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THE FULL STRENGTH ISSUE

Nimish Patel won't seek re-election

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQRTRS Nimish Patel, who pulled out a surprise victory in the 2010 Board of Education election, will not be running again.

Patel's role at as his law firm has expanded and he said he wants to be able to devote time to his family including his two children.

"Deciding not to seek reelection was a painstaking decision for me because serving on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District board has been one of the greatest

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Water mains top $5.8M consent calendar

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL Just two weeks after the passage of an $11 million consent calendar, City Council will consider approving $5,848,407 in spending tonight.

The city's water mains are 70 to 90 years old and City Hall wants to replace them during a three-phase, $4,132,341 project.

Environmental Assessment and Remediation Management will likely get the bid. First, they will add 2,000 feet of new

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Photos by Matthew Hall

GROOVE: People flocked to Main Street for the annual Summer Soulstice.

Soulstice packs Main Street

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

MAIN STREET Santa Monica's Summer Soulstice concert drew thousands of music lovers to Main Street on June 22 and organizers said the event's popularity rebounded from the 2013 date change despite competition from a pivotal World Cup game.

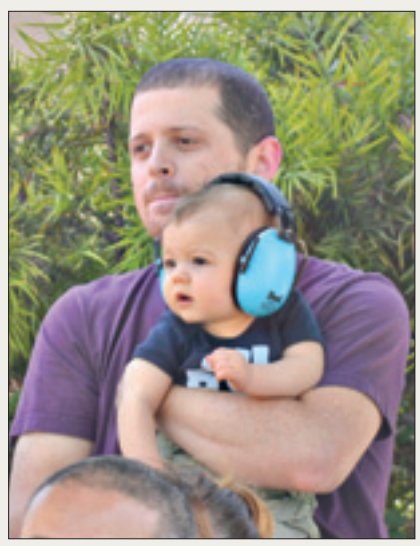
In 2013, the concerts were moved to August and Gary Gordon said the change, combined with a decrease in the number of acts, cut into attendance. He said the changes prompted several new volunteers to get involved this year and he credited their energy for helping rebuild the event.

"It takes an enormous amount of work and we have a great committee," he said. "Some are ones who were displeased with how things shook out last year and instead of just complaining about it, they jumped in, said 'hey were' going to make it better' and they did."

The Main Street Business Improvement Association hosted the 14th Annual Summer SOULstice Festival on Main Street on June 22. The event included performances by 15 bands, food, sidewalk sales, and shopping as a fundraiser to support Heal the Bay.

Kelley Coughlan, Managing Partner with Melrose Public Relations and one of the event organizers, also credited the event committee.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Zumba
1450 Ocean Ave., 7 - 8 p.m.
Zumba is a Latin-inspired, calorie-burning, dance-fitness party. The class is so much fun you won't even feel like you're working out! All fitness levels welcome. Drop-in participation is available for $15. For more information, please call (310) 458-2239. Offered through the City of Santa Monica Community Classes program.

Flower Girl Fun
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Discover new stories, make a cool Hawaiian lei craft, and meet Lynelle Woolley, author of the Flower Girl World book series. For ages 4 through 9.

Sustainable Landscape Architechture - Developing a Planting Plan
Santa Monica College Bundy Campus
3171 Bundy Dr., 4 - 7 p.m.
Learn how to specify climate appropriate plants and lawn alternatives. Discover success stories. See how to factor design height and growth elements into a sustainable landscape design that minimize pests and lowers maintenance. Learn proper tree selection. Find out how to create hydrozones. This class covers the special considerations for plant choice, soil mix, and drainage for successful plantings in containers and in-structure planters. Class is intended for professional landscape architects and requires a working knowledge of AutoCAD and Sketchup. Visit http://www.smgov.net/departments/ose for more information.

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Women in Wine
Hotel Casa del Mar
1910 Ocean Way, 6:30 p.m.
Guests will sample three Californian wines from three dynamic female winemakers, including Kate MacMurray of MacMurray Ranch-a former actress and screenwriter who is now carrying on her family's legacy in winemaking; Tara Gomez of Kitá Wines-the country's first Native American winemaker; and Sarah Gott of Joel Gott Wines-a California native with more than 20 years of experience in the industry. Passed hors d'oeuvres from Chef Sven Mede will be paired with the wines, as guests enjoy live music from the Jasmine Tommaso Trio. Tickets are available for $65 per person. Guests interested in reservations can call (310) 581-7714. Visit www.hotelcasadelmar.com for more information.

Democrats to host City Manager
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
1343 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Democratic Club will host City Manager Rod Gould at their next membership meeting on June 25. Numerous city issues will be discussed including the light rail/transportation update, Hines project experience, upcoming Miramar Hotel, future of 14th/Wilshire Activity Center, future Marijuana sales outlets, and the city financial situation among others. Audience participation encouraged. Q & A to follow. Public invited, light refreshments, free parking, no charge

Sounds For An Other Tomorrow - An Evening of Utopian Music
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 7 - 9 p.m.
Join us for a night of music performed by, for, and towards utopia. The evening will consist of three short programs put together by members of the Llano Del Rio Collective, Kelly Marie Martin, Erin Schneider, John Schneider.

UGI® Ball Body Blast
Clover Park
2600 Ocean Park Blvd., 7-7:45 p.m.
Get on board with the hottest new piece of fitness equipment, the UGI® ball! It's like a medicine ball, but softer, better looking, and can be used for the whole body. Versatile enough for strength training and comfortable enough for Pilates! Join Master Instructor Jill Brown for this express workout that incorporates strength, cardio, endurance and balance. Drop-in participation is available for $20. Please bring a mat, towel, and water. For more information, please call (310) 458-2239. Offered through the City of Santa Monica Community Classes program.

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



OPENING UP

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 20 for Ocean Villa. The assisted living community is located at 413 Ocean Ave. Visit www.meridianseniorcommunity/meridian-at-ocean-villa for more information.

Hate the grocery? These companies deliver groceries to you on demand

BY JOSEPH PISANI
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK If you dread making supermarket runs, you're in luck.

Same-day grocery delivery services from Google, Instacart and Postmates are expanding into more cities around the country, delivering everything from cereal to bottled water to toilet paper from nearby stores.

I tried out all three services, and they're fast, easy to use and way more convenient than waiting in the checkout line. All three deliver from local stores as well as some big national chains, such as Whole Foods, Costco and Target.

