC
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Barack Obama goes airborne in a doozy of a bear hug with a pizza guy in Florida. Joe Biden cozies up with a biker chick in Ohio. Paul Ryan encircles a campaign supporter in North Carolina in a double-armed embrace. Even the more reserved Mitt Romney seems to be loosening up some with people he meets on the campaign trail.

Kissing babies and slapping backs are so yesterday.

The 2012 candidates are putting their all into the campaign cliche of pressing the flesh.

"America's become more touchy-feely," says Lillian Glass, a body language expert based in Los Angeles. "That's what they want in their candidates, and that's what they're getting."

When 74-year-old Jan Queen locked on to Biden for a hug and kiss in Jackson, Ohio, on Saturday, she didn't budge for a minute or so.

"I told him he was so handsome, so good-looking, that I was not going to let go of him," Queen reported afterward.

"Will you write a note to my wife and tell her that?" Biden asked with a grin.

It was just another friendly campaign schmooze for Biden, the most natural people person among the four top candidates.

But the vice president raised eyebrows Sunday when he buddied up next to a bandana-and-leather-clad biker at a diner in Seaman, Ohio. In photos of the encounter, it almost looks as if the woman is sitting on Biden's lap, but her chair was just pulled up close to the vice president, who leaned in behind her and put both hands on her shoulders.

The photo and accompanying stories soon went viral as the public and campaign partisans dissected the propriety of the pose.

Plenty of people also were taken aback by images of Obama being hoisted well off the

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PUT 'ER THERE

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Los Angeles Sparks All-Star forward Alana Beard runs a high-five drill with kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica's Lincoln Boulevard location on Wednesday.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Police, fire make council endorsements

Santa Monica's police officers and fire fighters on Wednesday announced who they will be supporting in the City Council race this November.

They are:

- Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis
- Education advocate Shari Davis
- Councilman Terry O'Day
- Planning Commissioner Ted Winterer

"As Californians enter an era of budget cuts and public safety being compromised, these candidates will prioritize public safety in order to provide the finest police and fire department services for our community," read a statement released by the Santa Monica Police Officers Association and Santa Monica Firefighters, Local 1109.

A committee comprised of police officers and fire fighters interviewed candidates and then made recommendations to the board of both unions, which made the endorsements.

Gleam Davis and O'Day voted in 2010 to reject a proposal to eliminate two police lieutenant positions brought by City Manager Lamont Ewell and former Police Chief Timothy Jackman.

Shari Davis, a co-founder of Community for Excellent Public Schools, in 2010 backed Measure Y, a half-cent sales tax increase to guard against potential budget cuts to public safety and other city services. A companion measure, YY, asked voters if half of the money generated by the tax should go to public schools.

– KEVIN HERRERA

OCEAN WAY

City Hall's beachfront property sells

The City Council voted Tuesday night to sell a half-acre lot on Ocean Way and use the proceeds to pay for affordable housing elsewhere in the city.

Edward Thomas Hospitality Companies agreed to pay $13.15 million for the lot, which sits immediately next to the company's luxury hotel Casa del Mar.

Staff has been working to trade the lot at 1920 Ocean Way for another parcel or sell it outright since 2007, said Andy Agle, director of the Department of Housing and Economic Development, and that money from the sale is needed to support affordable housing in the wake of the loss of funding from the former redevelopment agency.

Only Councilmember Bobby Shriver voted against the sale. Shriver told his colleagues he believed that City Hall should have taken the time to make the public aware of the impending sale, and that it might be possible to get more money for the property than they were asking.

ETC agreed to a deal with a five-day escrow period, meaning the council will have cash-in-hand by next week and the company would have the property.

"The fact that someone wants to close in five days means someone is eager to be done with it," Shriver said.

– ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

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Traffic collisions will increase

Editor:

I was particularly struck by the article on the front page of the recent issue of Seascape regarding the increased number of major traffic accidents in Santa Monica – fatalities, hit and runs, etc.

What does the city think is going to be the result of the increase in development? That people will start parachuting in instead of driving? What do they think is the result of attracting tourists and students and businesses with all the construction that is happening and scheduled to happen before we have an increase in public transportation in place (or even after)? That we will rush out to buy and learn to Rollerblade or skateboard in vast numbers? Are we all going to learn to carpool to run errands? Good idea perhaps, but not realistic.

I am (sadly) anticipating an increase in bicycle injuries (I see lots of bicyclists without helmets), and have been much more alert than ever driving around town as I observe near accidents on the uptick.

It's a bit of a mine field of late. We just don't have streets wide enough. We don't even have enough area!

Ellen Mark
Santa Monica

Name that candidate

Editor:

Can an independent like me, who voted for Obama in 2008, even consider voting for a presidential candidate with this background?

1. Born with a silver spoon in his mouth, thanks to his father.

2. Family wealth comes from questionable business activities including targeting certain businesses for "reorganizing and refinancing."

3. Attended private schools and Ivy League universities.

4. Lavish family vacation homes.

5. Believes that lowering personal tax rates (even on the rich) stimulates economic growth.

6. Believes in lower corporate tax rates as a way to stimulate the economy.

7. Devoutly religious (in a religion some people are uncomfortable with).

8. Anti-abortion.

9. Pro-military hawk.

Oh, wait. Did you think I was referring to the background of Mitt Romney? No, no, no. I'm talking about the background of democratic icon John F. Kennedy.

In addition to the similarities above, Romney and JFK also have these things in common: both served in public office before running for president and both have large close-knit families that actively participate in many philanthropic endeavors.

So Democrats and independents, if you would have voted (or did vote) for JFK, maybe Mitt deserves a second look. As an independent, I'm looking.

Scott Bellomo
Santa Monica





Your column here

Dr. E. Kirsten Peters — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Getting more out of each gallon of precious gasoline

IT'S COMMONPLACE TO OBSERVE THAT WE live in very partisan times. Red versus blue factions dominate our public discussions, and there often seems very little room made for agreement in the middle.

Beyond the political parties, there are also a number of other groups that participate in public decision-making. A given bill before Congress or a proposed regulation from a federal agency can attract a wide variety of concerns from different factions.

One thing is for sure: it's not easy to get environmental groups to agree on a policy that industry endorses. And if you add organized labor, consumer groups and the state of California to the mix, you might think agreement on one particular course of action would be impossible.

But the impossible has now happened. All the groups just mentioned have endorsed a new plan to make our vehicles significantly more fuel-efficient over time. The Obama administration recently announced that by model year 2025 cars and light-duty trucks should get the equivalent of 54.5 mpg. That's a goal further down the road than what we already had, which was getting the fleet of new cars to 34.5 mpg by 2016.

