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FESTIVE: Many in the Fourth of July Parade are known to dress up in silly costumes for the occasion.

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Fourth and Main



Fabian Lewkowicz santamoniacloseup.com

Patriotic parade to fill Main Street

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

MAIN STREET Santa Monica's one and only parade will fill Main Street on July 4 and organizers are encouraging residents to come down to enjoy the floats, music, horses, vintage fire trucks and the camaraderie of Independence Day.

Organizers chose "May the 4th Be With You" as the 2014 theme and they are encouraging participants to use unique and creative ideas for their parade entries

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Half of new multi-family apartments affordable

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Redevelopment agency or no redevelopment agency, Santa Monica managed to add 246 affordable multi-family residences in fiscal year 2012-13.

It was the second most in the city's recorded history (which dates back to 1994) adding two units fewer than in fiscal year 2008-09, according to a report released by City Hall this week.

Still, these units were largely financed

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SMRR co-chair running for school board

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQRTS The co-chair of the city's largest political party has decided to run for school board after hearing that at least one current member of the board won't seek reelection.

Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, who has co-chaired Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) for four years alongside longtime co-Chair Patricia Hoffman, would have to resign from his position if he is elected to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School



TAHVILDARAN-JESSWEIN

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Bark Appetit

Airport Dog Park
3201 Airport Ave.,
starting at 7:30 a.m.

Building on the massively popular food truck trend California-based Milo's Kitchen brand dog treats is launching Southern California's first mobile food experience for dogs and their pet parents. The Milo's Kitchen Treat Truck will offer all of Southern California's gour-mutts the chance to: taste real chicken and beef home-style dog treats like Chicken Meatballs and Grilled Burger Bites -- all proudly made in the USA with 100% domestically-sourced meat and no artificial colors or flavors. Take a free family photo or "doggie selfie" (does this collar make me look cute?) in a professional canine-ready photo booth. Socialize with other four-legged friends in the backyard-style lapdog lounge. Take a relaxing 'walk break' with dog beds, drinking bowls, and puppy toys. Bring home a doggie bag of tasty treats for lucky labs and hungry hounds The Milo's Kitchen Treat Truck is entirely free to the public

Pool season

Annenberg Community Beach House

415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Summer pool season is here. The pool is open daily June 11 - September 1. Tuesday-Friday hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. All members of your party must be present when purchasing pool passes. Daily passes go on sale at 9:30 a.m. Or reserve up to six passes online up to three days in advance beginning at 7 a.m.. Reservations must be redeemed by 11 a.m.

Spin Cycle @ Trip Music Series

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What's New This Week?

Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Current events discussion.
Moderated by Jack Nordhaus.

Cut, Craft, Create

Ocean Park Branch
2601 Main Street, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Kids and teens are welcome to come join organizers for a different craft each month!

July 4

Fourth of July Parade

Main Street, 9:30 a.m.
Held on Main Street and sponsored by the Ocean Park Association. For more information call (310) 395-2663 or visit www.opa-sm.org/parade

For help submitting an event, contact Daniel Archuleta at
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California moves to speed up quake fault mapping

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A plan to study earthquake faults and create zoning maps that could restrict development is moving forward again in California after funding was approved from Gov. Jerry Brown.

On Tuesday, the California Geological Survey began to zone the Santa Monica fault through West Los Angeles. The area is among 2,000 miles of faulting across the state that still need to be mapped.

Budget cuts halted the effort in recent years.

Brown, however, has signed off on \$1.49 million in new funding specifically for fault zoning, the Los Angeles Times (<http://lat.ms/1o27Emf>) reported.

In addition, the governor approved \$1.3 million in annual dedicated funding that lawmakers agreed would be paid for with increased building permit fees.

The slow pace of mapping raised questions in recent months about whether city and state governments were doing enough to regulate the safety of new structures near

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BIG WINNERS

Santa Monica Big League District 25 team beat District 37 to win the Section 4 Championship July 1 in San Pedro. This is the second year in a row that District 25 has won the Section 4 title. They advance to Division 3 play-offs in Rancho Cucamonga. Big League is for high school and college students, ages 17 and 18. The local team has 15 players that are rising seniors or alumnus of Santa Monica High School.

Photo courtesy Lupita Dixon

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC College awards 2014 Chui L. Tsang transfer scholarship

Santa Monica College has awarded its second annual Chui L. Tsang Transfer Scholarship to SMC student Sierra McDonald. The new Tsang Scholar - an independent student who has received no assistance from her parents, yet managed to put herself through college and transfer to a university - will start her studies this fall as a sophomore at Howard University in Washington, DC.