The services are different from more established grocery delivery companies such as FreshDirect, Peapod and AmazonFresh, because they don't actually sell groceries directly to you. Google Shopping Express, Instacart and Postmates merely send someone to stores in your neighborhood. It works like this: You select what you want online or on an app, choose a delivery time and the service will deliver the items to your door.

But convenience comes at a price. The delivery charges can vary greatly. Google and Instacart offer flat rates, while Postmates' fees depend on the distance of the delivery. And you may want to tip the delivery people. All three companies say it's not necessary, but Instacart and Postmates allows you to add a tip while shopping on the app or website.

Besides delivery costs, Instacart charges a premium for items from some of the stores it delivers from. That means you will end up paying a lot more than if you walked over to the shop and bought it yourself.

Another downside: getting your groceries delivered means you may be missing out on using coupons or browsing for cheaper alternatives in the store. And the orders do

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Street

Paul Conrad to be remembered

Paul Conrad, the late 3-time Pulitzer Prize winning political cartoonist, will be remembered and honored at a "90th Birthday Public Gathering" on June 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the monumental 26-foot-tall 'Chain Reaction' peace sculpture he created and gifted to the City of Santa Monica in 1991. The sculpture, which warns of the dangers of nuclear escalation, is located in the Santa Monica Civic Center on the 1800 block of Main Street.

The event is free to the public and all ages are cordially invited. The featured speaker will be Robert Scheer, the award-winning journalist, Editor in Chief of Truthdig and former columnist for the Los Angeles Times. Scheer was a friend and co-worker of Mr. Conrad when they both worked at the L.A. Times.

'Chain Reaction' was declared a City landmark in July of 2012 by the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. The City is currently working on the full restoration of the unique and timely sculpture. Paul Conrad's family, the community and the 'Save Chain Reaction' campaign helped raise more than $100,000 to assist Santa Monica with the restoration.

At the event, participants will be invited to share in a '90 Cupcake Birthday Peace Symbol Display', as the cupcakes are arranged to form a giant peace symbol. The cupcakes are being provided courtesy of the creative West Hollywood bakery Cake and Art. For further information call (310) 399-1000.

– MATTHEW HALL

Main Library

Author presentation and reading

Santa Monica Public Library welcomes author Arthur Hoyle for a presentation on legendary American author Henry Miller on Wednesday, June 25 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Arthur Hoyle is the author of the new book "The Unknown Henry Miller: A Seeker in Big Sur," which Miller's son Tony has praised as "the best book ever written about my father." In his presentation at the library, Mr. Hoyle provides an overview of Henry Miller's literary career and storied life, and shows how they are reflected in his fiction. He also discusses Miller's long battle with the censorship of his work, including his breakout novel Tropic of Cancer, which was published in Paris, but was banned for decades in the United States and Great Britain. A book sale and signing follows the author's talk.

Arthur Hoyle is a writer, educator, and independent filmmaker. He is at work on his second book, a profile of forgotten or controversial American men and women who made significant contributions to American history and culture.

This program is free and all ages are welcome. Space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. This is an event of The Living Room ... a place for adults program series. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

– MH

Main Library

Big Blue Bus Hosts community meeting

Big Blue Bus' management team will explain and answer questions about service proposals from 6 - 8 p.m. on June 25 at the Main Library 2nd Floor, Multi-Purpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. This is an opportunity for community members to learn more and weigh in on the proposed service updates for fall 2014. Maps with proposed route changes will also be made available. For anyone unable to make the meeting, proposals can be viewed and commented on at www.BigBlueBus.com.

In order to address schedule reliability issues on Route 3, Big Blue Bus is proposing to split the long 90-minute route into two separate services. Four fifths of BBB Route 3 customers who travel either on the southern portion of this route only, between the Green Line Aviation Station along Lincoln through downtown Santa Monica, or the northern portion only, between downtown Santa Monica to UCLA via Montana, will see little change besides positive effects or more on-time arrivals and a new route number on the northern section of the route. This meeting will explain more about the impacts for approximately one-fifth of Route 3 customers who currently have a "one-seat" ride through downtown Santa Monica. With the proposed changes, these customers will have to make a transfer downtown and pay an additional fare if they do not have a BBB Monthly Pass or a UCLA Flash Pass. Also proposed are minor schedule modifications to Route 1 to improve schedule reliability and minor changes to other routes.

The Big Blue Bus operates a fleet of over 200 Clean Air Natural Gas vehicles providing more than 19 million trips annually across a 51-square mile service area and has been serving Santa Monica and the Los Angeles area since 1928.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Voice of the people

Editor:

Kevin McKeown's idea to introduce a ballot measure to give residents a chance to vote on new developments on Ocean Avenue is a step in the right direction, but just does not go far enough. Residents should have the right to vote on all matters that are in front of the City Council. We should be able to vote on allowing a Dunkin Donuts to go across the street from a Krispy Kreme. We should be allowed to vote on having green fire trucks as opposed to red ones. And we definitely should be allowed to vote which species of squirrel is allowed to live in Palisades Park.

The simple solution is to make the first Tuesday of every month ballot day. The City Council can put a list of items that we, as citizens, can vote on to better run our City than our elected officials can. We can call it Residocrazy Tuesday. It's time we took back the power we have given to our elected officials.

Michael C. Dubin
Santa Monica

Follow the zoning code

Editor:

RE: Ocean Avenue Draft Ballot Measure on 6/24 Council Agenda

I appreciate Council members McKeown and Vazquez' effort to draft a ballot measure to be presented for consideration at the July 8 council meeting.

However, call me naïve, but why should any development exceed zoning requirements? Zoning requirements have been approved for a purpose. Namely, to protect our city from overdevelopment. The problem is not developers requesting zoning variances. The real problem is some planning commissioners and some council members, who seem to be financially beholden to developers, allowing zoning variances. Going through the voter approval process each time will put us on a perpetual merry-go-round thereby creating voter fatigue. And, as usual, big money spent by developers to influence voters will determine the outcome of these ballot measures.

Wouldn't it be better to elect council members who respect residents' concerns and opinions, follow our laws and ordinances, and vote for what is good for Santa Monica? Just because development agreements, which can circumvent zoning requirements, are allowed by state law, doesn't mean that it is good for our city. Excessive development is definitely not good for Santa Monica.

