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THE DOGS ARE GOOD ISSUE

Hot Dog on a Stick, reborn

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica's original Hot Dog on a Stick updated its eye-catching uniforms in the 1970s and its menus with Splenda-sweetened lemonade.

Now, after almost six decades of use, its building will also get a remodel.

The employee-owned business plans to demolish its 66-year-old building on the 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk — the birthplace of the eatery — and replace it with a brand new (and code-compliant) replica, according to a report for the Architectural Review Board.

The new design will be roughly 220 square feet larger than the original to accommodate extra workspace for its

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HOT DOG ON A STICK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Crenshaw awaits after Samohi rout of Oaks Christian

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica boys' basketball opened its annual "The Tournament" in style, making easy work of Oaks Christian, 63-49, on Monday at home.

Oaks Christian was able to bridge the gap late in the game, much to the consternation of Samohi head coach James Hecht, who was upset that his team strayed from the fluid offense that got the Vikings off to a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

Samohi came out firing with senior shooting guard and Cal signee Jordan Mathews pacing the offense with 14 first-quarter points en route to 26 on the night.

Oaks Christian was led by Anson Moye's 14 points. KJ Smith, son of NBA champion and commentator Kenny Smith, chipped in 12 from the guard position.

The Samohi win sets up a second-round matchup with Crenshaw on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

"We weren't sharing the ball as much," Mathews said of the late-game letdown. "But we'll fix it by Wednesday."

Crenshaw advanced with a tough 56-49 win over recent rival Palisades. The two have met in the CIF-City Section playoffs the past few years with both teams notching wins.

Despite the seemingly easy victory over Oaks Christian, Mathews and Hecht are reluctant to consider Wednesday's tilt a done deal.



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AIRBORNE: **Samohi's Jordan Mathews slam dunks against Oaks Christian on Monday.**

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Opening the doors

Deaf middle school student seeks captioning in theaters

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN John Butchko, like most 13-year-old boys, would really like to see the new James Bond movie "Skyfall," but he's got a problem.

Butchko has hearing loss, and the largest theater chain in Santa Monica, AMC, has not yet installed a functioning closed-caption system in its theaters.

He, like 71 other deaf or hard-of-hearing children in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and an unknown number of older adults in Santa Monica, have to drive almost 15 miles to a location in North Hollywood to see a film.

Not only is Butchko a movie buff — mainly action/adventure, but anything good, he said — the inability to see a film puts a damper on his social life.

"(Movies are) a large part of the conversation in school, and if I haven't seen them, I can't participate in that," Butchko said.

Butchko is taking matters into his own hands.

As part of his eighth grade community service requirement, Butchko has spent the last month approaching city officials for help to put pressure on AMC to add one of a variety of technologies to its theaters that would allow people with limited or no hearing to experience modern cinema.

He's gotten help from his family as well as Disabilities Commissioner Nanci Linke-Ellis, a long-time advocate for captioning in theaters.

He made an appearance at the Disabilities

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012

Writers work the room
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Offered in conjunction with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, the Westside Schmooze is a chance to network, make friends and get connected. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012

Windows for the masses
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
Introduction to the Windows 7 operating system, including hands-on practice with basic navigation and customization. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first serve. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Dog day
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
All ages are invited to practice reading to some furry friends as part of the Paws 4 Reading program. The event is designed to assist children to develop and improve their reading skills. For more information, visit paws4healing.info/los_angeles_chapter.htm.

Diving deep
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Kenny Broad, National Geographic's Explorer of the Year for 2011, is also an accomplished cave diver who pursues this extreme avocation not for sport but to gain valuable scientific insights. Doubling as a recognized, and quite funny, environmental anthropologist, Broad uses his research to solve problems of climate change and freshwater resource management. Join him for a voyage into the beautiful but dangerous "blue holes" of the Bahamas — a potential treasure trove of scientific knowledge, captured in vivid images and video. For more information, call (310) 434-3200.

Friday, Dec. 7, 2012

Festive walk
Montana Avenue
5 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Businesses along Montana Avenue will host their annual Holiday Walk complete with Santa, sales, streets decked out in lights and holiday treats. For more information, visit www.montanaave.com.

Special moments
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 7 p.m.
"Defining Moments" is an evening of storytelling with elders from the community. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. RSVP required. For more information, call (310) 313-0279.

Bah humbug
United Methodist Church
1008 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Celebrate the season with a musical of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," based on the 1970 Oscar-nominated film starring Albert Finney. Cost: $10 adults; $5 seniors and children. The production also takes place Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Local attorney convicted of tax fraud

A Santa Monica attorney has been sentenced to three years in prison and was ordered to pay just over $2 million in restitution after he plead guilty to willfully filing false tax returns, officials with the Internal Revenue Service said.

Robert M.L. Baker III, a probate attorney with an office on Wilshire Boulevard, was sentenced on Monday by Judge Otis D. Wright. In addition to the prison term, Baker will serve three years of supervised release and must pay $1,140,879 to the IRS and $916,000 to an undisclosed victim.

Baker, 46, plead guilty on Jan. 25 to willfully subscribing and filing false tax returns in a conspiracy to commit tax fraud. According to the plea agreement, Baker admitted that he, along with others, devised a scheme to misappropriate client fees and settlements in order to evade payment of his taxes.

Baker used shell entities and trusts to hide over $900,000 in client fees and assets from the IRS, including a house in Westwood, officials said. Baker also submitted a false offer and compromise form by mail and filed false tax returns to evade over $1 million in taxes.

Officials said he altered his banking practices by using nominee bank accounts, converting client fees to cashier's checks to pay personal expenses, altering checks and directing clients and other law firms handling clients to mail and wire funds to nominee bank accounts.

As part of the plea agreement, Baker will file amended corporate and individual tax returns.

Calls to Baker's law office were not returned.

– KEVIN HERRERA

WILMONT

Upward Bound gets $1M

Upward Bound House, a Santa Monica-based provider of housing and services for homeless families with children, was awarded just over $1 million by the First 5 L.A. Commission in support of homeless families, officials with the agency said.

The funds will be used to provide short-term rental assistance and subsidies to homeless families with children under the age of 5.

"These funds ... will be transformative to the families we serve," said David Snow, executive director of Upward Bound House. "The families we serve have fallen on hard times and need just a little bit of help to get on their feet. This grant will allow us to provide that extra assistance and ensure they don't relapse back into homelessness.

One of the greatest challenges in ending family homelessness in Los Angeles County is the lack of affordable housing, Snow said.

The rental assistance program began as a demonstration project two years ago with funding from L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who represents Santa Monica. He is the chairman of the First 5 commission and was the leading advocate for the initiative.

"One homeless child in the street is too many," he said.

There are more than 6,000 homeless children throughout the county, and that number has doubled in the past two years, officials said.

For more information about Upward Bound House, visit www.upwardboundhouse.org.

– KH

Rover Opportunity may be at clay-rich site on Mars

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES After rolling around the Martian plains for more than eight years, the Opportunity rover finally found a spot believed to be rich in clay minerals, scientists said Tuesday.

Orbiting spacecraft previously detected the presence of clay-bearing deposits at a huge crater in Mars' southern hemisphere. Using that information as a guide, the six-wheel, solar-powered rover drove around the rim and encountered light-colored rocks never before seen in past explorations.

"This is the sweet spot," said mission chief scientist Steve Squyres of Cornell University. "This is the place where the orbital data tells us that the clays are present."

Squyres provided the update at a gathering of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco.

Clays are important because they hold clues about the past Martian climate. They form in watery environments that are not too acidic and not too alkaline — in other words, conditions that might have been more suitable for microbes.

Since landing in 2004, Opportunity has logged 22 miles, poking into four impact craters. The latest destination — Endeavour Crater — is the largest yet and contains the oldest deposits. Scientists believe the light-hued outcrops along Endeavour's western rim contain clays and will spend the next several months conducting experiments at the site before heading south to a region where a mother lode of clay minerals is thought to exist.