"I am so grateful and honored to receive the Tsang Transfer Scholarship," said McDonald. "It gives me the chance to transfer and continue my education without worrying so much - like I have the past few years - about how I am going to feed myself or keep a roof over my head. Now, with this scholarship, I can focus more on my academic career and continue to dedicate myself to being a leading example for change. I thank SMC and Dr. Tsang for help-

ing me to continue on this path of taking my dedication into the future."

The annual scholarship - named for SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang - provides \$15,000 a year for two years to support a student's completion of a bachelor degree. The Tsang Transfer Scholarship is awarded based on a combination of academic achievement, financial need, and the student's own academic and personal journey. Scholarship candidates are nominated by SMC faculty and staff members and reviewed by a campus committee, with the final selection made by Dr. Tsang.

"I'm so happy to award this year's scholarship to Sierra McDonald," Tsang said. "She is a focused, conscientious, and mature student who has stood out as a leader since she arrived here. Santa Monica College is deeply committed to ensuring our students get a strong baccalaureate education, and Sierra truly deserves our support in her continuing educational efforts."

McDonald - who has overcome parental abuse and abandonment, extreme poverty,

health issues, and other adverse circumstances to pursue her education - is majoring in journalism. "I have succeeded in overcoming my past by not letting it define me," she said. "Instead, I learned from it and realized that change is possible both on a personal and societal level when education is involved. As a journalism major, I want to work toward making a difference in my community by building social awareness and keeping my voice relevant in various conversations in the Black community."

McDonald is a former President's Ambassador of Santa Monica College and has been serving her community as a volunteer and Commissioner of Community Service through the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and as a past board member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society. While attending SMC, she has been a Supplemental Instruction Leader for English, helping students build and strengthen their reading and writing skills, and has written articles on topics such as "The Progression of Black Gangs in Los Angeles" and "The Growing Awareness of the Prison Industrial

Complex and the African American Male in the Black Community."

McDonald successfully completed SMC's Promo Pathways Program, which allowed her to make important connections with top professionals in her field. Her position as Director of Publicity for SMC's Black Collegians program helped her to develop the strong leadership skills she has put to use as an intern at companies such as "Tavis Smiley" on PBS, Dick Clark Productions, and Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance." She continues to put these skills to use this summer with A&E Networks as an on-air marketing intern for Lifetime.

The establishment of the Tsang Transfer Scholarship comes as SMC celebrates the high number of its students accepted into prestigious universities for this fall. SMC has, for the past 25 years, been the No. 1 transfer institution to the UC system and a number of local private universities, including USC. SMC has also been for several years the leading transfer school to the UC-Cal State systems combined.

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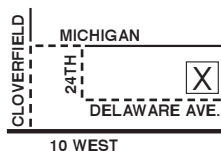
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Who will pay for misconduct?

Editor:

Re: An open letter to the City Council:
Please comment on what steps are being taken to formally reprimand those city employees who were involved in this process and cover-up – are there to be formal reprimands or terminations for gross misconduct?

What is the point of having [Land Use and Circulation Element] if the staff is making judgment calls with no public input or comment?

It is fortunate the Northeast Neighbors uncovered this wrong-doing before it was too late but this type of situation leaves residents of the city skeptical regarding development of the city free from corruption and mismanagement. I would think it wise to send a strong message to the electorate that this type of behavior will not be tolerated by elected officials or appointed staff. If no consequences to those who violated the public trust exist, any sense of integrity of the process and of both staff and elected officials following an approved strategic plan will surely be lost.

Ralph Barton
Santa Monica

Not a fan of new stops

Editor:

Have you noticed the new Big Blue Bus stop installations? It appears the city has done away with the typical bus stop bench, choosing a plastic two-seat circular seating. For a city that promotes public transit, the new seating is not conducive or inviting to the public. Have you noticed the size of the two-seater bus stops, and have you noticed the average size of the population? Santa Monica, I agree we are an active city, however most butts on the bus won't fit those seats! Lastly, it appears only two butts per stop is permitted! Let's make public transportation inviting not limiting!

Rebecca Udell
Santa Monica

Not the right time for fireworks

Editor:

It is a few minutes after 9 p.m. on June 28 and some idiots are setting off fireworks. Oh wait, it's the city of Santa Monica, who are too stupid to understand that June 28 is not July 4. Well, it is the birthday of comedy legend Mel Brooks, but as much as he may deserve a fireworks show, I doubt the idiots in Santa Monica would do it for him, they'd rather insult history.