Regula K. Ziegler
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Veterans are going to the dogs

I LOVE MARINES. I WAS NEVER IN THE armed services, but I love the Marines. I find them easy work to with when they come to my office and want their children. They take orders so well it makes my job as a father's right attorney almost easy.

But there are many other reasons why I love a Marine: that indomitable sense of loyalty, that ability to focus on a mission and get a job done. Plus the uniforms, they are really the most dashing of all the branches.

Truly though it's the loyalty that chokes me up and makes me wish I had been a Marine. I am reminded of it this week as we approach Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness day, which is this Friday, June 27.

PTSD is what any normal human can suffer if they go through an event, or series of events, that is extremely stressful. Veterans of foreign wars tend to have it in varying degrees and though some vets return home and readjust to civilian life seamlessly, others struggle to leave the horrors behind. They continue to relive the nightmares, they never get out of the darkness of war. At least not without help.

That's where The Battle Buddy Foundation comes in, and this story begins.

Kenny Bass was a vet who was struggling to get back from his service in Iraq. He went through the VA and their standard rigmarole of bureaucracy and prescription drugs - but it wasn't helping. After years lost to drugs, alcohol and thinking about suicide - an option that more than 22 veterans take each day - the VA prescribed something totally different, a dog.

We see them every day. Services dogs that help the blind navigate the world. These days, dogs are trained to be of service to paraplegics, epileptics, and diabetics. So to think that a dog could help someone with PTSD is not a stretch. For those of us with a dog, we'll tell you they're the best therapy possible some days.

Often times you'll see a homeless person with a dog, and wonder, why? The answer is simple really. They want to be loved; they want someone or something to care for them, and to care for. It's a primal need.

I have known many a person who says their dog got them through a bad depression and they were thinking of killing themselves but couldn't stand the thought of what would happen to the dog.

The VA prescribed Kenny Bass a dog to treat his PTSD but they didn't have any way to fulfill the prescription. Typical government right? We know what you need, but can't help you get it.

Kenny got lucky though and found a guy who trained dogs to be service dogs for PTSD. The problem was the dog costs thousands of dollars, and Kenny didn't have the money. The trainer trusted this Marine though and gave him the dog on a payment plan. That changed Kenny's life. It was not just that Atlas, Kenny's service dog, gave him a new lease on life, but the entire experience gave Kenny a new purpose in life. To provide vets who are suffering from PTSD with a service animal.

That purpose became The Battle Buddy Foundation that was co-founded with Joshua Rivers, who served with Kenny in Iraq and tried to help him here in Los Angeles. I met Joshua over at the Wilshire and 7th offices of GIIVE, through Bruce Gehrke. GIIVE is helping TBBF raise the awareness of the need for veterans with PTSD to be treated, and to provide service dogs custom trained for each vet's needs.

PTSD is not preventable, but it is treatable. We owe it to our veterans to help them find their way home from the darkness. TBBF has 4,000 vets who need dogs, and 1,000 people who want to be trainers. What they don't have it money to make it happen. As a new 501c(3) they are getting their sea legs under them and have placed eight dogs so far. With at least 22 veterans a day committing suicide, there is a critical need for anything that will help.

The first large scale training facility is currently being built in Texas where TBBF will house and train both service dogs and their veterans. TBBF needs your help in completing the mission that Kenny started with Atlas - to provide our veterans who need them, service dogs to get them back from the nightmare of war.

Bumper sticker patriotism is easy. I saw a lot of yellow ribbon stickers a few years back. But that's worthless. No sticker helped a veteran suffering from PTSD, and it never will. The cold wet nose of dog, in the middle of the night however can bring calm, and meaning, to what was once a meaningless existence.

The Marines who founded TBBF are a special breed. They rush in where angels fear to tread. They saw the need, and the solution. They founded the organization to help those the VA can't. Like typical Marines they banded together to get the job done.

It's time we helped them to help all the others.

This Friday, make a donation to The Battle Buddy Foundation in honor of PTSD Awareness day. Whether it's $5 or $5,000 it's going to a good cause. Their website is www.tbbf.org.

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DELIVER
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not always go according to plan. If an item is sold out, the delivery person will call you to figure out what to do next.

Before ordering, run an Internet search to see any coupon codes are available. I found discounts or free delivery offers for all three.

Here's how the services measured up:

GOOGLE SHOPPING EXPRESS

Items listed on Google's service match those of the stores it works with. That's because Google shares in the profits. The biggest downside is that the company doesn't deliver meats, fish, fruits and other perishable groceries yet, even though it delivers from stores that sell them, including Target, Fairway and Costco. (You need to have a membership to order from Costco.) Google says it is working on a way to sell perishables in the future.

All the items I ordered were available in the store, and they were wrapped up nicely too. My delivery came in bags with the Google Shopping Express logo, and my two glass bottles of sparkling water were wrapped and taped in paper to prevent them from breaking.

The company goes beyond groceries to deliver TVs, pots, air conditioners and other items. I ended up turning to Google Shopping Express again to buy a last-minute Father's Day gift.

DELIVERY FEES: $4.99 for each delivery. It's currently offering six-months of free deliveries to new users. It plans to offer a membership plan for free deliveries, but hasn't come up with pricing yet.

DELIVERY AREAS: Available in four cities: Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and San Jose. It also makes overnight deliveries in parts of Northern California.

INSTACART

For my first order with Instacart, I selected items from Whole Foods. I ordered clams, which I was nervous about. I like to select them myself to make sure they're not cracked or dead. But the two dozen I ordered came in perfect condition. Instacart manager Aditya Shah says the company's staff is trained to pick out the freshest fruits, vegetables and other perishable foods.

Two items I wanted were sold out. The delivery person called to see if I wanted replacements, but I missed the call. Instacart automatically took the two unavailable items off my bill.

The five items I bought from Whole Foods were the same price as in the store. But that's not always the case. When I compared Instacart's prices on items from another local supermarket, they were a lot higher than the in-store prices. Instacart charged 67 percent more for a container of cream cheese and 40 percent more for a jar of strawberry jelly. Shah says that Instacart's prices are decided on its own and vary by store and category, and take into account the commission paid to delivery people.

One benefit: You can order from Costco even if you don't have a membership for the warehouse club.

DELIVERY FEES: Two-hour deliveries are $3.99. One-hour deliveries are $14.99. If you pay $99 a year for an Instacart Plus membership, all two-hour deliveries over $35 are free.