Opportunity previously uncovered geologic evidence of a more tropical past unlike today's frigid and radiation-scarred landscape. But Squyres said the minerals uncovered so far point to a more acidic environment. The clays, however, formed "in water you could drink" that had a neutral pH, he said.

Opportunity is not the only Mars rover chasing clays. NASA's newest spacecraft, the car-size Curiosity, is set to trek early next year to the slope of a mountain near the equator that's thought to have stacks of clay layers.



Photo courtesy NASA

CHEESE! **The Opportunity rover snaps a picture of its shadow recently.**

High court wary of storm water runoff lawsuit

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON The Supreme Court appears to be resisting an effort by environmentalists to use a lawsuit against Los Angeles area governments to crack down on pollution from urban storm water runoff.

The justices strongly suggested Tuesday they will throw out an appellate ruling in favor of the environmentalists in their lawsuit against the Los Angeles Flood Control District. At issue is responsibility for billions of gallons of polluted water that flow into the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers, and eventually the Pacific Ocean, after heavy rainfalls.

The environmental groups say levels of bacteria from animal feces and toxic metals frequently exceed water quality standards.

But the only real question Tuesday was whether the justices would end the case or give it back to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

CDC says U.S. flu season starts early, could be bad

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK Flu season in the U.S. is off to its earliest start in nearly a decade — and it could be a bad one.

Health officials on Monday said suspected flu cases have jumped in five Southern states, and the primary strain circulating tends to make people sicker than other types. It is particularly hard on the elderly.

"It looks like it's shaping up to be

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Protecting the next generation

Editor:

Speaking both as an SMC Emeritus instructor as well as an Emeritus student, the letter to the editor complaining about the lack of a winter program at Emeritus misses today's economic realities and demonstrates a certain selfishness on the part of the writer ("SMC betrays seniors," Letters to the Editor, Dec. 2). Despite the passage of Proposition 30, there is still a limited amount of money to run SMC's main campus and Emeritus programs.

When it comes to the hard choices that the Board of Trustees must make, I fully agree with their decision to place a priority on the students who are preparing for careers or for transferring to a four-year college.

There will be an Emeritus program for the spring semester and classes will continue to be free. Students at the main campus pay tuition for their classes, a fact which some Emeritus students may not fully consider.

Emeritus has offered great programs to thousands of seniors at no cost for many years, for which we should be very grateful to the Board of Trustees. I hope and expect this great program to continue, but if it comes to a choice between educating our youth or offering free exercise classes to seniors, then I, and I believe most seniors, would vote overwhelmingly for educating our youth

Gerald Schneir
Santa Monica

God bless you

Editor:

I feel sorry for B. Jones, who recently wrote an angry tirade against God ("Critical thinking," Letters to the Editor, Nov. 20). What a lonely and unhappy "enlightened" life he or she must lead without a faith to lean on in times when there seems to be no hope.

I have been a Methodist all my life and have experienced innumerable times when my faith has carried me through times of grief and despair, but I don't espouse those views on anyone. Mine is a private faith.

I hope B. Jones will find faith in something greater than herself or himself.

God bless you and may you and those like you find comfort in the life you have chosen.

Don Wagner
Santa Monica

Tolerance level

Editor:

Though I'm no religionist, I hate to see the nativity scenes in Palisades Park go. The people who put them up for nearly 60 years were sincerely attempting to express the deep love and inspiration that guides their lives. That is no reason to attack their joy.

One thing I've learned from this highly unnecessary drama is that fundamentalist thinking is not limited to religions; the atheists who started this sad pissing match demonstrated that amply. So what if religions are largely mythical? Show me something of real meaning in life that isn't! And as for the ultra-religious loony who calls Santa Claus Satan, how dare you traumatize our children!

You leave our City Council no choice but to cut the whole mess loose. It would be fiscally imprudent, insane even, to leave our city open to escalating attacks from rude, petty and litigious cowards who hide behind the First Amendment.

The question now is, how much more loss of grace can we, will we, as a city and as a society tolerate?

Lily Houston
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Happily back to the grind

HELL FROZE OVER LAST WEEK.

I wasn't one of the two winners of the $588 million Powerball jackpot, which floored no one but me. My bags were mentally packed. (Or my bags were in the literal trash, as I planned to buy new ones with my winnings or, rather, have one of my future staff members buy très chère ones and then pack the few worthy items in them that I would have kept from my old life for transfer to my new, much, much richer life. And then, yes, I would have begrudgingly given a bunch of requisite money to charity, too.)

As it turns out, however, I hit a different kind of jackpot when I got the happy surprise of having an elusive, last-minute week off. Well, I was off if you don't count the fact that I still had to care full time for my 1-year-old Peony, and full time and a half for my 4-year-old Petunia (despite the fact that she's in preschool four days a week). So I blotted my lottery-losing tears with my worthless $8 Powerball ticket and did something I thought it would take an army of Martha Stewart clones or icicles on the devil's goatee to do: my to-do list.

Tackling a to-do list is eminently simpler than it sounds. You experience night terrors and break out in a cold sweat, desperately wanting to cross items off the list, but more often than not the laziness is so deeply embedded in your soul that you just kind of innately know you don't have the required motivation to earn the right to the aforementioned cross-off. Plus, the longer some items have been on the to-do list, the less likely they are to ever actually leave the list. Especially if they require anything that includes a trip to the hardware store, a phone call to a company with a wait time that involves Muzak, or Scotch tape when you just know your dispenser is empty and buying a refill is on your to-do list.

I eased into my list by creating a book in iPhoto from our family's trip to Disney World earlier this fall. It was a task that should have taken a couple of hours at the most, but there's just a finite number of ways to creatively use pictures of a 4-year-old who reached the apex of happiness every time a princess so much as farted and a 1-year-old who always stared at the camera with an expression that could only possibly mean, "Remind me again why you thought I would enjoy this vacation if you refused to let me nap and then made me stay up for inhumanely late dinner reservations with cartoon characters who were suspiciously silent even though I saw them singing in no less than three parades and two live shows earlier in the day."

After that, I started and then completed Peony's baby scrapbook. That is when I decided I should and would, at long last, complete Petunia's book, too, mostly so that when my daughters eventually compare them, I can't be accused of playing favorites, à la my mother, who seems to have absentmindedly tackled mine in the time it took her to prepare a packet of Lipton Cup-a-Soup, as opposed to my sister's, which appears to have been crafted as painstakingly and meticulously as the ceiling in the Sistine Chapel.

Homemade snow globes weren't actually on my to-do list, but then I clicked on a Facebook post, which led to a Pinterest wall that directed me to a site that inspired me to Google homemade snow globes, which I decided my kids had to have this winter. They looked so simple. And so cheap.

A POWERBALL VICTORY MIGHT HAVE ALLOWED ME FREEDOM FROM MY TO-DO LIST (OR AT LEAST THE SNOW GLOBES), BUT A WEEK OFF MADE ME APPRECIATE THE PROSPECT OF GOING BACK TO WORK MORE THAN I EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

Four days, eight stores, nine hot-glue-gun scars and a mid-three-digit sum of money later, the homemade snow globes are now languishing among a chess set and a half-empty bottle of red wine atop the bar in our living room, mostly because no one has looked at them since their unveiling. If I could fit them in my kids' baby scrapbooks or design tattoos of them and then forcibly apply them to each child, I would, just so they know the lengths to which I went to make them feel as if they were raised by Michelangelo, not Thomas Lipton.