Mike Kirwan
Venice



The Taxman

Jon Coupal

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Enjoy the barbecue

IT'S AN AMERICAN TRADITION TO GATHER with family and friends on the 4th of July. A barbecue, trip to a beach or just a modest family get-together are all appropriate ways to celebrate Independence Day.

Our Founding Fathers would approve. While most of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, committing their "lives," their "fortunes" and their "sacred honor" to the cause, they also knew how to enjoy themselves. They would be pleased to know that Americans still acknowledge their courage and sacrifice and, as part of their legacy, most Americans next Friday will take pleasure in a day of celebration and leisure.

But I hope we all take a moment to reflect on all we enjoy because of what these brave souls accomplished. Our nation was founded on the radical notion that all political power resides in the citizenry, not the ruling class. And it is this radical notion, founded in Natural Law, that has provided Americans with unprecedented freedom, freedom that has resulted in unparalleled prosperity.

But those who declared independence from tyranny in 1776 and those who framed and adopted the Constitution in 1787-1788, knew no system created by man is foolproof. The individual rights guaranteed by our well-crafted Constitution can be undone by lethargy and disinterest on the part of the people and corruption and vanity on the part of elected leaders. If the Founders could join us at our celebrations, they would remind us that they put it all on the line for us and, if we truly value the gift of freedom they have provided, we, in turn, have an enduring obligation to defend and protect our precious liberty.

Perhaps more than at any time in American history, our rights and freedoms are in danger on both the national and local levels. Many of those who now hold the levers of power are trying to dictate behavior and obligations to American citizens that the Founders would equate with the demands of the King of England. In both Washington and Sacramento, officials are seeking to seize the property of citizens in the form of exorbitant taxes. And they are pushing to limit your freedoms, everything from denying

your right to choose your health insurance plan and doctor to limiting how much you drive and controlling your diet. They are using agencies of government, like the IRS and NSA, to intimidate opposition and to gather information on law-abiding citizens.

Many of the policies backed by our current crop of leaders are designed to perpetuate their own power and assure the comfort of those who work in government. Americans now find themselves confronted by government acting as a militant special interest and by officials behaving like public "bosses" rather than public servants.

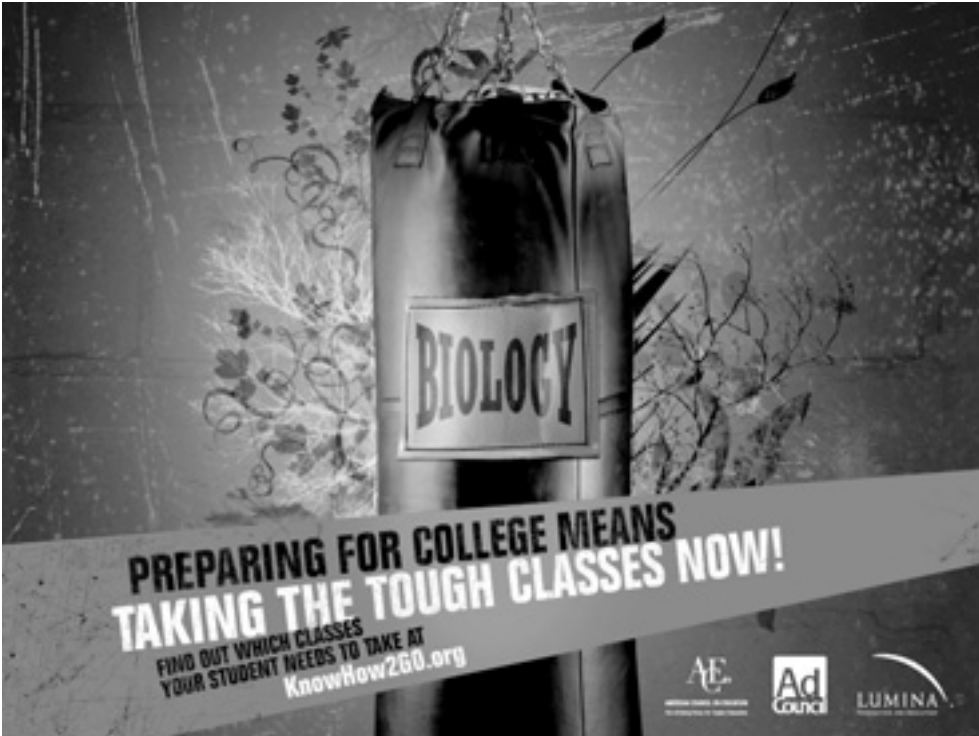
But the Founders provided a solution if we choose to use it. Most of those who have betrayed the public trust will have to stand for election this November and we, the American people, have the opportunity to clean house.