That's surely a new world for some of us. Not so long ago I gave away my 1983 pickup truck, but its V-8 engine typically reached respectable mileage figures only when I had a strong tail wind or when my trip was mostly downhill. (During the "cash for clunkers" program I considered turning that truck in, but nostalgia prevented me from making what I'm sure would have been a wise financial decision.)

The new standards have attracted attention from many different points of view.

The Washington Post quoted Greg Martin, General Motor's director for communications, with a largely positive statement about the new regulations.

"Customers want higher fuel efficiency in their cars and trucks, and GM is going to give it to them," Martin said. "We expect the rules to be tough, but we have a strong history of innovations, and we'll do our best to meet them."

The overall efficiency of the American car fleet in recent years has been rising. That's true in part because "regular" cars are getting more efficient, and because hybrid and electric vehicles help raise the miles per gallon figures for the fleet.

There definitely are costs associated with the new standard. Auto dealers warned that making the changes required to achieve the new fuel efficiency goals will cost about $3,000 per vehicle. That figure, of course, could mean some families can't afford a new car.

But at the same time, some of the economics of the new standards are positive for consumers. Cars and light trucks that are more miserly with gasoline require less money to run each week. Estimates are that American consumers as a group will spend $1.7 trillion less at the gas pump because of efficiency changes to the fleet.

As a geologist, the thing that most impresses me when discussions of gasoline comes up is where we get the petroleum from which we make gasoline and diesel fuel. No matter how you slice it, if we can use less petroleum our dependence on foreign oil could decline. Wherever you stand on the political spectrum, a decreasing dependence on oil from unstable parts of the world is a good thing. That aspect of the new regulations is a positive from several points of view.

WHEREVER YOU STAND ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, A DECREASING DEPENDENCE ON OIL FROM UNSTABLE PARTS OF THE WORLD IS A GOOD THING.

While it's impressive that an agreement relating to many different groups has been successfully forged, not everyone is pleased by what's been accomplished. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney opposes the new standards. According to the Washington Post, he has pledged to overturn them if elected.

In a speech last February, Romney again stated his opposition to increasingly stringent regulations. Among other points, he said such rules "hurt domestic automakers and provided a benefit to some of the foreign automakers."

Beyond that, there's a deeper philosophical divide between Romney and some others in the public square. The Republican presidential candidate doesn't want the EPA involved in efforts "to manage carbon dioxide emissions from automobiles and trucks." That issue relates to climate change and carbon policies, a very big sticky wicket.

Stay tuned.

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Gov. Brown signs pension reform bill

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Gov. Jerry Brown on Wednesday signed into law sweeping pension changes that will save California taxpayers billions of dollars in the future and aims to reform a system that is woefully underfunded.

Brown praised lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for reaching a deal that will increase the retirement age for new employees depending on their job, cap the annual payout at $132,120, eliminate numerous abuses of the system and require workers who are not contributing half of their retirement costs to pay more.

"These are hard fought. These aren't that easy," Brown said holding up the bills after he signed them at his office in Los Angeles.

California legislators have had trouble repairing the state's two main pension funds — the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the California State Teachers' Retirement System — that are at least $165 billion underfunded.

Calling it the biggest rollback to public pension benefits in the state's history, the legislation falls short of the 12-point proposal Brown offered last October. Many Republican lawmakers supported the changes but said much more needs to be done to fix a system with massive liabilities for current retirees and workers.

Brown likened the state's pension reform to turning around a battleship in the ocean. He believes the legislation will pave the way for more comprehensive reform in the future.

"Yes, it's not everything. It's not perfection," Brown said. "But in politics we don't deal in perfection."

The bill does not include a hybrid system that includes a 401(k)-style plan so public employees would bear some of the investment risk, as private-sector workers do. Nothing was done to reduce skyrocketing health care costs promised to current workers when they retire. And there will be no independent members with financial expertise on the board of the state's main pension fund.

The changes affect the state and most local governments, many of which participate in the state's pension programs. CalPERS estimates the fund will save between $42 billion and $55 billion over 30 years while CalSTRS pegged its savings at $22.7 billion over 30 years.

While new employees starting Jan. 1, 2013, would automatically have to contribute 50 percent of their pension costs, local government labor unions will have a five-year window to negotiate that through collective bargaining.

If no deal is reached by Jan, 1, 2018, a city or school district could force employees to pay their half, up to 8 percent of pay for civil workers and 11 percent or 12 percent for public safety workers.

Study: Immigrants face hurdles in welcoming spots

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. The most welcoming spots in California for immigrants may not have always been the best places for them to thrive economically, according to a report released Wednesday.

Traditionally immigrant-friendly hubs like San Francisco and Los Angeles have struggled in some instances to support immigrants due to high living costs, while suburbs with strong economies — like Orange County and the East Bay — have seen immigrants achieve markers of economic success, according to a new scorecard on immigrant integration published by the University of Southern California.

The report comes as roughly half the state's children live in households with at least one foreign-born parent. While the economic slowdown and tough border enforcement may have slowed immigration, immigration experts say figuring out how to integrate immigrants into American society is key to these children — and the state's — future.

"The more they are integrated the more they can contribute," said Manuel Pastor, director of USC's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration and one of the report's authors.

The scorecard — based predominantly on Census data — ranks 10 regions of the state on immigrant integration. Key components to the score are measures of economic success like jobs and housing — today and over time — and warmth of welcome and civic engagement.

Places that have done a better job integrating immigrants have also fared better economically — a process that Pastor believes is a two-way street with more vibrant spots attracting immigrants, who in turn bring an entrepreneurial spirit to the local economy.

The report's top example of immigrant integration is Santa Clara County, while Fresno County — which is home to a sizable number of farmworkers and non-English speakers — scored at the bottom.

The Q Line

Seeking suggestions

We're planning our local election candidates forum and couldn't help but wonder what our readers would like to ask those running for office.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What question do you think would make City Council candidates squirm and why?

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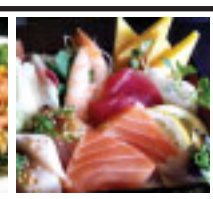

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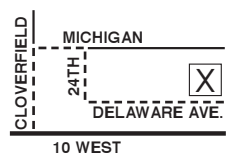


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A maritime merry time

BY CAROLE ORLIN
Special to the Daily Press

In my eternal quest for new and interesting places to explore that are relatively close to Santa Monica, I decided to try my luck at The Balboa Bay Club and Resort in Newport Beach, Calif.

The resort is about an hour drive from Santa Monica and is located on 15 waterfront acres between PCH and the Newport Harbor. It is a large resort with 160 rooms and suites, many with magnificent views of the water. They offer everything from vacation stays to short- and long-term rental apartments and condos, to a private waterfront club dating back to 1948.