I prepared an herbed white bean and sausage stew (which required nearly 24 hours, not two, at a gentle simmer), pumpkin swirl bread (the swirl looked innocent enough in the picture; in real life, it was nearly my undoing), Guinness quick bread and baked chicken and mascarpone. I also bought holiday gifts for my entire family, cleaned out and reorganized more than half the rooms in my house and took Peony to the playground every day.

A Powerball victory might have allowed me freedom from my to-do list (or at least the snow globes), but a week off made me appreciate the prospect of going back to work more than I ever thought possible. Which is kind of like its own jackpot — just with a lot less money.

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No more business as usual

MY FAMILY AND I LIVE IN LOWER Manhattan. Hurricane Sandy left us, as it did so many other families and businesses, without power, heat, hot water and refrigeration. Our heartfelt best goes out to all who were affected. Recovery hasn't been easy — not for any of us.

But as we work to rebuild our lives, this can be an opportunity to reflect on whether we're making the right decisions to protect our citizens and businesses.

Climate-change science demonstrates how we're prone to more frequent and stronger storms, and unpredictable weather patterns.

Some — hopefully many — businesses will help us recoup the billions of dollars lost because of the storm. But we need strategies to help us adapt to, mitigate and reverse the effects of changing weather. We can apply adaptation strategies that can be implemented in a systemic and effective manner, and we can determine who is vulnerable to climate change — for example, who's most likely to be affected by drought, heat waves, wildfires, sea level rise, storm surges or floods. Government has the infrastructure and capacity to deal with these matters, and therefore should have the mandate.

If not, we'll continue to respond on an emergency basis — when floods and droughts start affecting basic services and threatening lives and livelihoods. Thoughtful decision-making is rare when made in the heat of a crisis, and we now see the horrible consequences of failure to plan.

What will our politicians offer as solutions? What solutions can business leaders offer? What can the private and public sector do together?

When smart business people are shown that sound science points toward an innovative solution, they heed that science and build that into their business planning.

So, why have partisan politics prevented us from creating the necessary policies to confront climate change? The time has come to move beyond the rhetoric and self-interests of a small number of outdated, yet powerful corporations and the politicians who do their bidding to deny the effect of fossil fuels.

There is a moral and business imperative to accept the science and tact with ingenuity and innovative spirit.

We need a long-term energy policy that moves us to a clean energy future, one that creates energy independence and enhances national security. We need strategies and policies to ensure a secure food system and access to quality water and air.

Businesses have already been hurt by our failure to acknowledge climate change. And in addition to disruption of business and resultant financial losses, companies face increasing risk, liability and insurance premiums as climate change becomes more prevalent.

Consumers are increasingly demanding healthy and safe products and services that utilize clean energy and safer chemicals. Businesses can play an important role in shifting markets to that clean and renewable energy, and much money is to be made. Government has its role to play in regulating hazards and providing incentives for innovations.

Production tax credits, which are threatened in Congress, should be pushed forward to advance wind technologies. And proposals like Clean Energy Victory Bonds can provide long-term private investment in clean energy technologies. As we rebuild, more and more work can be done to create energy efficiencies in our housing stock and businesses. Using the best of technologies, we're primed to create the manufacturing plants of the future. Tackling climate change head on is a win-win that's good for business, as these policies and market strategies create much-needed good jobs, reduce risk, inspire innovation and generate the new revenue streams.

The World Bank's World Development Report 2010 said, "Climate-smart policies are those that enhance development, reduce vulnerability and finance the transition to low-carbon growth paths."

We can still change course, making good business and political decisions that take climate change seriously. We must also consider the possibility that we'll fail, and if we do fail, it will be because we did nothing or made shortsighted choices. So let's step up to this challenge and choose wisely.

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The Q Line

Cutting classes

In an effort to save money, Santa Monica College officials last week decided to cancel the winter session for the Emeritus College, meaning seniors will have to go without their exercise, performing arts and other classes for several weeks. The thing is though SMC will still pay to keep buildings open and staff employed, amounting to a savings that some say is only around $160,000.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

Is the savings worth cutting classes for seniors to help cover costs associated with the college at large? Should seniors have to start paying to help bring more classes online?

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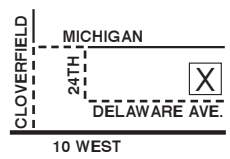
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AG Harris: It's up to police to hold immigrants

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SAN FRANCISCO California's top prosecutor said Tuesday it's up to local police agencies to decide whether to comply with federal government requests to hold illegal immigrants.

The statement by state Attorney General Kamala Harris involves the federal Secure Communities program, which was launched in 2008 to catch the worst criminal offenders.

However, Harris said the effort is flawed because about-one third of people targeted by the requests in California have never committed a serious crime.

The Secure Communities program checks the immigration status of people who are arrested for any crime, and federal immigration officials have insisted local police agencies must honor all requests for detentions.

Harris said her office has received dozens of inquiries from sheriffs and police chiefs confused about whether they must comply and hold detainees for up to 48 hours after they otherwise would have been released.

Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck and others have said they want to stop honoring the immigration detention requests in cases involving low-level crimes.

"In the interest of public safety, it is our recommendation that those chiefs and sheriffs make a decision about whether or not they will detain an illegal immigrant based on their priorities," Harris said.

The bulletin points out that the federal government neither reimburses the local police agencies nor protects them from lawsuits for wrongful arrests.

It asserts that the federal government can't "require state officials to carry out federal programs at their own expense."

Last fall, Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed a bill to limit law enforcement involvement with Secure Communities, which has been blasted by immigrant advocates who say it deters the reporting of crime because people are afraid to come forward.

Santa Clara County and Cook County, Ill., preciously stopped honoring immigration detainers under the program.

The program is being reformed to focus "on criminals, recent border crossers and repeat immigration law violators" as targets for deportation.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

County to bury ashes of 1,656 unclaimed people

Los Angeles County will bury the unclaimed cremated remains of 1,656 people in a mass grave on Wednesday.

The county Board of Supervisors observed a moment of silence for them at Tuesday's meeting.

City News Service quoted Supervisor Don Knabe as saying that the individuals, for one reason or another, have no one but the county to provide a respectful and dignified burial.

Knabe says some were homeless, many were poor and some had no families to grieve for them.

The remains will be interred at the Los Angeles County Crematory and Cemetery in Boyle Heights.

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Democrats propose using Prop. 39 for schools

Democratic lawmakers are proposing to spend newly approved tax revenue to fund energy efficiency projects at schools in California's poorest communities.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg of Sacramento and Sen. Kevin de Leon of Los Angeles on Tuesday announced legislation that they say will help create jobs and help thousands of schools reduce their energy costs.

They held a news conference at a 63-year-old Sacramento elementary school to highlight the need ventilation and lighting improvements.

They're relying on an estimated $2.5 billion over five years in revenue from Proposition 39, which voters approved last month to close a corporate tax loophole.

De Leon said SB 39 reflects the aim of Proposition 39 because "upgrading California schools would yield the greatest value for this investment."

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Ask.com adds mobile apps to its search results

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO You're apt to discover more useful apps for your smartphone or tablet computer at Ask.com beginning Tuesday.

At least that's the thinking behind a licensing agreement that Ask's search engine has forged with Silicon Valley startup Quixey, which has spent the past three years refining a technology to analyze the services offered through millions of applications designed for iPhones, iPads, Android gadgets, Windows devices and BlackBerrys.

Results from Quixey's database will now appear among the answers that Ask delivers to questions posed on its search engine. The apps results primarily will be featured in a new section of Ask that is scheduled to debut at 8 p.m. ET Tuesday.

In some cases, though, an app might appear in the main results, even when a request isn't explicitly seeking a mobile application. For instance, someone looking for good places to take a hike might see an app for locating trails listed among the results. Or a query for the television series "30 Rock" may highlight apps from Netflix or Hulu that offer entire episodes instead of just listing Web links with information about the show.