Here are small simple steps that can achieve big results:

1. If you are not registered to vote, register now. There is no time to waste.
2. Make sure your family members are registered.
3. Make sure your friends, neighbors, colleagues and club members know what is at stake and be sure they are registered to vote. Go to them personally with a registration form in hand.
4. Network with like-minded individuals to help make sure the vote gets out. Neighborhood associations and political clubs are an excellent place to start. And don't forget the internet. A quick search will provide contact information for scores of groups dedicated to protecting our freedoms. Sign up to receive information so that you can coordinate your efforts with others who believe as you do.

But if you can only take step number one, and follow-up and vote, it is still worth the effort. The founders would be proud and your fellow citizens will be grateful. And on July 4th, raise a glass to liberty!

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Stocks close at all-time highs as hiring surges

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK Stocks closed at their latest all-time highs Wednesday following news that business hiring surged in June, adding to evidence that the U.S. economy is picking up momentum.

ADP, a payroll processor, said businesses added 281,000 jobs last month, up from 179,000 in the previous month. The figure suggests the government's monthly jobs report, due out Thursday, could also show a significant gain from May.

The stock market climbed back to record levels a day earlier after separate reports showed that manufacturing expanded in China and the U.S., the world's two largest economies.

"We're in the middle of what's been an extended recovery, but there's still a lot of room to go," said Ed Hyland, a global investment specialist at a JPMorgan Private Bank. "We believe that for the stock market as well."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.30 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,974.62. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 20.17 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,976.24. Both the S&P 500 and the Dow are at all-time highs. The Nasdaq composite fell one point, less than 0.1 percent, to 4,457.73.

Constellation Brands, which makes Corona and Negra Modelo beer, was one of the day's biggest gainers. The stock jumped \$2.07, or 2.3 percent, to \$90.45 after the company said its fiscal first-quarter net income soared.

Delta Air Lines was the day's biggest decliner. The stock dropped \$2.07, or 5.1 percent, to \$38.24 after the company said that growth in a key revenue figure slowed in June. Delta said revenue per passenger fell on international routes because of a dip in business travel to Latin America during the World Cup soccer tournament and more passenger-carrying capacity among all airlines. Delta's stock is still up 38 percent this year.

Government bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.62 percent from 2.57 percent on Tuesday. The yield on the note, which rises as prices fall, has climbed from 2.45 percent at the end of May as signs have emerged that the economy is strengthening.

The impact of rising bond yields was also felt in the stock market.

Utilities fell the most of the 10 sectors that make up the S&P 500, declining almost 2 percent. Investors had bought utility stocks at the start of the year as bond yields dropped because they pay rich dividends.

Should the economy continue to improve and bond yields rise, investors will likely start to take money from the bond market and instead invest in stocks, said Jeff Knight, head of global asset allocation at Columbia Management, an asset manager. Stocks that should benefit most from an improving economy, such as industrials, should do well.

"Those sectors that tend to be thought of in yield and income terms, like utilities or telecoms, would be laggards," said Knight.

Among other stocks making big moves on Wednesday:

— Rackspace Hosting, a provider of data-storage and other services, jumped \$2.13, or 6.3 percent, to \$35.88 on reports that the company wants to go private, allowing it to focus on its business without have to worry about public accountability.

— Monsanto rose \$2.23, or 1.8 percent, to \$126.53 after the company said late Tuesday that it had entered into an "accelerated share repurchase" agreement with JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs. Under the terms of the agreement the company will buy \$6 billion of its own stock.

— Bank of America rose 25 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$15.85 after analysts at Deutsche Bank raised their rating on the stock, saying that many of the potential negatives have already been identified and priced in. Bond trading should pick up after a slump and more merger activity should also boost fees, the analysts said.

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By the end of the fiscal year, there were 874 residences under construction with 324 (37 percent) slated to be affordable.

City Hall approved another 510 residences for construction during 2012-13, with 99 (19 percent) slated to be affordable.

Many of the new units were built by non-profits. Given these organizations' reliance on RDA money, the future of affordable housing looks bleak at the moment.

"Historically, the funding for subsidizing nonprofit developments came from the Housing Trust Fund that was created in part by the Redevelopment Program," city officials said in the report. "With the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency in February 2012, and the subsequent loss of funding for the Housing Trust Fund, staff anticipates significantly fewer affordable apartments being built in the future. This may make it more difficult to meet the requirements of Proposition R."

City Hall has suggested adding a measure to this year's ballot that would ask voters to approve a tax on real estate transfers to allow for the funding of affordable housing.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Board of Ed accepting applications for advisory committees

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education is currently accepting applications for openings on its district advisory committees (DACs). Applications can be found at smmusd.org/DAC/pdf/DACAppEngSP.pdf.