DELIVERY AREAS: Available in 10 cities: Austin, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle and Washington D.C.

POSTMATES

This service was the most personable. After I made an order through the app, I received a picture of the delivery person and his phone number. The packaged salami I wanted was sold out. But the delivery person called and got some from the store's deli instead.

One item was wrong. I was delivered a Greek yogurt with 2 percent fat instead of the fat free one I wanted. The company says it offers refunds on case-by-case basis and that I could email customer service. I didn't bother, it was the same brand I wanted, and not that big of a deal.

The delivery person also emailed me a picture of the receipt. The yogurt and salami turned out to be cheaper in the store than the Postmates app initially estimated, and the app charged me the lower prices.

Besides groceries, the company delivers from local restaurants, drugstores and even fast food joints.

DELIVERY FEES: Start at $5 and are determined by distance. In addition, a 9 percent service fee is also charged.

DELIVERY AREAS: Available in seven cities: Austin, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington D.C.

The Q Line

The world is watching

Considering the World Cup has begun, we started to think who is generating the most interest.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Who are you going for and why?

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SCHOOLS
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honors of my life," he said in an e-mail to the Daily Press. "But my professional obligations have recently increased substantially, and I need to make sure that I balance this with being an attentive husband and an involved dad. I am so grateful to my business colleagues and family for being supportive over the past four years and giving me time to dedicate to public service, one of the greater joys in life."

Patel is the lone board member who is not endorsed by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the city's largest political party.

He raised $90,000 in the 2010 race but failed to win a major endorsement, according to Daily Press archives.

Still, he managed to place fourth in the race for four seats, unseating then-Board President Barry Snell.

"I will always cherish the relationships I've established with my fellow board members, the superintendent and the amazing district staff," Patel said in the e-mail. "Most importantly I want to thank my constituents from the city of Santa Monica and Malibu for their support and for reaffirming why I love this community so much. Because public service is something my family and I cherish, I intend to remain involved in the community but in a different capacity."

Patel's vacancy means that at least one seat will be open in this year's race. The terms of three other members are also set to expire this year.

Laurie Lieberman, who served as the board president last year, is the only member to file re-election paperwork, according to City Hall's campaign disclosure website. She filed her first papers in January. Lieberman was the top vote-getter in 2010.

The term of Oscar de la Torre, founder of the Pico Youth and Family Center and co-chair of the Pico Neighborhood Association, is also set to expire at the end of this year. Earlier this month, he told the Daily Press that he has not yet decided whether or not he plans to run for City Council this year.

Ralph Mechur, current vice-president of the board, is also at the end of his term.

Boardmember Ben Allen is not up for re-election this November but he is running for State Senate. Earlier this month he was the top vote-getter in the primary election. He'll face-off with Sandra Fluke in November. If elected, he would have to vacate his seat on the board.

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CONSENT
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pipe along Olympic Boulevard between 26th Street and Stewart Avenue, improving water pressure along that segment and adding five hydrants to the incoming Expo Light Rail station in the area.

Next, they'll replace 8,300 feet of 1920s and 1940s-era cast iron water mains with PVC-type pipes. Many of these replacements will also occur in and around Olympic.

For area residents and businesses, the water may be shut off once to tie the new lines in with the old ones but all construction would occur after 8 p.m.

Finally, they'll install 1,200 feet of treated urban runoff water main to facilitate the tight construction schedule of the Colorado Esplanade, a planned pedestrian-friendly thoroughfare that will tie-in to the Downtown Expo station.

HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES

The Santa Monica Police Department has been working with West Coast Care Foundations since 2008 to help homeless people find housing, find medical facilities, return to their families, and rehabilitate their lives.

Since March of 2011, they've made contact with nearly 43,000 homeless people in Santa Monica. They helped 952 homeless people find shelter.

Council will consider spending $239,786 to keep their services for at least the next year.

DNA SPECIALIST

SMPD uses DNA to solve crimes but its forensic lab is not equipped to do DNA analysis. The Los Angeles County Crime Lab analyzes DNA in the order in which it's received from municipalities. Currently there's a backlog at crime lab.

This can results in delays, up to six months, in identifying subjects and solving crimes according to city officials. The delays allow criminals to offend multiple times before they're arrested, city officials said.

City Hall wants to pay $156,000 to contract a senior criminologist at the lab to handle cases involving Santa Monica. The criminologist will coordinate directly with SMPD.

TOWING

Fire trucks and buses break down too and when they do, they need a tow. This fiscal year, which ends this month, 148 buses needed tows. Tom John Towing will likely be paid $92,000 to tow City Hall's big vehicles.

BUS GAS

You think you pay a lot for gas. Council will likely fork over $400,000 to Agility Fuel Systems for repair and refurbishment of the Big Blue Bus gas tanks.

PROMENADE MAP DIRECTORIES

Try getting lost on the Third Street Promenade now. City Hall wants to add five new map directories to replace deteriorating directories that were installed in 1989. Earlier this year, council gave approval for two new directories and a way-finding pylon. Five new directories will cost $132,750 and would be installed by AD/S Companies.

TRASH BINS

City Hall has nearly 34,000 trash collection containers of different sizes throughout the city. City officials are in the process of replacing some of them. They want to pay Otto Environmental Systems North America, Inc. $100,000 for replacements. It's not clear how many they are slated to supply but their bins range in cost from $247 to $359.

ANIMAL CONTROL TRUCKS

Four new animal transportation trucks for the Santa Monica Police Department's Animal Control Unit will likely cost City Hall $196,993. The old trucks have reached the end of their useful lives, according to City Hall. South Bay Ford Lincoln will likely get the contract.

AERIAL TRUCKS

Two aerial trucks, the ones city workers use to replace and maintain traffic signals and the like, are worn out. Two new ones from Fritts Ford will cost $323,831.

HONDAS

The Architecture Services Division and Street and Fleet Services Division each need a new Honda Civic to replace old vehicles. Council will likely opt to pay Scott Robinson Honda $27,433 for the cars.

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ROCK ON: **The Summer Soulstice concert drew thousands of music lovers to Main Street on June 22.**

MAIN

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"It was an excellent turnout, incredible weather, and really great bands," she said. "People seemed to be really happy and excited about our partnership with Heal The Bay. It was an awesome community effort. Our event committee this year met weekly for the past few months and included roughly 15 people at each meeting, which was fantastic. It was a great effort on many parts."