Ask's addition of an apps section is another example of the accelerating shift from personal computers to mobile devices, a move that is reshaping the way people interact with technology. The evolution will force general-purpose search engines to change their ways or risk becoming less relevant, predicts Quixey founder and CEO Tomer Kagan.

"Search is no longer about just reading documents," Kagan said. "It's about finding the technology to help us with what we are trying to do."

Ask, which is owned by IAC/InterActiveCorp is hoping the new apps feature can lure some traffic away from the Internet's much larger search engines.

Although it processes more than a half billion requests each month in the U.S. alone, Ask remains a distant fourth among search engines with a market share of about 3 percent, according to the latest data from the research firm comScore Inc. Google Inc. runs the dominant search engine with nearly 67 percent share of the U.S. market, followed by Microsoft Corp.'s Bing at 16 percent and Yahoo at 12 percent.

"Apps are gateways to some of the most top-notch digital content out there, so this integration fits perfectly with where our product is headed," said Shane McGilloway, Ask's chief operating officer.

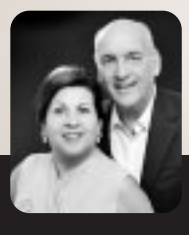
The Ask alliance represents the largest licensing deal so far for Quixey, which has raised about $24 million since its inception in October 2009. The company currently employs about 50 people at its Mountain View, Calif. headquarters. Quixey's technology is also available on its own website and through a few other partners. It is also featured in the Skyfire browser that's included on some of the mobile phones sold by AT&T Corp.

People already conduct regular searches for apps, usually within the individual stores set up for each of the major operating systems that power mobile devices.

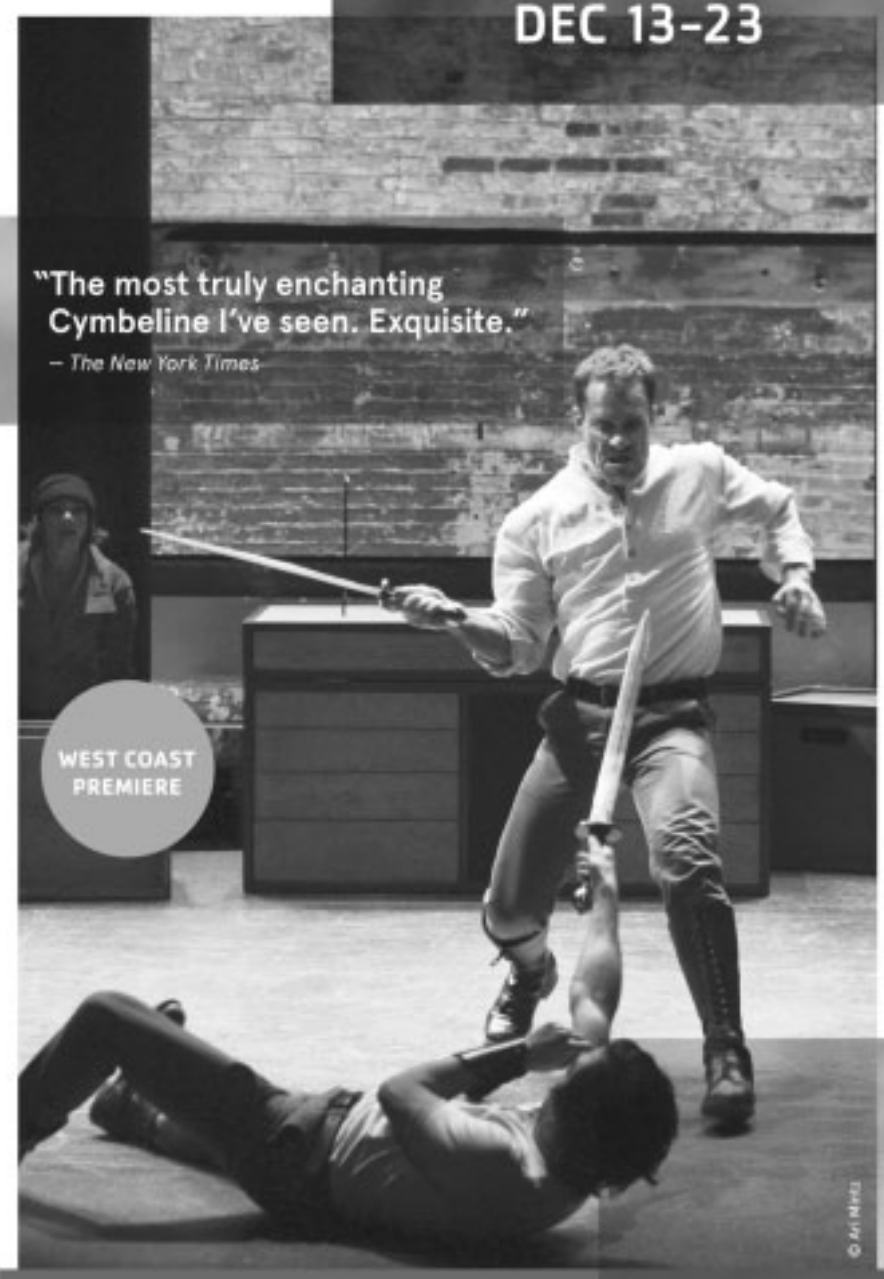
The database that Quixey is licensing to Ask is meant to serve as a one-stop shop to find any app available on any operating system. Kagan believes Quixey is better equipped to point out apps that pertain to general search requests because its technology analyzes the tasks programs perform instead of just relying on the words contained in brief descriptions of the software.

"We are trying to show you an app that answers your question, not just an app that matches a word in your request," Kagan said.

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HOT DOG
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employees and a bathroom that meets the Americans With Disabilities Act standards.

Additionally, the floor will be level, said Michael Riley, one of the architects involved in the redesign.

"Essentially what we're looking to do is replicate what's there, but address 21st century concerns," Riley said.

The building, he said, has "quite honestly outlived its usefulness."

The plan is the culmination of three years worth of work getting through the Coastal Commission as well as Santa Monica's city procedures, said Laurie Sonia, executive vice president of the company.

"Really what this is about is making it more current and modern internally for our employee-owners," Sonia said. "It will also make it a better experience for our customers. They'll get through the line more quickly, get helped more quickly."

The company presented the concept of a new building to the City Council in 2009 when the lease for the space — which is actually owned by the State of California — came up for bid, said Judith Meister, Santa Monica's beach manager.

The company was awarded a 10-year lease, and hopes to have its new building ready in 2014, roughly halfway through.

Under the new design, the building will look almost identical to the existing shop, although it will be slightly larger and the side will have panels depicting the history of Hot Dog on a Stick "through the decades."

It will be made out of stucco, which Riley said would stand up better to the elements in the beach environment.

"We'll be recreating the look, but without the materials that create the issues," he said.

Additionally, the sign will also catch up to its name.

Although few seem to have noticed, it actually reads "Hot Dog Stick."

That has never bothered Jerry Rubin, a peddler of bumperstickers who spoke before the Architectural Review Board to speak in favor of the remodel.

"I never knew the 'on a' wasn't there," Rubin said.

If casual conversations about the hot dog-slinging establishment serve, neither did anyone else.

"Hot Dog on a Stick" was the restaurant's second name.

Dave Barham, the founder, opened the original location on Santa Monica's "Muscle Beach" in 1946 as "Party Puffs," and sold ice cream cones and lemonade.

He transformed his product line by dipping hot dogs in his mother's cornbread recipe and frying them. The modern "Hot Dog on a Stick" was born, and the store took on the name in 1948.

"Hot Dog on a Stick" locations appeared all over the United States, popping up in malls in the early 1970s. There are now 100 locations in 12 states.

When Barham died in 1991, he left the store to his employees in the form of an "employee stock ownership plan," or ESOP. That means that every employee that works for the company has a stake in it, which creates a special ownership culture, Sonia said.