Completed applications are due to the district office no later than August 15.

Members of the public are encouraged to apply to serve on one of the following committees: Early Child Care and Development, Health and Safety, Intercultural Equity and Excellence, Special Education, and Visual and Performing Arts. The Board of Education is scheduled to make appointments to fill committee vacancies during the summer months. Membership terms range from one to four years to allow for a balance of expiring terms each year.

District advisory committees provide a method whereby citizens and educators can understand better the attitudes and opinions that are held in the school-community environment. Such a committee shall have as its purpose improved communication and understanding. It is not the intention that advisory committees become policy-making bodies or that they manage or direct the schools. Committees are advisory in nature only; that is, they inquire, inform, suggest, recommend. It is assumed, however, that through improved understanding and information, the district can and will move in the direction of clearly demonstrated needs and desires of the community to be served.

All DAC members are expected to:

1. Keep learning and achievement for all students as the primary focus
2. Value, support, and advocate for public education
3. Recognize and respect differences of perspective and style on the committee and among staff, students, parents, and the community

Conduct him/herself in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility and respect

To learn more about each DAC, please visit: smmusd.org/DAC/index.html.

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SPIRIT: Suzanne Sharp of the Daughters of the American Revolution hands out American flags.

PARADE
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in addition to the always popular red, white and blue decorations.

“There are some really zany people that show up, including myself,” said Parade Chair Jeff Jarow. “I get all decked out, I’m like the Elton John of the parade.”

Jarow is also a board member of the Ocean Park Association (OPA) and he said the neighborhood group began organizing the parade to meet a need in the community after prior parades slowly dwindled.

“There was a core group of about nine members,” he said of the first parade committee. “At that time having a parade seemed like an impossibility but we went down that route and every year it keeps building,” he said.

He said OPA likes to work on projects that build community.

“We’re always looking for ways to bring our neighbors together,” he said. “We’ve been very passionate about the neighborhood and bringing people in, it’s a real exciting place.”

Jarow estimated up to 9,000 people will see the parade and beginning at 9:30 a.m. another 1,000 will walk the 1.5 mile route from Pico Boulevard and Main Street, south on Main, turning west on Marine Street, then onto Barnard Way and concluding south of Ocean Park Boulevard.

One of those walking will be Grand Marshall Nathaniel Trives. OPA said the former mayor has worked tirelessly for the city and has held many titles over the years making him a perfect choice.

Local VIPs also participating in the parade include: State Senator Ted Lieu, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, Santa Monica Mayor Pam O’Connor and Councilmembers Gleam Davis, Robert Holbrook, Kevin McKeown, Terry O’Day and Tony Vasquez and members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Also taking part in this year’s parade are former Santa Monica mayors: Judy Abdo, Michael Feinstein, Ruth Goldway, Paul Rosenstein and Bobby Shriver, along with City Manager Rod Gould and Deputy City Manager Elaine Polachek.

Included in the many participants will be Meals on Wheels West, who will also continue

their meal deliveries on July 4 despite the holiday.

“We will have two cars and about 20 walkers, they are volunteers and members of the board,” said Director of Community Relations Ellen Rabin. “We enjoy participating because it gives us an opportunity to interface with the community, people yell out at us ‘Meals on Wheels! You saved our grandparents.’ It’s all very positive and community feeling and we are very much a part of the local Santa Monica community.”

Herley Jim Bowling will be walking with his group ONE Santa Monica. The organization will be dressed in a variety of formal attire, such as suits, quinceañera vestidos, prom gowns or tutus in support of their post-parade Fancy Dress Swim. Participants will finish the parade route, then take a brief dip in the ocean while wearing their outfits as a fundraiser for the Malaria Foundation.

Bowling said the parade was fun with a purpose.

“When they started up the Fourth of July parade, we got involved in that with a parade entry and we’ve been involved with that every year since its inception,” he said. “We see a lot of our friends and neighbors, we wave to them, get cheered on by them, it’s great to connect in that way. Who wouldn’t want to be in a parade?”

He said their parade entry would include banners for the group as a means of raising awareness (for more information visit againstmalaria.com/WorldSwim.aspx or contact onesantamonica@gmail.com).

Jarow said other parade entries would include the Wells Fargo stagecoach, representatives from many youth organizations, Miss Santa Monica and many more. He said the event serves as a point of commonality for groups that can sometimes be adversarial.

“We hope groups will be in the parade and people will come and see it,” he said. “We get a lot more sponsors because people know it’s there and it’s a feel good kind of event in a city that can be very controversial. I look at it like a breath of fresh air, something good in the city.”