Its real claim to fame may be the fact that it is a key viewing location for the annual Newport Beach Christmas boat parade, which according to the New York Times, is one of the "top 10 holiday happenings in the nation." This season will be its 104th, a five-evening extravaganza with all kinds of boats ranging from kayaks to yachts festooned with Christmas lights and decorations.

We were fortunate to have a bay-front room with a private balcony that opened directly to the marina. When sitting on the balcony you are so close to the boat slips that you get the feeling you can hop over and scramble aboard a waiting yacht. Unfortunately, the yachts were not waiting for me, but hey a girl can dream! We did have fun trying to imagine who owned these magnificent behemoths, and how much it would cost to maintain them. We agreed that, all things considered, it is better to have a friend who owns one than to actually be an owner ourselves. Who needs the hassle and expense?

Many people park their yachts in the slips that are right in front of the Balboa Bay Club's First Cabin Restaurant and proceed to dine there. It's fun to watch the endless stream of boats of all shapes and sizes coming in and out of the harbor. We saw several party boats filled with happy revelers, heading out for a night of merriment. I must admit I have never done that, but it does seem like a lot of fun. It made me aware that there is a whole maritime world I know nothing about. So much to do, and so little time.

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Balboa Bay describes itself as casually elegant, and I agree with that. If you are looking for a boutique resort with a spa-like feel, this is not the first choice. However, its staff does have the friendly and helpful mindset of a smaller resort. They were both thoughtful and accommodating. The resort also has a full service spa and exercise area. Additionally, Balboa Bay offers amenities you could not obtain in a smaller venue. For instance, it has 14 meeting rooms and a ballroom that can accommodate up to 500 people for private events. Indeed it is a destination for many weddings and grand celebrations.

They also offer nightly activities. Duke's Place (named after John Wayne, who had been a frequent guest) is a fun place if you are a jazz aficionado or just feel like relaxing and listening to live music.

During the day, we observed many children playing in the pool, paddle boating, stand-up paddle boarding, slip-sliding down the water slide that emptied into the marina, and, of course, dining. This is definitely a place for families with children.

The resort and the bay define each other. Whether you go there to simply observe the sparkling waters and marina activities or to dive in full throttle, they are there to accommodate you. There is a reason for The Balboa Bay's longevity, both as a private club and more recently (2003) as a waterfront hotel. I think that has to do with its ability to maintain its appeal to its older, long-time customers that look for the classic Newport Beach feel, and to accommodate the newer generation with their differing expectations. Not an easy task, but I think they do it well.

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‘Titanic’ effects maker files for Chapter 11

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PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. Less than a year after going public, the digital production company founded by director James Cameron has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and agreed to sell the core of its business to a private investment firm for $15 million.

Digital Domain Media Group Inc., best known for its work on Cameron’s “Titanic,” has produced visual effects for more than 90 movies, including “Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End” and the “Transformers” series. And in April, its Tupac Shakur hologram made a splash when it took the stage at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival and appeared to perform alongside Snoop Dogg.

But the company was “running out of cash,” Chief Restructuring Officer Michael Katzenstein said in court filings, and had violated cash and debt requirements set forth by its lenders. It tried to find additional outside sources of capital, but wasn’t able get enough to restructure its debt and pay its operating expenses, he said.

The downward spiral was swift. The company went public just 10 months ago, selling nearly 5 million shares at $8.50 each, below the expected $10 to $12 range. Drifting to the $5 range by spring, the stock then spiked as high as $9.20 following huge reaction to the Shakur hologram, with the performance garnering 15 million YouTube hits within 48 hours and winning a top award at the creative marketing gathering Cannes Lions.

Building on the buzz, Digital Domain got the green light to create an Elvis Presley hologram for shows, film, TV and other projects worldwide, including appearances.

But by August the struggling company said it would review its options, suggesting a possible sale. Shares have fallen as low as 44 cents in recent days.

One of the biggest shareholders in the company is former Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, who is listed in bankruptcy filings as owning 1.6 million shares. From the high to Tuesday’s closing price of 55 cents, his holdings have lost $13.6 million in value.

Digital Domain, based in Port St. Lucie, Fla., has studios in California and Canada that create digital visual effects, animation and digital production for the entertainment and advertising industries. The company had spent the past few years building a new animation studio in Port St. Lucie, using millions in incentives from the city and the state.

But it defaulted on a series of loans and just days ago said it would lay off about 280 workers and close its Florida facility. CEO John Textor, also the company’s second-largest shareholder, resigned, protesting the decision.

The downfall was so quick the company was still hiring up until last week, said Jack Raisner, a lawyer with New York-based Outten & Golden who is suing the company on behalf of employees, saying they weren’t given 60 days’ notice of the mass layoff as required by federal law.

“It was inducing people to come from California to the company in the last few weeks,” Raisner said. “They were told things to make them believe the company was healthy financially.”

Florida Gov. Rick Scott has ordered his inspector general to investigate the process used to award millions in state incentives that were used to lure Digital Domain to the state.

The company said last month in its quarterly earnings report that it had already received about $50 million of $80 million in grants it was awarded by the state of Florida, and that it had spent the money on workers’ pay and to cover expansion costs.

Digital Domain filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, along with a Canadian court. Day-to-day operations of Digital Domain’s remaining business won’t be affected by the Chapter 11 filing, the company said. Debt holders have agreed to provide up to $20 million in financing that will fund its activities while it restructures.

As of June 30, the company had total assets of about $205 million and total liabilities of about $214 million.

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ARREST
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The incident is still under investigation and it is not clear if charges will be filed by the City Attorney's Office, which prosecutes misdemeanors, Lewis said. Investigators will be studying the dogs' living conditions and their health, including their weight and cleanliness.

"It's sad, but as long as a dog can sit, stand up and turn around and then sit again [in a cage], that's not considered animal cruelty," Lewis said. "Animal activists will say that is ridiculous. But if you can put five dogs in one cage and they can all do that, there is no violation of the law."

Bryniarski told celebrity news outlet TMZ that he was trying to place the dogs with loving families.

"Nobody cares for my dogs better than I do, or finds them better homes," he said to TMZ. "These are lies … and only the only thing that smells like piss … is the story from the Santa Monica Police Department."

He went on to say that he and his girlfriend bought the mobile home just a week ago to find "forever homes" for the Pomeranians. He also said the arrest was made because City Hall does not want RVs posted up in the nice part of town and is doing what it can to drive them out.

Lewis said officers responded because of complaints from residents. He added that investigators checked on Bryniarski's claims that he was using various web sites to find homes for the dogs, but could not find proof of that.