The stores use a lot of hot dogs, roughly 4.2 million in a year, according to the company, and even more lemons for its signature lemonade.

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DRIVING: **Samohi's Trevis Jackson runs by a Oaks Christian defender on Monday.**

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Crenshaw and their height in the interior ultimately wore Palisades down, something that has the attention of the long-time Samohi coach.

"They concern me," Hecht said. "They like to play up-tempo and they rebound very well."

Samohi big men, led by senior forward Chris Smith, who scored 10 points and played stout defense against Oaks Christian, will be called on to slow Crenshaw's high-octane offense. Smith was the lone post player in the starting lineup for Samohi on Monday, pairing with four guards.

This lineup gives the Vikings plenty of speed on the perimeter, but little size up front. Senior forward Spencer Cramer was able to come off the bench to aid Smith, a trend that should continue against Crenshaw.

Samohi's win on Monday continues the Vikings' strong start. They are 4-1 including a win over perennial powerhouse Fairfax. They entered the week ranked No. 14 in the state, according to Cal-Hi Sports.

The Vikings' lone loss came against Loyola, who they could potentially face in the third round if both teams prevail on Wednesday. Loyola cruised to a 61-39 win over Cleveland on Monday. Loyola faces Brentwood on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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FLU
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a bad flu season, but only time will tell," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The good news is that the nation seems fairly well prepared, Frieden said. More than a third of Americans have been vaccinated, and the vaccine formulated for this year is well-matched to the strains of the virus seen so far, CDC officials said.

Higher-than-normal reports of flu have come in from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. An uptick like this usually doesn't happen until after Christmas. Flu-related hospitalizations are also rising earlier than usual, and there have already been two deaths in children.

It's not clear why the flu is showing up so early.

The last time a conventional flu season started this early was the winter of 2003-04, which proved to be one of the most lethal seasons in the past 35 years, with more than 48,000 deaths. The dominant type of flu back then was the same one seen this year.

One key difference between then and now: In 2003-04, the vaccine was poorly matched to the predominant flu strain. Also, there's more vaccine now, and vaccination rates have risen for the general public and for key groups such as pregnant women and health care workers.

An estimated 112 million Americans have been vaccinated so far, the CDC said. Flu vaccinations are recommended for everyone 6 months or older.

On average, about 24,000 Americans die each flu season, according to the CDC.

Flu usually peaks in midwinter. Symptoms can include fever, cough, runny nose, head and body aches and fatigue. Some people also suffer vomiting and diarrhea, and some develop pneumonia or other severe complications.

A strain of swine flu that hit in 2009 caused a wave of cases in the spring and then again in the early fall. But that was considered a unique type of flu, distinct from the conventional strains that circulate every year.


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CAPTIONS
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Commission Monday, and plans to go before the Planning Commission and then the City Council within the coming two months.

It's a big issue for Butchko, who hasn't seen a movie in his hometown since he was taken to the animated film "Over the Hedge" when he was 4 years old.

"I still don't know what that movie is about," Butchko said.

In general, he only sees movies in the theater when he goes to visit his grandparents in Las Vegas. Many of the theaters have closed captions there, he said.

AMC committed to installing caption-viewing options within a few years, but John and his mother, Leslie Butchko, want to speed up the process.

City Hall is in a unique position to do so.

AMC Theaters has been working for years to build a new, 70,000-square-foot movie theater in Santa Monica complete with a restaurant and lounge, something city officials hope will become an anchor for visitors coming in on the new Exposition Light Rail Line.

The theater company and its development partner, Metropolitan Pacific Capital, must get a development agreement to build it. That's a contract between the developers and City Hall that allows the developer to exceed height and density restrictions set down in the zoning code in return for special benefits.

It might be possible to work in a requirement that the theater company include closed captioning technology in its theaters, said City Councilmember Bob Holbrook, although that wouldn't cover other theaters in Santa Monica.

"I think it's possible to do an ordinance, not just for one theater operator," he said. "Does everyone need to do it on every screen? No. But they have to go 12 to 13 miles away to see (a movie)."

He hopes the City Council will do what they need to do to make closed captions an option in Santa Monica.

The agreement to install caption-viewing capabilities came out of a letter sent by the Disability Rights Advocates in Berkeley, Calif., an international organization representing the Association of Late-Deafened Adults, asking the theater company to provide equipment to view captions, John Waldo, an attorney with Disability Rights Advocates, wrote in an e-mail.

"AMC responded that it would do so throughout California once it converted its movie theaters from traditional 35-millimeter film projection to digital projection, and ADLA and AMC signed an agreement to that effect," Waldo wrote.

The AMC Santa Monica 7 theater already has digital projection, but no captions.

The theater company blames technical difficulties that have prevented "some theaters," including the AMC Santa Monica 7, from acquiring the caption viewing ability.

"While we have experienced technical issues with the conversion at some theatres, including the AMC Santa Monica 7, we are working diligently with our vendors to ensure those issues are resolved as quickly as possible to make sure everyone can enjoy a movie at AMC," said an AMC spokesperson.

Waldo, who is familiar with the Santa Monica theater, wrote that the issue stemmed from problems trying to get two pieces of technology needed to display the captions to "talk" to one another because they are made by two different companies.

AMC wants to use CaptiView devices, a device slightly larger than a cell phone, which is shielded so that other movie-goers can't see it. It fits into the cupholder of the seat, and the captions are transmitted wirelessly so that the viewer can watch the movie and the glance down and see the captions that go with the scene.

These devices work well for the hard of hearing, but haven't gotten a glowing reception from the deaf, who have to read every word, Waldo said.

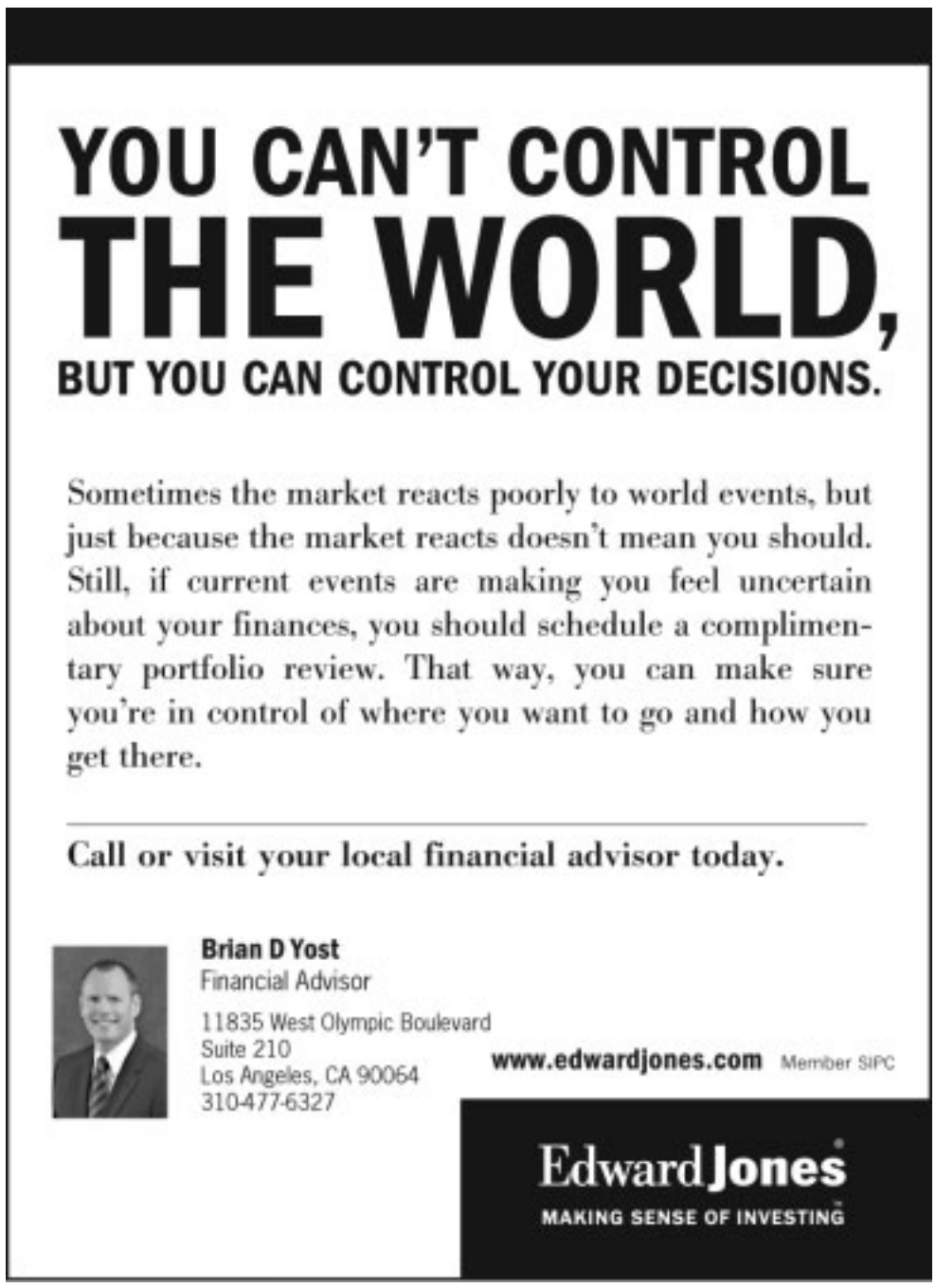
Other options include glasses that display the captions on the inside of the lens and Rear Windows Captioning, in which the captions are projected backward on the rear wall of the theater and then reflected in a panel held by the person who wishes to watch the movie.