Parking is available at the Civic Center structure (Fourth Street and Olympic) for \$5 but organizers are encouraging residents to walk or ride their bikes to help avoid traffic.

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MAPPING
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known faults, the newspaper said.

Buildings directly atop a fault can be destroyed during a major earthquake.

Under state construction rules, developers seeking to build in a fault zone are required to do seismic studies and prove

they are not building on a fault. But the law cannot be enforced unless the state completes the maps.

The renewed focus on the mapping was prompted in part after the Los Angeles City Council approved the Millennium Hollywood skyscraper project last year despite warnings from the state geologist that the location might be within the Hollywood fault zone, which is still being mapped.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: 72.1°

THURSDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high occ. 4ft
Lingering SW swell; new SSW/S swell creeps in over the PM;
small SE/SSE tropical energy; minor NW windswell

FRIDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft thigh to chest high
New SSW/S groundswell builds - larger sets developing in the afternoon;
small SE/SSE tropical energy; minor NW windswell

SATURDAY – FAIR – SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
SSW/S groundswell continues; new S swell builds in - larger sets late;
small NW windswell; most size out west in the region

SUNDAY – FAIR TO GOOD – SURF: 4-6 ft shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
Long period S swell builds further and tops out - larger sets for standouts out west; old
SSW/S swell eases; larger sets for long period magnets; minor NW windswell

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 25, 2014

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

QUICK STATS

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 -- 64 / 66
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 1 / 16

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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	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.			Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chorroguaj).	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Torrance Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Walrus Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	ns
Ledger Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Adland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Salvage Canyon at San Blas County Beach.	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Maine Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Surfbliss Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Surfbliss Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - Vanguard tower.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (quiet zone).	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	ns	North Westchester State Beach at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Los Angeles County Beach.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWR jetty).	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Carderock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset 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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The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our swimmers are happy.

SCHOOLS

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District Board of Education.

This is actually Tahvildaran-Jesswein's second time running for a school board in California. He tried to unseat an incumbent in his Bay-area hometown when he was 18 years old. He raised more money than the other candidates, he said, but missed the cut by about 400 votes.

The Santa Monica College professor has a few advantages this time around. For one thing, he's no longer a freshman political science major but a 45-year-old with a lifetime of experience teaching civic engagement. And this time, there's an open seat.

Current Boardmember Nimish Patel announced last week that he would not seek reelection, citing increased responsibilities at his day job and a desire to spend more time with his family. Patel is the only board member not endorsed by SMRR.

Tahvildaran-Jesswein has eyed the school board for years and with Patel's announcement he decided the time was right.

"There was never an open seat where there wasn't one of my SMRR peers seeking reelection," he said. "I had no intention of running this go-round because I fully believed that the incumbents would seek reelection. And while Nimish did not get the SMRR endorsement four years ago, I had every expectation that he would get the endorsement this time. I thought we had good, fine people in there."

He will seek SMRR's endorsement next month and if he receives it he will ask the steering committee, of which he is also a member, for a leave of absence. If elected, Tahvildaran-Jesswein will resign from his positions.

The move would be bittersweet, he said. There are restrictions placed on elected officials that aren't placed on the average resi-

dent. There are advantages to being a SMRR co-chair that won't be available to him as a school board member.

"But I think it's a natural step for me and I think that people who know me know that education is my passion," he said.

The last SMRR co-chair to jump into the Santa Monica political arena was Gleam Davis who has been a member of City Council since 2009.

Some members of SMRR bristle when it's labeled as a "political party," preferring "association," "neighborhood group," or "grassroots group." Tahvildaran-Jesswein doesn't have a problem with the label.

"What it is, is a group of people who share values and who are wanting to engage one another to shape the quality of our lives," he said.

The terms of three other school board 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. Last month, he told the Daily Press that he has not yet decided whether or not he plans to run for 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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Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained by e-mailing your request to Regina.Benavides@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