Gordon said many of the bands were returning favorites that are requested year after year by residents but he said he also tries to bring a few new bands each year.

"We try and do the diversity, it's never been all tribute bands," he said. "We have some of the same people every year, well yeah, because I get calls a month or two in advance asking if someone is going to be band, we try to break in new bands but we also stick with bands that we know are going to be popular."

Gordon said residents often provide feedback via the associations' Twitter page, Facebook or email.

"There was just a great vibe, that people were having fun, and that's my favorite complement," he said. "Ultimately it's very important that the merchants had a good day but it takes s few days to get feedback about that. I love that people were having fun on Main Street."

Gordon said a World Cup game featuring the U.S. team had a small impact on attendance during the afternoon but he thought crowds rebounded for the evening performances.

"The stages near the end of the day, the crowds looked almost like the usually do, maybe just a touch off," he said.

Coughlan said much of the success should be attributed to the hard work of the local businesses.

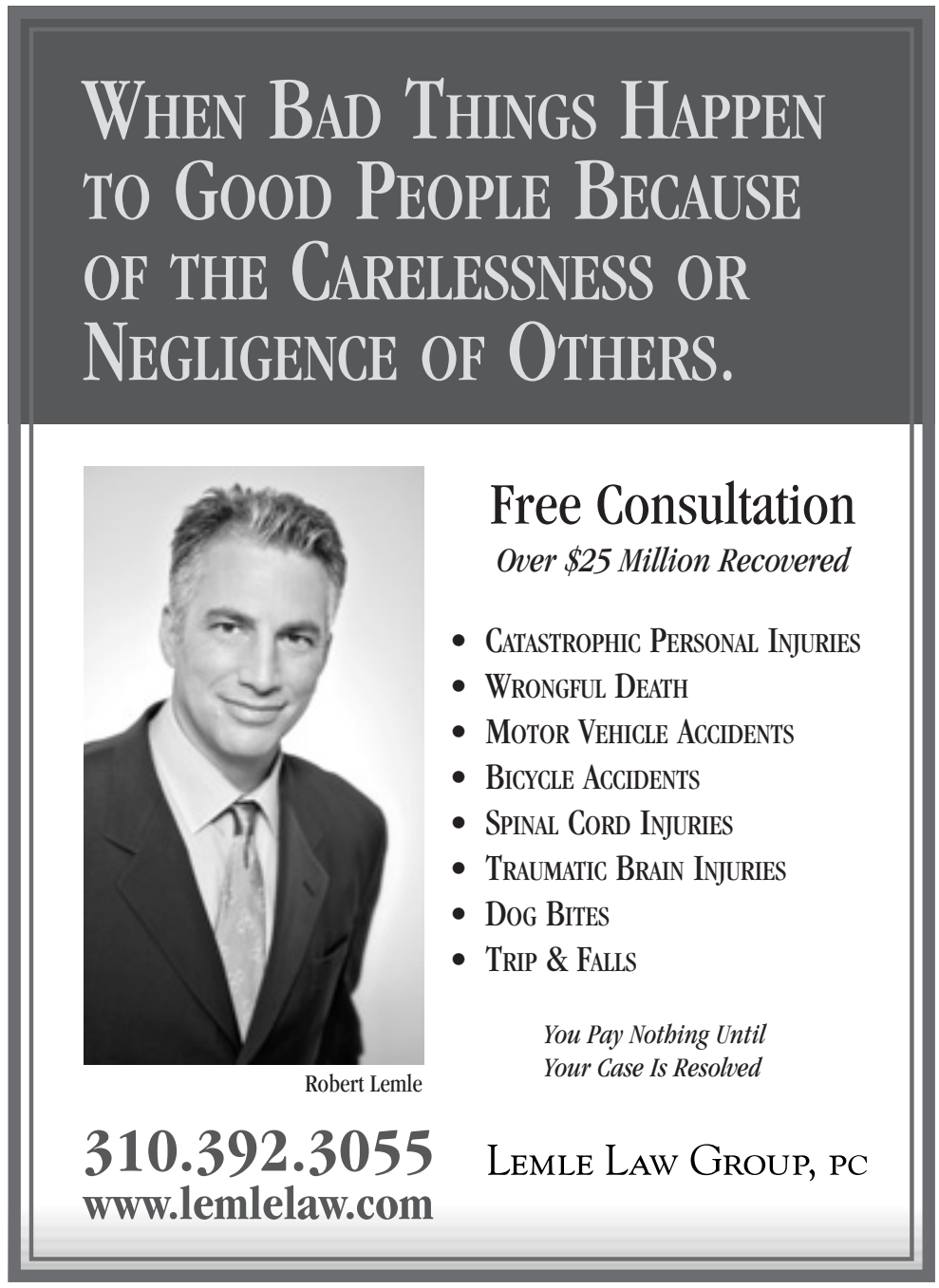
"Enterprise Fish Company, AREAL, 220 Fitness, RAWvolution, Three Twins Ice Cream, At The Pool, and all the other businesses who participated in the event committee and of course the grants that we got from the City of Santa Monica- which was also key to our success," she said.

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Stocks slip below records; FMC falls

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Markets writer

NEW YORK Stocks fell for the first time in seven days, ending a run that had pushed the indexes to all-time highs, as investors assessed corporate news.

Chemical company FMC fell the most in the Standard & Poor's 500 index after cutting its earnings forecast for the second quarter due because its Agricultural Solutions unit performed worse than expected in the period. General Electric and Wisconsin Energy both dropped after announcing acquisitions.

The stock market has climbed steadily in the last two months amid signs that the economy has recovered its momentum after being disrupted by an unusually harsh winter. Stronger growth should translate into higher corporate profits.

"The market has had a good run and it needs to pause," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Rockwell Global Capital.

The S&P 500 fell a fraction of a point, or less than 0.1 percent, to 1,962.61. The index closed at a record 1,962.87 on Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 9.82 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 16,937.26. The Nasdaq composite index edged up 0.64 point, or less than 0.01 percent, to 4,368.68.

FMC dropped $3.65, or 4.9 percent, to $71.10 after the company lowered its earnings forecast for the second-quarter, saying that the impact of the cold winter had been much stronger than it had originally anticipated.