The preferred method is open captioning, displaying the text on the screen with the images, "but the theaters are absolutely convinced that the general audience finds open captions distracting, and shuns those viewings," Waldo wrote.

Still, Butchko isn't quite ready to give up on the option of open caption movies. He also hopes to pressure AMC into agreeing to an open caption show at least once a week, possibly more.

"I, and many other children and adults with hearing loss, love to watch movies and have been waiting a long time to see captioned movies in Santa Monica," he told the Disabilities Commission. "Please recommend to the City Council that they use every means available to get captioning in our theaters. It will be good for Santa Monica and the theaters."

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Suspect being questioned in deadly NYC subway push

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NEW YORK Police questioned a suspect Tuesday in the death of a New Yorker who was pushed onto the tracks and photographed just before a train hit him — an image that drew virulent criticism after it appeared on the front page of the New York Post.

Investigators recovered security video showing a man fitting the description of the assailant working with street vendors near Rockefeller Center, New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said.

Witnesses told investigators they saw the suspect talking to himself Monday afternoon before he approached Ki-Suck Han at the Times Square station, got into an altercation with him and pushed him into the train's path.

Police took the man into custody Tuesday, but he hasn't yet been charged.

Han, 58, of Queens, died shortly after being struck. Police said he tried to climb a few feet to safety but got trapped between the train and the platform's edge.

The Post published a photo on its front page Tuesday of Han with his head turned toward the train, his arms reaching up but unable to climb off the tracks in time. It was shot by freelance photographer R. Umar Abbasi, who was waiting to catch a train as the situation unfolded.

Abbasi said in an audio clip on the Post's website that he used the flash on his camera to try to warn the train driver that someone was on the tracks. He said he wasn't strong enough to lift Han.

"I wanted to help the man, but I couldn't figure out how to help," Abbasi said. "It all happened so fast."

Emotional questions arose Tuesday over the published photograph of the helpless man standing before the oncoming train accompanied by the headline that read in part: "This man is about to die."

The moral issue among professional photojournalists in such situations is "to document or to assist," said Kenny Irby, an expert in the ethics of visual journalism at the Poynter Institute, a Florida-based nonprofit journalism school.

Other media outlets chimed in on the controversy, many questioning why the photograph had been taken and published.

"I'm sorry. Somebody's on the tracks. That's not going to help," said Al Roker on NBC's "Today" show as the photo was displayed.

CNN's Soledad O'Brien tweeted: "I think it's terribly disturbing — imagine if that were your father or brother." Larry King reached out to followers on Twitter to ask: "Did the (at)nypost go too far?"

The Post declined to share the photo when contacted by The Associated Press.

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THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minimal mix of WNW swell and SSW swell; Light AM wind

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Small short to mid period WNW-NW swell mix; Minimal SSW swell

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Small short to mid period WNW-NW swell mix; New/small SW swell moves in

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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 -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 30
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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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+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Winter Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

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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Stocks little changed as budget talks continue

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks closed little changed Tuesday on Wall Street as budget talks continued in Washington.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 13.82 points at 12,951.78 after trading in a narrow range of just 82 points. The Standard and Poor's 500 was down 2.41 points to 1,407.05. The Nasdaq composite was down 5.51 at 2,996.69.

Investors are waiting on developments from Washington in the budget talks, which are aimed at avoiding the "fiscal cliff." That refers to a series of sharp government spending cuts and tax increases that begin to kick in Jan. 1 and could eventually cause a recession.

President Barack Obama said Tuesday that a proposal by House Speaker John Boehner on Monday was "still out of balance." Obama, in an interview with Bloomberg Television, insisted on higher taxes for wealthy Americans.

Republicans, led by Boehner, have balked at Obama's proposal of $1.6 trillion in additional taxes over a decade, and Monday called for increasing the eligibility age for Medicare and lowering cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits.

"Politicians are doing their negotiating dance. They both start out on their extreme positions. The question is how long until they get into the middle," said Rex Macey, chief investment officer at Wilmington Trust Investment Advisors in Atlanta.

Among stocks making big moves, Darden Restaurants, owner of the Olive Garden, Red Lobster and LongHorn Steakhouse restaurant chains, fell $5.02, or 9.6 percent, to $47.40 after cutting its profit forecast for fiscal 2013.

Separately, analysts at Credit Suisse said that restaurant-goers would "quickly lose their appetite" if the U.S. went over the "cliff" because the job cuts that would likely follow would curb discretionary spending.

Stock trading will likely become increasingly more volatile the longer talks progress without a deal, said JJ Kinahan, chief derivatives strategist at TD Ameritrade.

"If you looked back a week ago, most people were under the impression that we'd get this solved fairly quickly," Kinahan said. "There hasn't really been any positive news, or any positive movement, in the last few days, and with that it makes people more and more nervous."

Despite the slow pace of the talks, the stock market has gained back nearly all of a post-election slide caused by concerns about the fiscal impasse. The S&P is now about 1.5 percent below where it was on Nov. 6. In mid-November it had dropped as much as 5 percent.

Bill Gross, the managing director of fund manager PIMCO, told investors in his regular newsletter that they should expect annualized bond returns of 3 to 4 percent at best in the future and stock returns that are "only a few percentage points higher."

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
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Anna Karenina (R) 2hrs 10min
Pride and Prejudice (PG) 2hrs 8min
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Discussion between films with actress Keira Knightley and director Joe Wright.
This event is sold out.