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ELECTION
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floor when 46-year-old Scott Van Duzer enfolded him in a chest-to-chest bear hug on Sunday.

Obama had stopped in at Van Duzer's pizza place in Fort Pierce, Fla., during a weekend bus trip across the state, and spoke admiringly of the owner's big "guns." It was a reference to the impressive arm muscles on the 6-foot-3 restaurateur, who decided to demonstrate what he —or they — could do by powerlifting the president.

Van Duzer, a Republican, said he voted for Obama in 2008 and will vote for him again this November, adding, "I do feel extremely comfortable with him."

And that's what all this touching and feeling is about — making voters comfortable with the candidates.

The candidates are "going after personal likability," says Glass. "We love genuineness in our politicians, we love that warmth, and we love somebody that we can relate to."

Politicians have always tried to connect with voters. Kissing babies has long been a campaign requirement. People like to see passion in their candidates.

Al Gore's long smooch with wife Tipper after his nomination acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention in 2000 caused some people to look at him in a new light.

Romney, for his part, delivered a more standard bye-honey-see-you-tonight kiss on his wife's lips on his convention stage this year.

But he does seem more at ease now than back in the primaries, when he rather awkwardly pretended that a waitress at a New Hampshire diner had goosed him.

Gerald Shuster, a professor of political communication at the University of Pittsburgh, says the GOP nominee seems more spontaneous in his recent interactions with voters. "And that's something he needs to do," says Shuster, "to take away the rap on him that he's cold and aloof from the audience."

Romney's running mate is a more physical campaigner.

When Ryan is announced to a crowd, he often shakes hands and gives high-fives and quick hugs to folks who press up against the waist-high metal barriers that hold back the audience. After events, he lingers, posing for pictures, hugging anyone who wants his embrace, often using both hands to touch the crowd.

Obama, at times, comes across more as the recipient of campaign love than the dispenser.

In July, he began an appearance in West Palm Beach, Fla., by remarking that he'd just received "the most kisses I've gotten at any campaign event." And when a phone went off during his remarks, Obama speculated that it was his wife, Michelle.

"She heard all those women were kissing me," he joked. "She got a little nervous. She's feeling a little jealous."

Of course, Michelle Obama has her own reputation as a liberal dispenser of hugs wherever she goes.

The barriers between presidential candidates and the public gradually have gotten higher in the years since the assassination of John F. Kennedy and the attempts on the lives of Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan.

Former President Bill Clinton chafed at the restrictions and still managed to maintain plenty of contact with people.

But Shuster says the restrictions aren't necessarily a bad thing in the view of many candidates, who don't always want to chat up every voter in sight.

"I honestly feel like they like the fact that the Secret Service has not permitted them to do things like that," he says. "It could go on forever."

John McCain, the GOP nominee in 2008, was known to discreetly pump some hand sanitizer after making contact with voters. Secret Service agents carried some for Clinton, too. Candidates want the public's votes — not their germs.

In the case of Van Duzer's powerlift of the president, the pizza man said Secret Service agents told him he "was all right as long as I didn't take him away."

Secret Service spokesman Ed Donavan said that when candidates are out in public, agents "are constantly making assessments on the appropriateness of the behavior of the people" around them. He added that in this case, the agents "felt that the behavior was appropriate and was consistent with the event."

After Van Duzer brought the president back down to earth, Obama diplomatically declared, "Look at that!"

But Glass, the body language expert, says Obama didn't look all that pleased.

"That was a little overboard," she says.

As for Biden, he proffers both one-armers and two-arm hugs, and high-fives and kisses and shoulder rubs of people of all ages and both genders. And of course he slaps a few backs, too.

"He wants to fit in so badly, it's kind of a like a puppy that just wants to belong," says Glass. "He's overshooting the mark."



TRUCKS
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The fact that the right to have a food truck lot, once awarded, would go with the land forever worried council members who wanted the freedom to reverse course if the consequences of their decision wreaked havoc on local businesses or neighborhoods.

"We've learned a lot about unexpected impacts in Santa Monica," said Councilmember Kevin McKeown.

At present, the two food truck lots that operate regularly in the city — one at Santa Monica Boulevard and 14th Street and another on Main Street — are authorized under temporary use permits.

As the name suggests, those permits aren't meant to last forever and renewing them indefinitely isn't a viable option, said City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

"They're meant for very temporary uses," Moutrie said. "The other alternative at the moment runs with the land. The thinking in our office is we have to do something other than what we're doing now because ongoing use doesn't go with the classification of permit we have now."

The council's hesitance wasn't aided by the divisions within the community on the food truck question.

Members of the Main Street Business Improvement Association and representatives of restaurants on Main Street have spoken out against the popular food truck lot at the California Heritage Museum, which they feel takes customers from brick-and-mortar establishments and deprives others of parking.

Residents, however, expressed their support of the Tuesday food truck night on Main Street with many e-mails.

Even the Main Street Business Improvement Association is split on the issue, said Gary Gordon.

"If we polled all the (members) that have previously responded, we would keep it the way it is, temporarily," Gordon said.

Rather than approve the staff recommendation, the City Council asked staff to look into creating an interim permit that would create a less-permanent status for the lots, that the lots continue to operate under temporary permits in the meantime and for staff to do some kind of study to look at the economic impacts of the trucks on local businesses and the city itself.

If it turns out that businesses on Main Street are suffering as a result of the lots, it might mean that city coffers are hurting as well, said Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis.

"(It would be) penalizing brick-and-mortar stores not just because they're brick and mortar, but because they're paying more to the city," Davis said, referring to the tax loads on the businesses. "We may be harming ourselves for that very reason."

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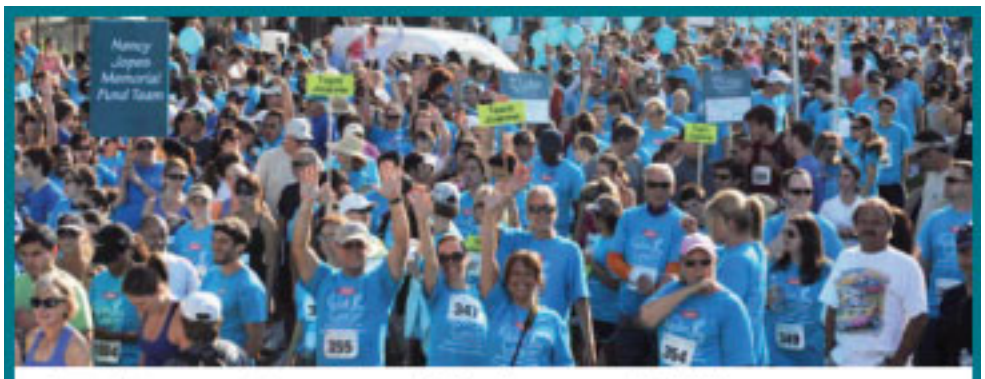
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ADS
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the region for people with HIV and AIDS, could not promote one of its largest events on Santa Monica buses because the purpose of the walk is to raise money for a nonprofit.