Investors were also watching deal news that produced both winners and losers.

General Electric dropped 29 cents, or 1.1 percent, to $26.68 after agreeing to acquire most of the power generation business belonging to Alstom, a French company.

Wisconsin Energy fell $1.62, or 3.5 percent, to $45.27 after the company said that it was buying Integrys Energy for $5.8 billion.

Intergrys was among the winners. The company's stock jumped $7.40, or 12.1 percent, to $68.35 on the news.

Micros Systems also gained on deal news. The software company's stock rose $2.21, or 3.4 percent, to $67.98 after Oracle said it was buying the company for about $5.3 billion.

The stock market may be heading for a summer lull after its latest record-setting run, as investors wait for more confirmation that the economic outlook is improving, said Scott Wren, a senior equity strategist at Wells Fargo Advisors. The S&P 500 is up 6.2 percent for the year after trading mostly sideways for the first three months of the year.

"After the big run we've had over the past couple of months, a week or two of consolidation isn't anything out of the ordinary," said Wren.

In government bond trading, prices edged lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves in the opposite direction to its price, rose to 2.62 percent.

The price of oil fell 66 cents, or 0.6 percent, to $106.17 a barrel.

Among other stocks making big moves:

Lululemon rose $1.02, or 2.5 percent, to $41.25 after The Wall Street Journal reported that the company's founder was working with Goldman Sachs to shake up the yoga clothing company's board. Lululemon's stock is down 30 percent this year as the company works on improving its business since pulling one of its popular yoga pants from stores last spring because they were too sheer.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **70.0°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
S/SSE swell holds - some larger sets for standout summer and combo spots out west in the region; NW windswell continues; keeping an eye on the AM winds

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
S/SSE swell and NW windswell ease - some larger sets for standout summer and combo spots out west in the region; keeping an eye on the AM winds

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New SW/SSW swell slowly moving in; S/SSE and NW windswell energy fade

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4ft
SW/SSW swell tops out; NW windswell drops out, as old S/SSE traces blend in

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: **June 18, 2014**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 45 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 1 / 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 at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
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 Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
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 Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
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.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter 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 DWW 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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1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) 1hr 05min
2:30pm, 8:00pm

How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D (PG) 1hr 05min
5:15pm, 10:30pm

Chef (R) 1hr 55min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

Fault in Our Stars (PG-13)
1:35pm, 4:25pm, 7:25pm, 10:20pm

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Maleficent (PG) 1hr 37min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 7:15pm

Maleficent 3D (PG) 1hr 37min
4:15pm, 9:40pm

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) 1hr 05min
11:05am, 4:30pm

How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D (PG) 1hr 05min
1:40pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:00am, 4:50pm, 10:55pm

Edge of Tomorrow 3D (PG-13) 1hr 53min
1:55pm, 7:45pm

Think Like A Man Too (PG-13)
11:20am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 10:50pm

22 Jump Street (R) 112 minutes
11:15am, 12:05pm, 1:55pm, 2:50pm, 4:35pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:20pm, 10:15pm, 11:00pm

Jersey Boys (R)
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:40pm, 7:55pm, 10:40pm

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WATCH A MOVIE TONIGHT, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Don't be too busy to stop and have a chat with a friend you rarely see. You might be taken aback by what this person shares with you. Continue to express your bottom line and what does not feel right. Others will listen. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be careful with any form of indulgence. This type of behavior might be fine sometimes; however, it is important to choose the occasions carefully. Someone close to you will share a special bit of information. Tonight: A caring gesture might mean everything to someone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You exude a compassionate attitude that attracts quite a few people. Be cautious, as someone around you might not have the best intentions. Read between the lines, even if you think you know this person well. Tonight: Act as if the world is your oyster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have a lot to consider. At this moment in time, you might be keeping your opinions to yourself. You know what you need to do. The question is whether you will follow through. Tonight: Opt for a quiet day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Handle a hassle before it becomes a major problem. Someone involved could be very controlling and difficult. It is important to know what you want from this situation. A meeting could resolve the problem. Tonight: A lot of last-minute invitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to address a problem much differently. You'll have certain demands that must be met, like having a discussion with a close friend. You are extremely creative, and you'll come up with an amazing solution. Tonight: Up late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A situation on the personal front could hold you back from achieving a certain goal. Investigate the alternatives involved with this matter and see if a quicker solution can be implemented. Tonight: Watch a movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines will be more important than you recognize. You might discover that what a friend leaves out could be more important than what he or she says. One-on-one relating allows the quickest progress. Tonight: Speak with a friend directly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to listen to a well-meaning friend. This person is not overcritical, and he or she looks at you with understanding. A discussion about a loved one will be well received, so schedule a time to have a discussion with that loved one. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Sometimes people pull away from you when you become too controlling or difficult. You might wonder what the best way to handle a situation like this is. It wouldn't be a bad idea for you to take a step back and observe more. Tonight: Put in extra effort with whatever you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You have a great sense of adventure, and it will come out when dealing with a loved one. Once the fun begins, it could be close to impossible to stop. You might need to let go of a comment that hurt your feelings, as it was not intentional. Tonight: Be both naughty and nice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A situation involving your personal life will make you smile. You could be delighting in the whimsical nature of a child or loved one. A friend might seem to need more control than in the recent past. Avoid getting sucked into any power plays. Tonight: Happiest at home.

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

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

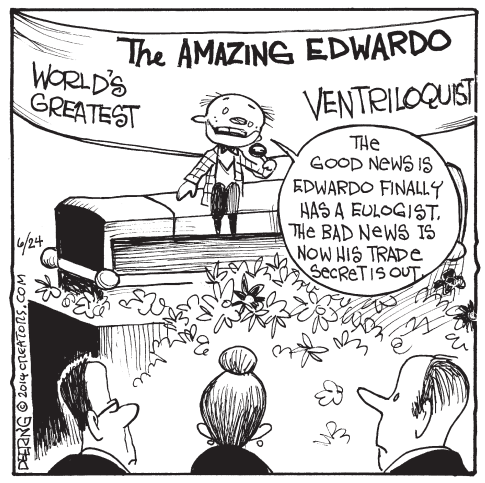
This year you keep many of your thoughts and ideas to yourself. Sometimes testing them out on a dear friend draws positive results, so keep that in mind. If you are single, be careful and get to know each potential sweetie well; you might be attracting emotionally unavailable people. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from weekends away together, old-fashioned dates and other special moments. GEMINI is a little too flaky for you.