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

Red Dawn (PG-13) 1hr 54min
2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm

Life of Pi (PG) 2hrs 06min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Anna Karenina (R) 2hrs 10min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 7:55pm, 10:45pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:05pm

Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
12:30pm, 4:05pm, 7:20pm, 10:35pm

Flight (R) 2hrs 19min
12:15pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
11:25am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Rise of the Guardians 3D (PG) 1hr 37min
11:50am, 2:35pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:35am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Royal Affair (En kongelig affaere) (R) 2hrs 13min
3:50pm

Chasing Ice (PG-13) 1hr 14min
3:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:50pm, 10:00pm

Middle of Nowhere (R) 1hr 39min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Searching for Sugar Man (PG-13) 1hr 25min
4:40pm, 9:55pm

Sessions (R) 1hr 38min
1:00pm, 9:30pm

Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 1hr 42min
1:50pm, 7:20pm

Holy Motors (NR) 1hr 55min
4:20pm, 9:45pm

Late Quartet (R) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 7:10pm

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Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:35am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm

Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
11:25am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:45pm

Rise of the Guardians (PG) 1hr 37min
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 1hr 48min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Killing Them Softly (R) 1hr 40min
11:35am, 2:05pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Be a team player, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Focus on a project that you must complete. A partner or an associate could act like a taskmaster and frustrate you to no end. Understand your limits here, and tap into your ingenuity. Tonight: To the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination knows no limits, and it opens you up to a new way of thinking. You could find that a friend wants more, which confuses you on some level, as you have kept romance and friendship separate. Be true to yourself. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might decide to call it an early day and head home; on the other hand, some of you will decide to just enjoy a day off. Of all the signs, you have the least amount of tolerance for boredom. Take up a new hobby to invigorate your daily life. Tonight: Make it easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Express yourself in a clear and succinct manner. Realize your limits within a discussion. No matter how creative you get, there are some things that are best left unsaid. Take time for a child or a new friend. Tonight: Catch up on a neighbor's news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You no longer can avoid taking a hard look at your budget. You might feel uncomfortable at first, but it is better than not having enough money for the holidays. You'll come up with some good ideas that could make the next few weeks even more special. Tonight: Buy a gift on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Confusion surrounds a project, and possibly even a loved one. A misunderstanding might not be all that bad, as perhaps you have not yet heard the whole story. You'll feel happier when you do. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Know when you want to pull back. You could be taken aback by the assumptions someone close to you makes. You might not be sure what direction to head in. Do not worry so much. Tonight: Make an adjustment to your thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Emphasize others. You understand your own strength and where it comes from. You need less support than many other people do. Meetings could be quite important. Tonight: Only where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Carefully rethink a situation involving a boss or higher-up. You could feel quite restricted, as you sense this person's negativity. The question remains: Is there really negativity here, or are you projecting it onto the situation? Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Listen to your sixth sense. You know when something is off. You need to honor those feelings, as they could prevent a problem before it happens. Someone at a distance or on a trip could rain on your parade. Tonight: Detach, and you will see more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A partner whispers in your ear and has a lot to share. You listen, though you might want more information. A boss or an older friend could be challenging. Though you get feedback, your sixth sense tells you something different. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Be a team player.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Think carefully about what is being proposed. The problem lies in how much is being thrown on your plate. Not one person approaches you to help, either. You have to choose with whom and on what project you want to be involved. Tonight: Join friends.

Happy birthday

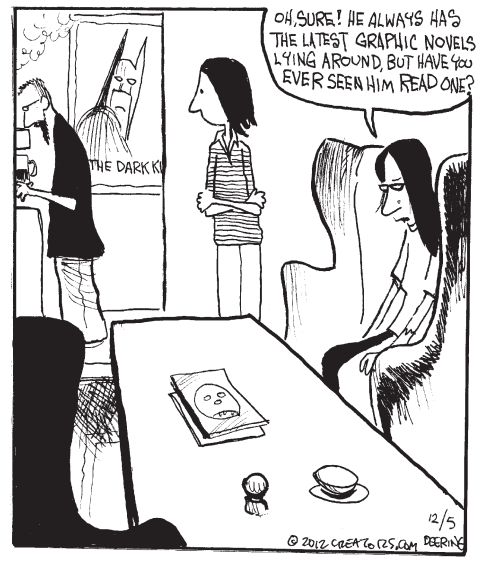
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you could experience an inordinate amount of pressure, as often what you feel could be in conflict with what you think or must do. People pick up on your mixed messages. You are better off explaining your internal battle to others, even though they likely will know about it anyway. If you are single, check out someone you meet with care. This person might not be everything he or she portrays him- or herself to be. Take a full year to get to know each other. If you are attached, the two of you will learn to communicate far better, which allows you to open up more. Caring flows between you. VIRGO can be demanding.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



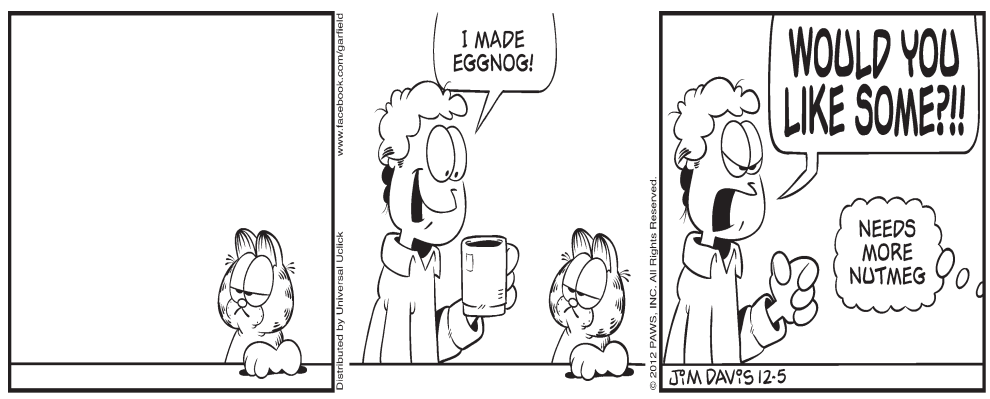
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★★

		8				4		
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	9		8	4	5		6	
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	5						3	

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Address for a French friend
7 Tot transport
11 Found darling
12 Luke's sister
13 Refutation
14 High point
15 Allergy sign
17 Created
20 Origami need
23 Low digit
24 Prickly plant
26 Quirk
27 Bird of myth
28 Vining plant
29 Egg dishes
31 Neckline shape
32 Settle, as a debt
33 Clutter
34 Clash
37 Battery fill
39 River of New York
43 Valentine word
44 Colorful bird
45 Cut drastically
46 Social service

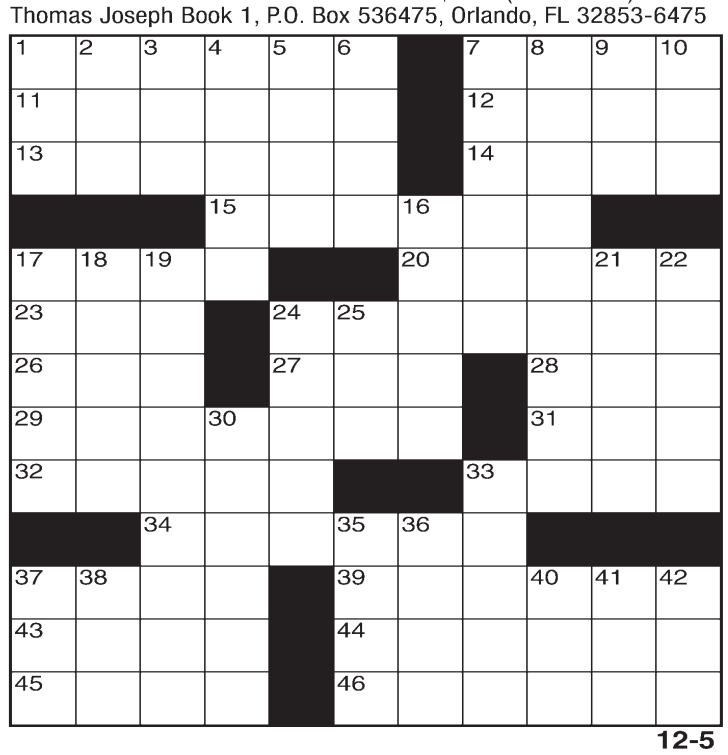
DOWN

1 Fuming
2 Lyric poem
3 Persona — grata
4 Come up
5 Signify
6 Doing nothing
7 City squares
8 Open to suggestion
9 Objective
10 Astronaut Jemison
16 Sprawling tales
17 Car part
18 Cartoon genre
19 Misleading
21 Christmas helpers
22 Shortstop José
24 Deuce toppers
25 Simmering
30 Praised
33 Radio, magazines, and the like
35 Whiskey serving
36 Entice
37 In the style of
38 Rowing team leader
40 Distress call
41 Flamenco cry
42 Badminton need