City Hall only allows commercial speech and city events to be advertised on buses, the reasoning being that if one nonprofit advertises on the bus then any nonprofit can, whether City Hall likes its message or not.

That would mean AIDS Project Los Angeles could advertise, but so could a nonprofit against gay marriage, said City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

"The city can certainly adopt a policy and effectuate a policy of allowing any nonprofit to advertise on the buses. That would be completely lawful," Moutrie said. "What the city can't do lawfully is pick and choose."

The announcement drew criticism from the AIDS Project and Craig Miller, the founder and producer of AIDS Walk Los Angeles and 29-year resident of Santa Monica.

AIDS Project Los Angeles has taken out advertisements on the municipal buses for the event AIDS Walk Los Angeles for the past six years, Miller said.

"This has been a central component of our campaign to reach out to and inform the public," Miller said before the Tuesday meeting.

He rejected the notion that city officials who are not elected could make such a decision without any level of public process and, two weeks before the meeting, met with Bloom to ensure that the matter would get some air.

AIDS Project Los Angeles also ran full-page advertisements in the Daily Press prior to the meeting that said "Don't let Santa Monica City Hall throw your community's values under the Big Blue Bus!"

The ads also depicted a clipboard that had a list of advertisements that it suggested could run on public buses — violent video games, jumbo-sized soft drinks and oil companies — alongside another list of ads that would be ineligible, including anti-bullying campaigns, child obesity warnings and messages to keep the Santa Monica Bay clean.

Speakers Tuesday night questioned the City Council on how one could be allowed, but not the other.

"I understand trying to avoid controversy, but you're throwing the baby out with the bath water," Phil Curtis, director of government affairs with AIDS Project Los Angeles, told the council Tuesday.

City Councilmember Kevin McKeown took issue with the ad in the paper, and said that the real problem was that throwing open the doors to advertising to the nonprofit would lead to any number of things showing up on the sides of what he called "the rolling ambassador of Santa Monica."

One such example raised at the meeting involved an ad taken out on buses in San Francisco by the American Freedom Defense Initiative that read, "In any war between the civilized man and the savage, support the civilized man. Support Israel. Defeat Jihad."

San Francisco is now exploring ways to prohibit noncommercial speech in an attempt to prevent future inflammatory ads like that one from being displayed on city buses, Moutrie said.

Given the uncertainty involved, council members chose to support the first portion of Bloom's request — that staff look at the policy to find any kind of flexibility and support back — but not the proposal to allow the AIDS Walk ads to continue in the interim.

Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis, Councilmember Terry O'Day and Bloom voted in favor of changing the policy to allow noncommercial speech at least until staff returned with its recommendation, but the remaining council members shot them down.

"I voted no because I strongly feel that there would be tremendous legal risk in voting yes, and although I would like to see (AIDS Project Los Angeles) ads and Heal the Bay ads, what can happen in these cases is you can lose control," said Councilmember Bobby Shriver.

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WASHINGTON Earth has more than enough wind to power the entire world, at least technically, two new studies find.

But the research looks only at physics, not finances. Other experts note it would be too costly to put up all the necessary wind turbines and build a system that could transmit energy to all consumers.

The studies are by two different U.S. science teams and were published in separate journals on Sunday and Monday. They calculate that existing wind turbine technology could produce hundreds of trillions of watts of power. That's more than 10 times what the world now consumes.

Wind power doesn't emit heat-trapping gases like burning coal, oil and natural gas. But there have been questions, raised in earlier studies, about whether physical limits would prevent the world from being powered by wind.

The new studies, done independently, showed potential wind energy limits wouldn't be an issue.

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"It's really a question about economics and engineering and not a question of fundamental resource availability," said Ken Caldeira, a climate scientist at the Palo Alto, Calif., campus of the Washington-based Carnegie Institution for Science. He is a co-author of one of the studies; that one appeared Sunday in the journal Nature Climate Change.

Caldeira's study finds wind has the potential to produce more than 20 times the amount of energy the world now consumes. Right now, wind accounts for just a tiny fraction of the energy the world consumes. So to get to the levels these studies say is possible, wind production would have to increase dramatically.

If there were 100 new wind turbines for every existing one, that could do the trick says, Mark Jacobson, a Stanford University professor of civil and environmental engineering.

Jacobson wrote the other study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. It shows a slightly lower potential in the amount of wind power than Caldeira's study. But he said it still would amount to far more power than the world now uses is or is likely to use in the near future.

Jacobson said startup costs and fossil fuel subsidies prevent wind from taking off. The cheap price of natural gas, for one thing, hurts wind development, he added.

Henry Lee, a Harvard University environment and energy professor who used to be energy chief for the state of Massachusetts, said there a few problems with the idea of wind powering the world. The first is the cost is too high.

Furthermore, all the necessary wind turbines would take up too much land and require dramatic increases in power transmission lines, he said.

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 69.6°

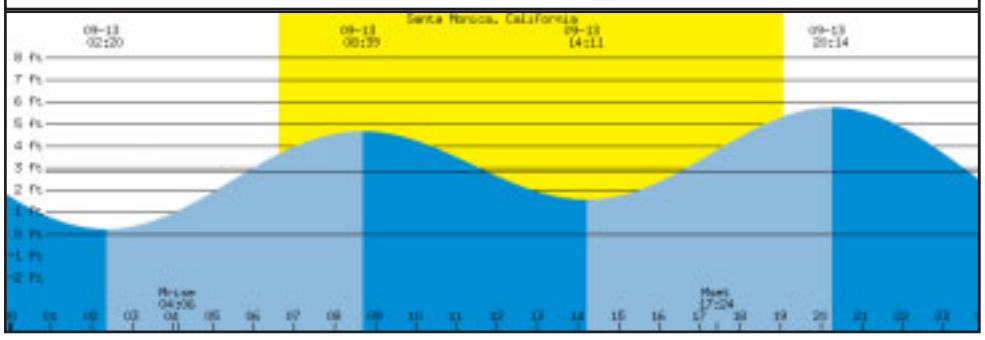
Swell Forecast

Southerly swell with chest high sets at south facing breaks. West facing breaks should run knee to waist.