MOVIE TIMES

<p>Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. (310) 260-1528</p> <p>1776 (PG) 2 hrs 49 min 7:30pm</p> <p>AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade (310) 458-3924</p> <p>Begin Again (R) 1hour 45mns 11:00am, 1:55pm, 4:30 pm, 7:35 pm, 10:05 pm</p> <p>Chef (R) 1 hour 55 minutes 2:05 pm, 7:50 pm</p>	<p>Edge of Tomorrow 3D (PG-13) 1hr 53 mins 11:15am, 4:55pm, 10:30pm</p> <p>Jersey Boys (R) 2 hrs 14mins 11:55am, 3:25pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Snowpiercer (R) 2hrs 6mins 11:05am, 1:35pm, 4:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>AMC 7 Santa Monica 1310 Third St. (310) 451-9440</p> <p>22 Jump Street (R) 1hr 51 mins 11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:20pm</p> <p>Deliver Us From Evil (R) 1hr 59 mins 11:05 am, 1:50pm, 4:50pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm</p>	<p>Earth to Echo (PG) 1hr 29 mins 11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D (PG) 1hr 42 mins 2:00pm, 7:15 pm</p> <p>How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) 1 hr 42 mins 11:15am, 4:30pm</p> <p>Tammy (R) 1 hr 37 mins 11:10am, 1:50 pm, 4:45 pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>Transformers Age of Extinction 3D (PG13) 2 hrs 46 mins 12:10pm, 2:50pm, 4:00pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm, 10:30pm</p> <p>Transformers Age of Extinction (PG13) 2 hrs 46 mins 11:00am, 6:45pm</p>
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LET THE PARTY BEGIN, TAURUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Let others fuss about the last-minute details of getting together this July 4th. A partner or dear friend will take the lead, but he or she still might complain. You'll witness a change of tune with an older friend. Tonight: In party mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination soars and clears up obstacles with ease. You might be more in the mood for a holiday party than you realize. Don't hesitate to delegate any work involved with planning a get-together. Tonight: Let the party begin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Stay anchored. You know what you want and how to get it. You could be exhausted by recent activities, and you easily could be cranky when dealing with others. Tonight: A little rest and relaxation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You'll feel much better than you have in a while. Others might not agree with your plans for a fun few days. Though you love staying at home and enjoying all the creature comforts, not everyone else does. Be open to different suggestions. Tonight: Let the fireworks begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Be aware of your tendency to be over-critical. You suppress your ingenuity when you fall into a negative mindset. Pressure could build around what you must do. Understand that you might need to reorganize your schedule. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a celebration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You might not be aware of how much your natural, relaxed ways draw others to you. Resist becoming upset because of a hassle or two -- it is not worth it. An important bond you have with a child seems to be changing. Make an adjustment. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You need some downtime. Even if you are out and about, you are likely to remain closed off. Wouldn't it be better to take off for a day or two and get some "you" time? Reach out to a loved one at a distance and share what ails you. Tonight: Nap first, then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Zero in on friends' plans, and maintain an even pace in order to clear up what must be done. Be more forthright in how you deal with a close relative or loved one. Tonight: Where the people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might feel pressured once more by a parent or loved one. Be sure to respond to others' authority and concerns. You could feel as if you have to respond to each request, thus creating more stress for yourself. Allow others to pitch in more often. Tonight: Celebrate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Connect with someone at a distance whom you might have plans with for the holiday. You have the ability to clear out a lot of obstacles quickly. A friend or loved one might seem remote. Tonight: Switch gears.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Someone you care a lot about could be quite demanding. Don't allow this person to force your hand. How you see a situation could be changing. Listen to your intuition about what is going on. Maybe you can root out the problem. Tonight: Join a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others come forward with suggestions. They seem to be very concerned about how you feel. Let them dote on you for a change, as it usually is the other way around. Do yourself a favor and relax. Forget about entertaining; instead, be entertained. Tonight: Enjoy the evening.