P	L	O	T	S	■	S	A	L	O	N
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Yesterday's answer

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/30
11 22 24 28 31
Meganumber: 46
Jackpot: $13M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 12/1
4 17 18 32 46
Meganumber: 24
Jackpot: $17M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/4
4 7 20 31 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/4
MIDDAY: 6 3 0
EVENING: 0 8 7

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 12/4
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:45.92

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In October, the former captain of the Italian cruise ship Costa Concordia (on which 32 people died after it ran aground in January 2012) filed a lawsuit against Costa Cruises for "wrongfully" firing him. Francesco Schettino is awaiting trial for manslaughter, accused of sending the ship dangerously close to shore on a personal lark, and was also charged with abandoning ship, since he was spotted in a lifeboat in the midst of passengers' escape. (Schettino said he wound up in the lifeboat only because he "slipped" and fell in.)

■ The government's Health Canada agency announced in October that Avmor Ltd. had agreed to recall one lot of its Antimicrobial Foaming Hand Soap -- because it was contaminated with microbes. (The recall did not disclose whether the danger was due to too many microbes overwhelming the soap or due to the inability of the antimicrobial soap to kill any microbes at all.)

■ Karma: (1) Tyller Myers, 19, was killed in a collision near Norwalk, Ohio, in September when he ran a stop sign and was rammed by a tractor-trailer. Afterward, police found three stolen stop signs in Myers' truck. (2) A 21-year-old man was killed crossing a highway at 5 a.m. in Athens, Ga., in September. Police said he had just dined-and-dashed out of a Waffle House restaurant and into the path of a pickup truck.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1876 – Brooklyn Theater Fire kills at least 278 people in Brooklyn, NY.

1914 – The Italian Parliament proclaims the neutrality of the country.

1920 – Dimitrios Rallis forms a government in Greece.

1932 – German-born Swiss physicist Albert Einstein is granted an American visa.

WORD UP!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER THE GRANTING OF A VARIANCE AND
THE ADOPTION OF A COMPLIANCE DATE

CASE NO. 5911-1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the South Coast Air Quality Management District Hearing Board will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013 in the Hearing Board Room, District Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, to consider the granting of a regular variance from Rules 203 and 1146.1 of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Rules and Regulations and the adoption of a final compliance date for a internal combustion engine, and boilers at SANTA MONICA BAY TOWERS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, 101 California Avenue, Suite 104, Santa Monica, California, 90403. Rule 203 requires a permit to operate and requires operation in accordance with specified conditions of said permit. Rule 1146.1 limits emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NOX) from small industrial, institutional, and commercial boilers, steam generators, and process heaters. The nature and extent of estimated excess emissions, if any, are to be determined by the Hearing Board.

A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California.

Interested persons may attend and submit oral or written statements at the hearing. Bring eight (8) copies of any exhibits you wish to present at the hearing.

Interested persons wishing to attend the hearing should notify the Clerk of the Board, (909) 396-2500, in order to be notified of any changes regarding the scheduling of the hearing.

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DATED: November 29, 2012

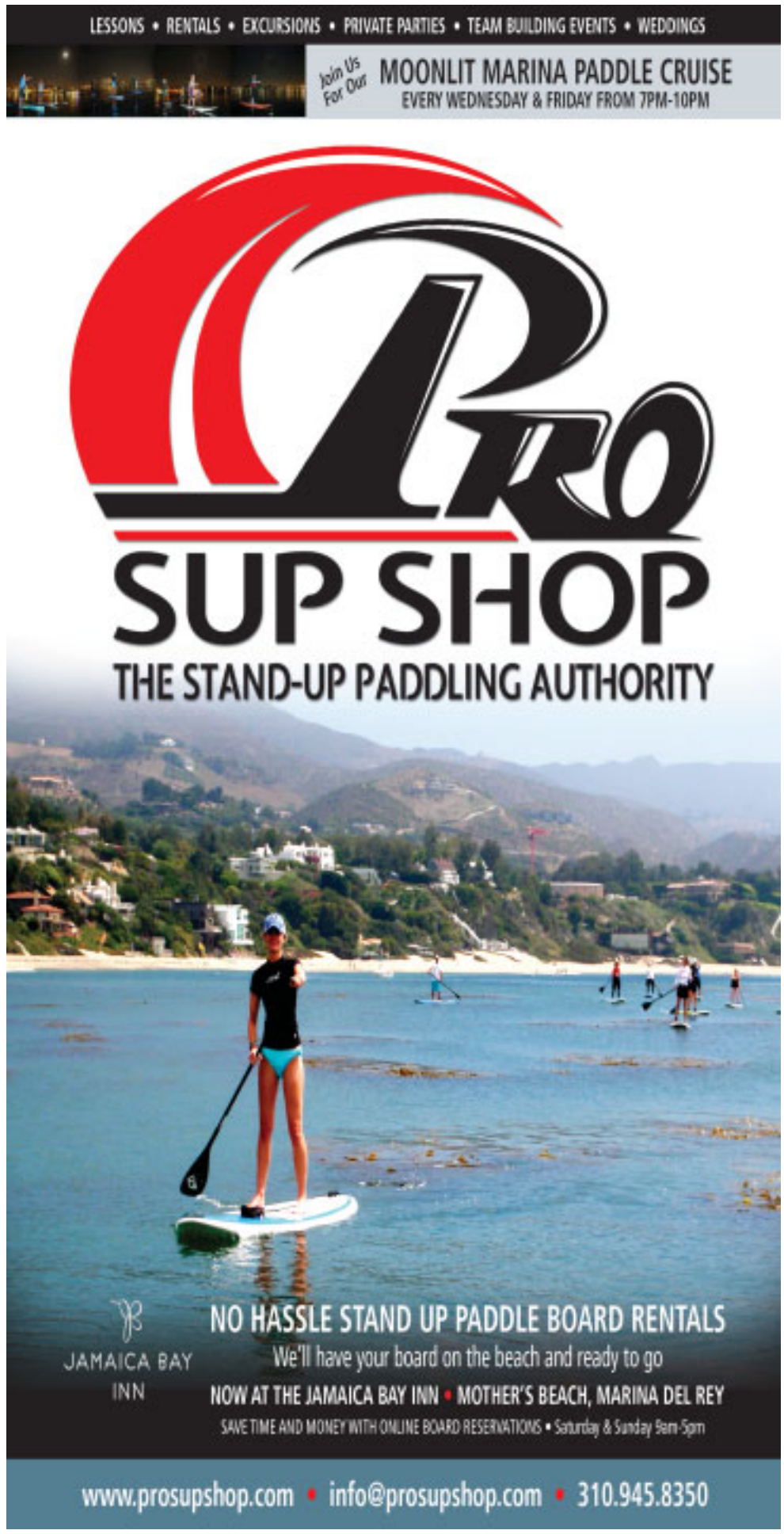
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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS022929
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of ARYA ALEXANDER KARAMOOZ for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: ARYA ALEXANDER KARAMOOZ filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ARYA ALEXANDER KARAMOOZ to ARYA ALEXANDER. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: JANUARY 4, 2013 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A, Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 MAIN ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: NOVEMBER 20, 2012
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT





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