Long Range Synopsis

West facing breaks should run knee to waist.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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 **September 5, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	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.	A+	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.	A+	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.	A+	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 Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	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.	A	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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Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

One of my clients recently commented to me that she was very thankful that our criminal justice system afforded her an opportunity to help her kick her nasty drug habit. Her comments got me thinking about how often the criminal justice system is denigrated and maligned by a large majority of the population (and a large majority of those who go through the system) for the inability to rehabilitate and treat offenders in order to prevent a reoccurrence or repeat offense. Despite this widely held sentiment, there is a much better track record of success when it comes to the system's approach to drug offenses. California law makers and prosecutorial agencies decided long ago that it is far better to treat drug offenders than to punish them. This is a precarious and often delicate relationship because while no one wants to condone drug use, virtually everyone realizes that harsh punishments more often than not simply breed recidivism. This article will focus on two ways to combat drug use through the criminal justice system: DEJ and Prop 36.

California's drug laws maintain a close relationship with the electorate of California. That is to say that as popular feelings and opinions on drugs softens, so too do the laws criminalizing drug possession. For example, California Penal Code Section 1000, more commonly known as DEJ (Deferred Entry of Judgment), and the passage of Proposition 36, reflects California citizens' collective sentiment that drug offenders should be given every available option to seek treatment and stop using drugs before a court imposes jail or prison.

DEJ is covered by Penal Code Section 1000 and applies to cases where a person is caught in possession of a controlled substance, smoking device, or even alcohol. The basic principle behind DEJ is that is an offender in possession of a controlled substance (i.e. cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy or a pipe, etc.) may enter a guilty plea, stay clean, take drug treatment classes, and then have the guilty plea withdrawn and the case dismissed after an 18 month period. Note that even if the underlying offense is dismissed some employers and licensing agencies may still pursue administrative action. DEJ only applies to cases where the controlled substance is for personal use (meaning not a sales case) and where the offender is first determined to be eligible. Moreover, if an offender violates DEJ and defies a court's orders the judge may enter the guilty plea and sentence the offender accordingly.

In order to be found eligible for the DEJ program it must be demonstrated that: 1) There are no prior convictions for any offense involving controlled substances, 2) The offense charged did not involve a crime of violence or threatened violence, 3) There is no evidence of a violation relating to narcotics or restricted dangerous drugs, 4) The defendant's has not previously violated probation or parole, 5) The defendant has not been placed on DEJ within 5 years of the offense date, and 6) The defendant has no prior felony conviction within five years. If all of these requirements are satisfied, then a person is eligible for DEJ and has the opportunity to earn a dismissal.

Similar to DEJ, Proposition 36 was passed by California voters in November 2000 as a legislative means to allow drug offenders to receive probation with treatment rather than incarceration. For practical purposes, Prop. 36 is a secondary option to get addicts and users treatment when DEJ and/or other programs have failed to get people the help that they so desperately need. A user is ineligable for probation under Prop. 36 if they have a prior felony "strike" within five years, if in the same case they have been convicted of a non-drug related felony or misdemeanor, if they were in possession of a firearm while under the influence, and/or if they have twice failed Prop. 36 or continuously refuses treatment.

A person sentenced to Prop. 36 will complete drug treatment classes, counseling, and whatever other courses are deemed appropriate by the court. The offender will also submit to urine or blood testing as well. Upon successful completion of the Prop. 36 program the case is not automatically dismissed as is the case with DEJ; however, one can petition to the court to dismiss the action with a showing that they have successfully completed the program and gone above and beyond what was required.

The DEJ and Prop. 36 programs can work wonders for drug users and offenders. It is often quite refreshing to see someone enter the program as a downtrodden, distraught, and disheveled drug addict and exit the program clean, sober, and enlightened about the many dangers of drug use. I will never forget the look of happiness, joy and relief that filled my client's face when the judge congratulated her on her progress and then dismissed her case. There was applause from the small audience in the courtroom, and my client felt as though she had accomplished something positive rather than felt the shame of having committed a crime. It was refreshing to both of us that the criminal justice system actually helped and truly served the interests of justice.

If you or anyone you know has been arrested for a drug related offense or any other misdemeanor or felony offense contact criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor Jacob Glucksman through The Legal Grind immediately to preserve your rights!

This column was prepared by Jacob Glucksman, a Criminal Defense attorney. He can be reached through the Legal Grind at 310-452-8160 or referral@legalgrind.com

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TUESDAY
9:00am-12:00pm Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso. (By appointment only)

4:00pm-5:00pm (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month). Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, personal injury, medical malpractice, and wrongful death. (By appointment only)

5:00 - 7:00 pm Wrongful termination, harassment; discrimination; wage and hour ;denial of unemployment benefits; and general counseling on issues in the workplace w/ attorney Nina Baumler. (Call for Appointment) at the 2901 Ocean Park location of the Novel Café.

WEDNESDAY
11:00am-3:00pm Special Education Law (By appointment only. Also available by appointment on Mondays or Fridays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm) Attorney Alison Arkin has extensive experience working with parfents of special needs children with a wide range of disabilities, and can help them obtain appropriate services from both school districts and regional centers. She has experience with every level of the process including obtaining appropriate assessements, representation at IEP meeting, mediations, settlement negotiations and hearings.

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THURSDAY
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10am-11:30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday/month) Real Estate, Estate Planning, Wills & Living Trusts, Will Contests, Probate, Elder Law Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, Construction Contracts Family Law including Divorce, Child/Spousal Support, Prenuptial Agreements, Personal Injury, Accidents, Premises and Product Liability, & Legal Malpractice with Attorney Richard Ruman. (By appointment only)

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Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

For A Good Time, Call... (R) 1hr 26min
2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Branded (R) 1hr 46min
1:45pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

2016: Obama's America (PG) 1hr 29min
1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:15am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:45pm

Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Lawless (R) 1hr 55min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Words (PG-13) 1hr 36min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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

Inbetweeners (R) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Chicken With Plums (Poulet aux prunes) (PG-13) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13) 1hr 31min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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Premium Rush (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:40am, 2:50pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Cold Light of Day (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:15pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