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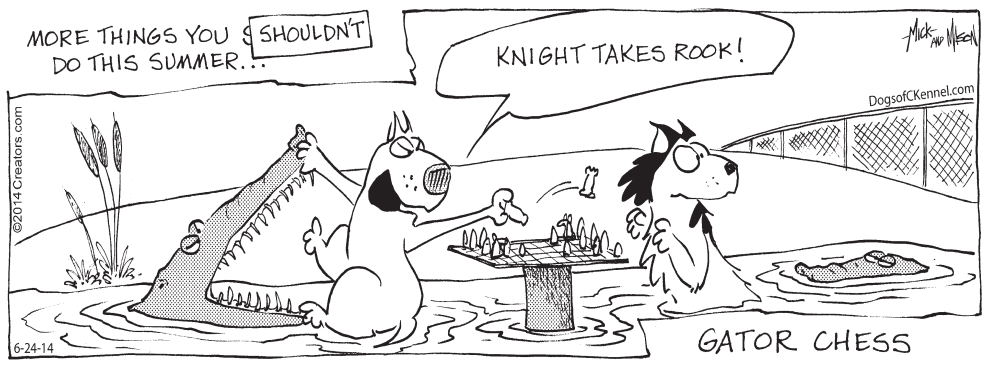
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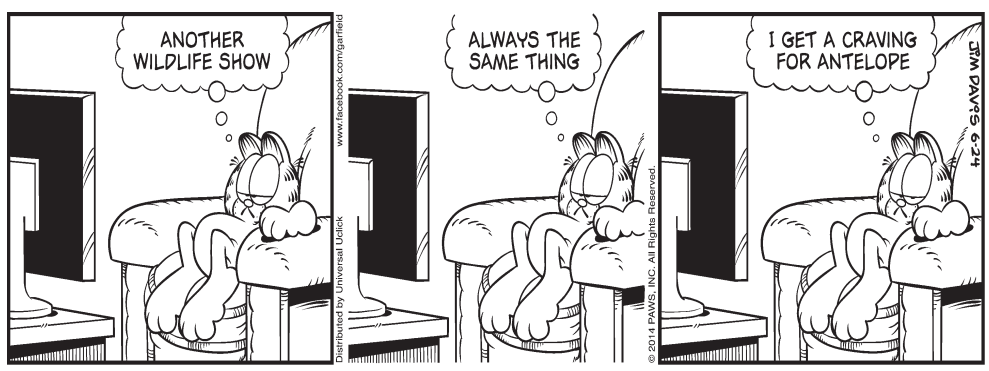
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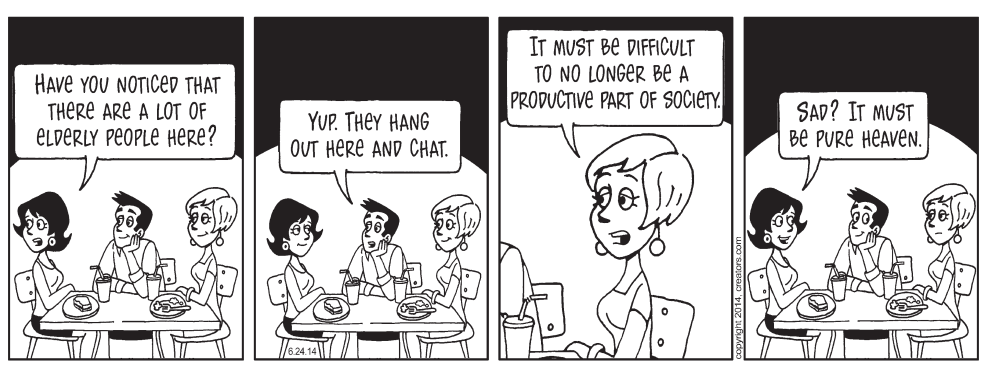
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Garfield
By Jim Davis



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 ★★

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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 355 calls for service on June 22.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Petty theft on the Santa Monica Pier at 12:23 a.m.
Hit and run on Main St. at 12:37 a.m.
Drunk driving on the PCH at 12:53 a.m.
Battery on 20th St. at 1:31 a.m.
Fight on Main St. at 1:49 a.m.
Overdose on Broadway at 5:54 a.m.
Indecent exposure on Wilshire Blvd. at 8:11 a.m.
Vandalism on 26th St. at 9:13 a.m.
Excessive parking violations on Main St. at 9:17 a.m.
Runaway on Ocean Park Blvd. at 11:10 a.m.
Theft suspect in custody on Broadway at 12:09 p.m.
Petty theft on 3rd St. at 12:24 p.m.
Grand theft auto on Marine St. at 1:26 p.m.
Hit and run on Hill St. at 1:56 p.m.
Sexual assault on the beach at 2:19 p.m.
Hit and run on Main St. at 3:50 p.m.
Hit and run on Navy St. at 4 p.m.
Petty theft on 3rd St. at 5:43 p.m.
Petty theft on 11th St. at 6:43 p.m.
Strongarm robbery on Ocean Front Walk at 6:45 p.m.
Traffic accident on Ocean Park Blvd. at 7:31 p.m.
Domestic violence on Neilson Way at 7:52 p.m.
Defrauding an innkeeper on Ocean Ave. at 8:08 p.m.
Traffic accident on Lincoln Blvd. at 9:18 p.m.
Stalking report on Olympic Dr. at 9:44 p.m.
Shots fired on 5th St. at 9:56 p.m.
Rape on 17th St. at 11:34 p.m.



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

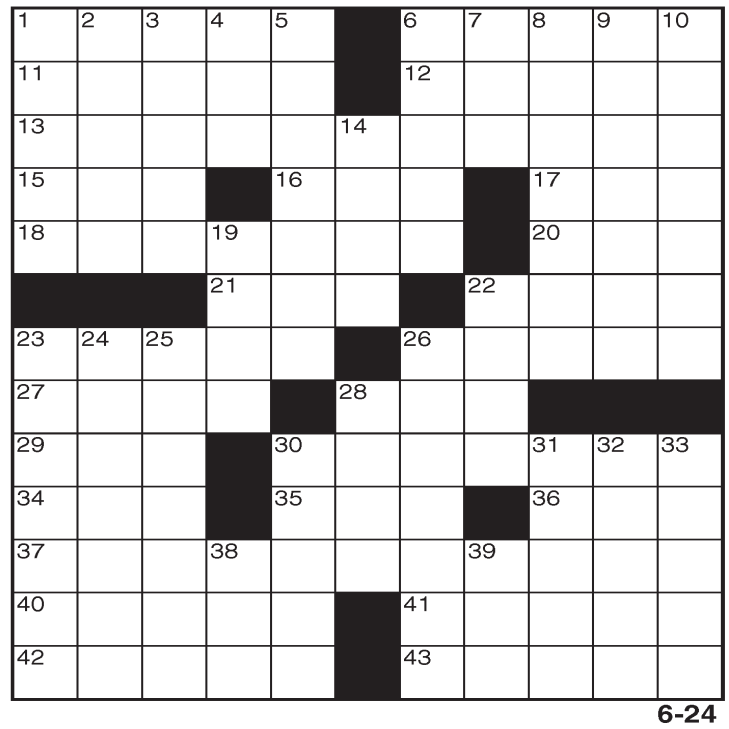
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Dead or just in "deep meditation"? A renowned Hindu guru, Shri Ashutosh Maharaj, in his 70s, passed away in January (so concluded police in Jalandhar, India), but His Holiness' disciples have refused to release the body, keeping it in a commercial freezer, contending that he has merely drifted into the deeper form of the meditation for which he is well-known -- and will return to life when he is ready. (The guru's religious order, not coincidentally, is a real estate powerhouse in the Punjab region and on nearly every continent, and the guru's family is certain the "meditation" is a ruse to allow the Ashram's continued control of the financial empire.)

■ Police in Lincoln, Nebraska, tracking down a call about a missing 3-year-old boy downtown, managed to locate him in the type of place where other toddlers have turned up after briefly escaping the sight of their parents: inside a toy vending machine. The boy had crawled up through the toy-release slot of the Bear Claw and was safely, joyously playing among the bin of colorful stuffed animals at Madsen's Bowling & Billiards.

TODAY IN HISTORY

2002 - The Igandu train disaster in Tanzania kills 281, the worst train accident in African history.

2010 - Kevin Rudd is deposed as Prime Minister of Australia and leader of the Australian Labor Party. Julia Gillard wins the subsequent leadership ballot.

2010 - John Isner of the United States defeats Nicolas Mahut of France at Wimbledon, in the longest match in professional tennis history.

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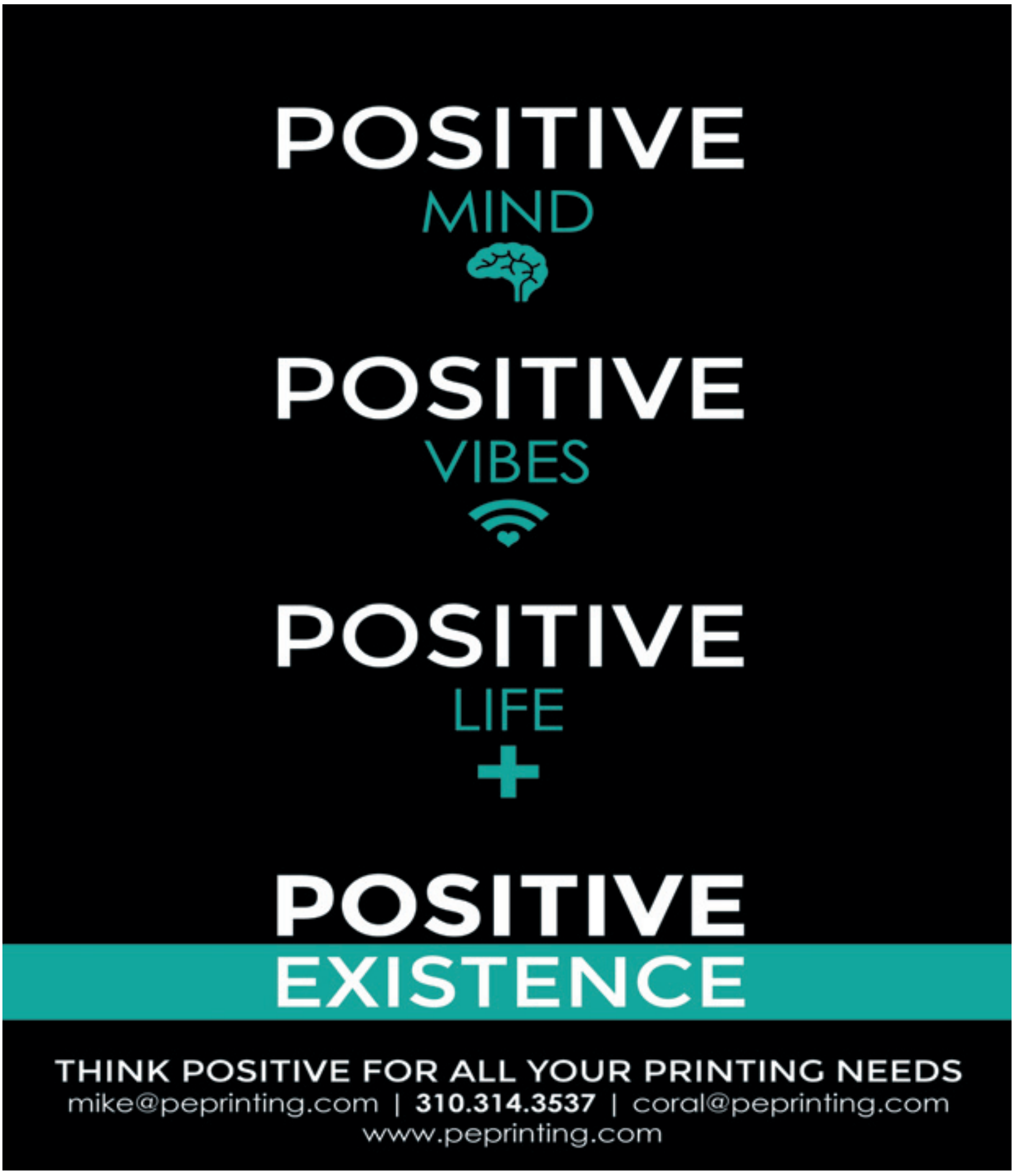
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