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2:25pm, 7:45pm

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Say 'yes' tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your very playful style attracts quite a few people. Your creativity comes out when you relax and are yourself. Opportunity soars because of your ingenuity. Tonight: Love the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your principles work. You are able to sustain a great amount of change, even when it is unexpected. You prove this time and time again. Try not to place too much value on money, as it comes and goes. Tonight: Home really is your castle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep talking and sharing your feelings. Others might surprise you by their actions and/or responses. The good news is that you have the ability to respond appropriately and with flexibility. You attract people through your openness. Tonight: Say what you mean, and mean what you say.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Unexpected developments force your hand. You'll see life through new eyes as a result, and humor helps you flow through what could be difficult moments. Use your intuition with your finances. Tonight: Go buy yourself that item you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You greet life with a smile and a willingness to jump through hoops. How you see a personal situation could change drastically as associates come in with noteworthy ideas. Anything is possible; make it so. Tonight: Allow your Leo charm to do its magic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back and say little. The less said, the greater the flexibility you'll have. Someone who makes an impact takes an unusual stance while you work overtime to catch up and understand what went through his or her mind. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Look at what is going on around you. People seek you out. If you're trying to concentrate or be studious, you can forget it. The ethers are declaring that it is time for you to socialize more. Opportunities head your way. Tonight: Follow the music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You cannot get around a certain responsibility that looks like it will have certain aspects that you will need time to figure out. You are not a free spirit. Honor your life's demands, and you will be well-rewarded. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You must detach or else everything that's happening around you could get jumbled. You will feel as if your mind is a maze. The more mental distance you gain, the better your choices will be. Tonight: Why work when you can play?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone comes to you with an unexpected proposition. Listen well, though know that you might block out some details, as you are a bit taken aback. See how you can work this idea into your life. You could be thrilled by the results. Tonight: One-on-one relating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Defer to others with the full knowledge as to what you need. You see key people around you being extremely domineering. Let them be -- you cannot change them. Let them see the results of their actions. Use the freedom well. Tonight: Say "yes."

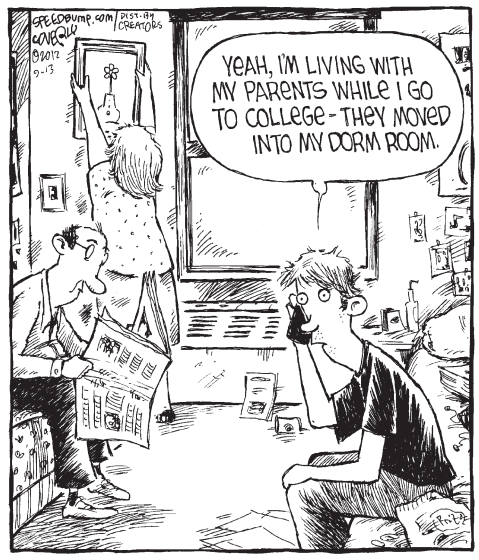
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ An even pace works, despite your tendency to change topics or actions and head in different directions. You might have to discipline yourself in order to achieve your day's goals. Postpone spontaneity. Tonight: The time is now.

Happy birthday

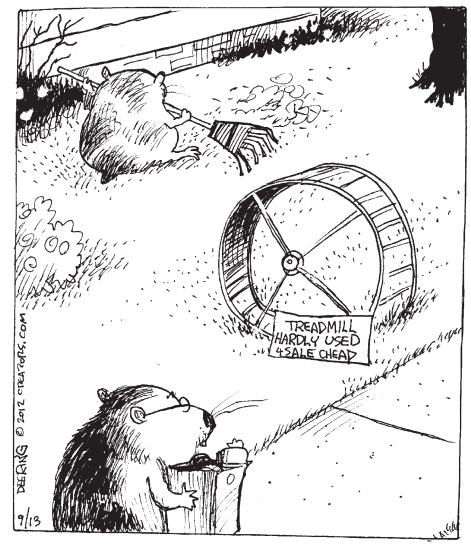
This year the unexpected has become a theme in your life, especially as a partner or loved one tends to express an unpredictable energy. You often feel like you have to start over at square one and crawl your way back up to the top. This struggle is more symbolic than realistic. Bosses and higher-ups let you know how much they value your work. If you are single, you could meet someone very special through your work. Let it happen. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy making public appearances together. Socializing is right up your alley. A fellow LEO understands you even better than you do.

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

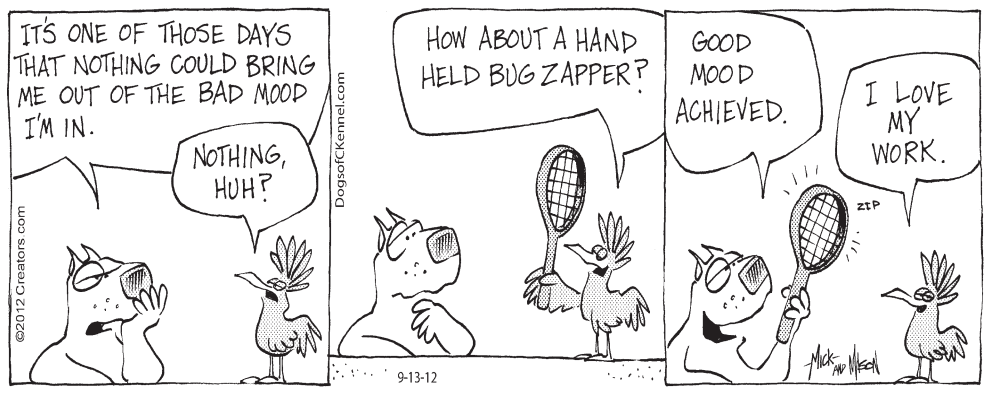
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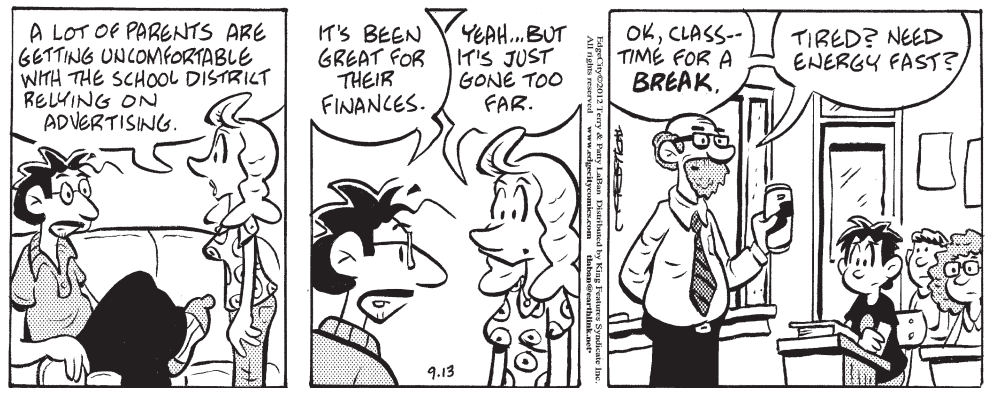
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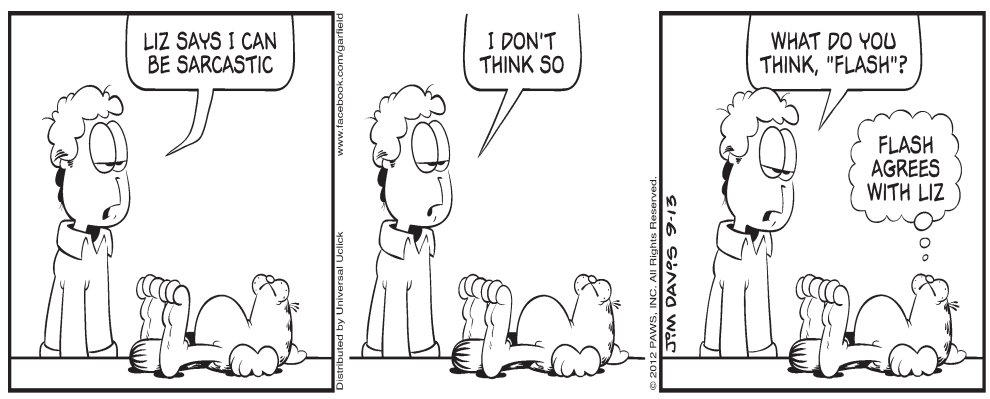
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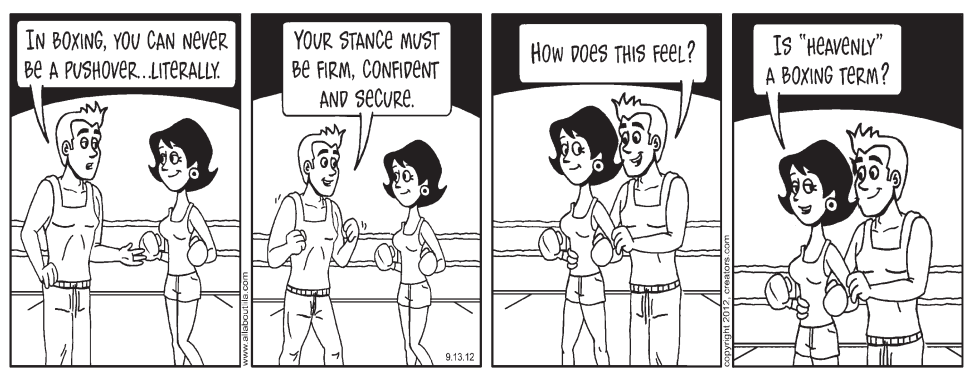
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	1	9	5	4	6	7	2	3
5	3	7	2	1	9	6	4	8
6	2	4	7	8	3	9	5	1
4	7	5	8	3	1	2	9	6
3	9	1	4	6	2	5	8	7
2	8	6	9	5	7	1	3	4
7	6	2	3	9	8	4	1	5
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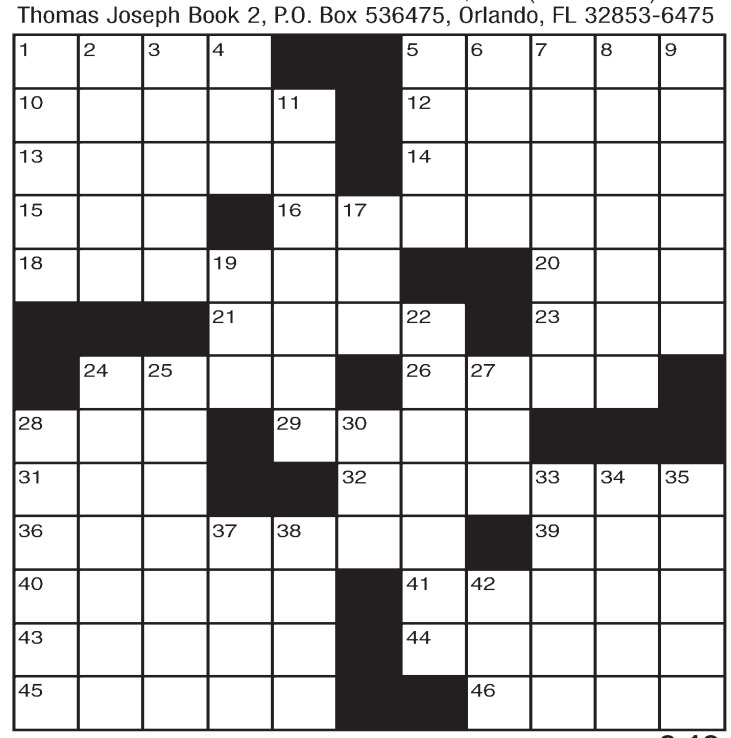
ACROSS
1 "Shoo!"
5 Hamelin figure
10 Opera's Callas
12 Came up
13 Improve, in a way
14 Mariners
15 Capitol Bldg. worker
16 Difficult spot
18 Breeding ground
20 Had supper
21 God of war
23 Struck out
24 Solitary
26 Works the garden
28 Paint buy
29 Plunge
31 Delivery docs, for short
32 Skiing showoff
36 Whiz
39 Juan Perón's wife
40 Make speeches
41 Not qualified
43 "Love Story" writer
44 Platter player
45 Pollster's find
46 Lusty look

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1 Big hit
2 Small role
3 "— we all?"
4 Light metal
5 Yesteryear
6 Some nest eggs
7 Medieval weapon
8 Manor settings
9 Took it easy
11 Stuck
17 Lyric poem
19 Criminalize
22 Grow rapidly
24 Workman
25 Facing the audience
27 Make a choice
28 Savannah, to Matt
30 Pi follower
33 "Robinson Crusoe" author
34 Sheeplike
35 Glades critter
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ 100 Pounds or "15 Minutes"? Wesley Warren Jr., 47, of Las Vegas, suffers from rare elephantiasis of the scrotum, which accounts for about 100 of his 400 pounds and severely hampers urination and sex. The Las Vegas Review-Journal reported in October 2011 that Warren was on the verge of accepting an offer to cover the expensive corrective surgery, but when the newspaper followed up in June 2012, it found him hesitant because he had become accustomed to his celebrity status (TV's The Learning Channel and "Tosh.0" program and Howard Stern's radio show). Said he, "It was fun going to Los Angeles (for "Tosh.0") in the big van they sent for me."

■ In July, the U.K.'s Wildlife Aid Foundation took in a dying, parasite-infested cuckoo bird, but by the time it had been nursed back to health, it had missed its species's winter migration toward Africa. Consequently, according to BBC News, the foundation bought an airline ticket for a handler to carry the bird to Italy, where satellite tracking indicated it could meet up with the end of the migrating flock, and the handler released it.

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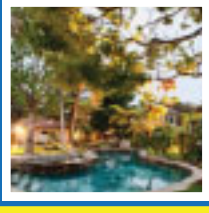




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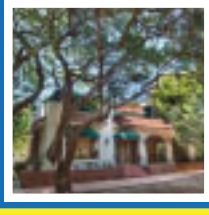
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