Thursday, July 3, 2014

This year you are far more stable than you have been in the past. You know what you want, and you know what direction you are heading in. You will witness an increase in your funds in the next 12 months, though you could spend as much as you bring in. Try to simplify. If you are single, you could meet someone out of the blue. This person might just be your soul mate. If you are attached, the two of you can be explosive in arguments, yet you always kiss and make up. Try to get to the bottom of what causes these upsets. VIRGO has a cold yet deliberate style of asking questions.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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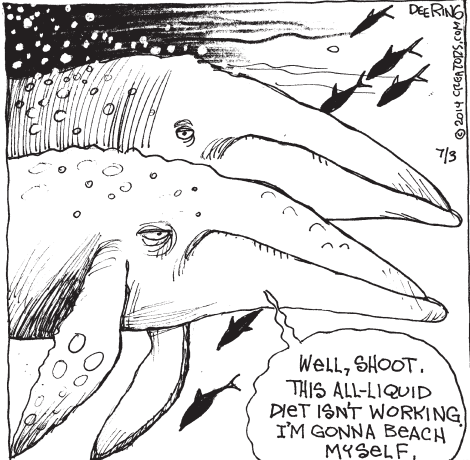
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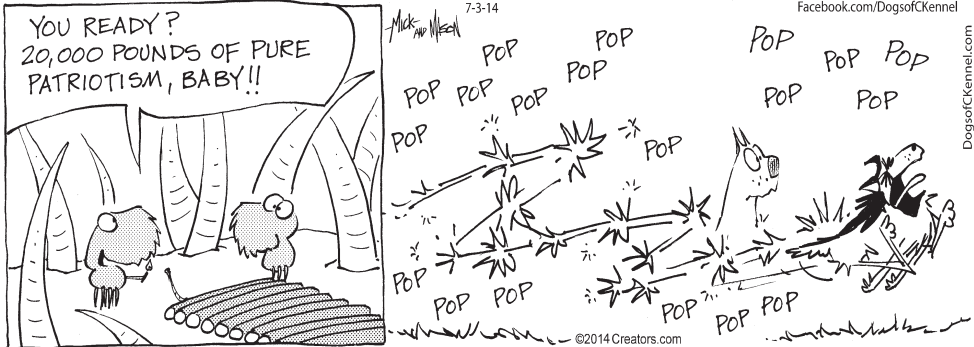
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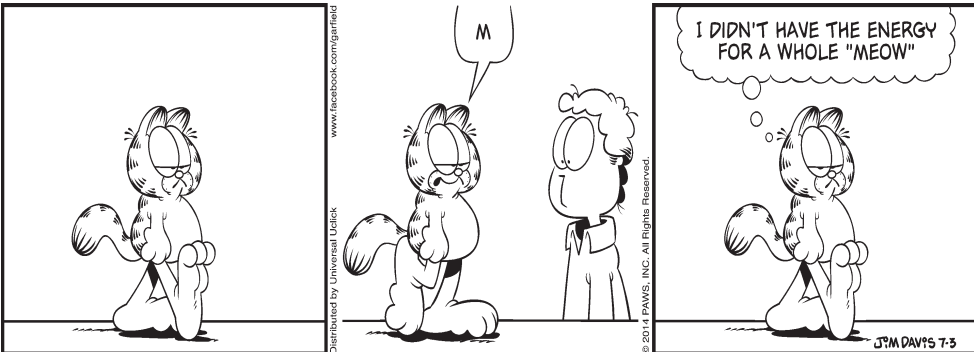
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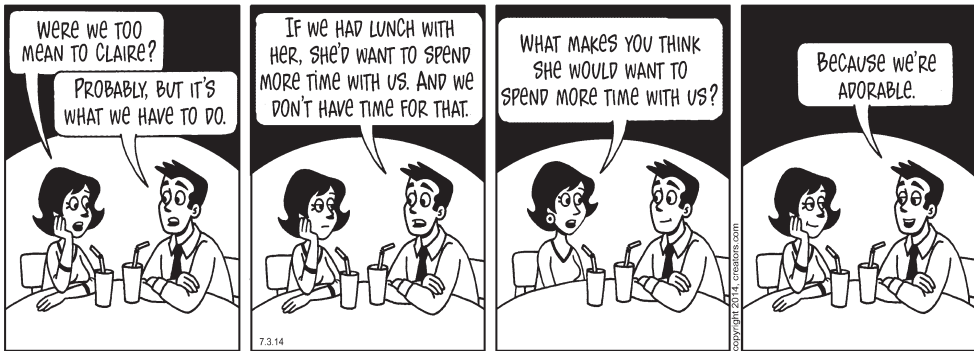
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 442 calls for service on July 1.

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

- Domestic violence on Franklin St. at 2:47 a.m.
- Fight on Lincoln Blvd. at 4:11 a.m.
- Petty theft on Santa Monica Blvd. at 7:34 a.m.
- Grand theft auto on 19th St. at 8:58 a.m.
- Battery on 7th St. at 10:12 a.m.
- Fight on Lincoln Blvd. at 10:23 a.m.
- Fight on Ocean Ave. at 10:28 a.m.
- Grand theft auto 2nd St. at 10:58 a.m.
- Petty theft on Lincoln Blvd. at 11:06 a.m.
- Traffic accident on Dorchester Ave. at 11:25 a.m.
- Fight on 7th St. at 12:21p.m.
- Burglary report on 18th St. at 1:42 p.m
- Grand theft report on 11th St. at 2:15 p.m.
- Traffic accident on Pico Blvd. at 2:20 p.m.
- Hit and run misdemeanor on Pacific Coast Highway at 3:12 p.m.
- Grand theft auto report on Pacific Coast Highway at 3:39 p.m.
- Grand theft auto report on 6th St. at 4:12 p.m.
- Petty theft on Colorado at 4:22 p.m.
- Traffic accident on 5th St. at 4:28 p.m.
- Burglary report on 18th St. at 4:54 p.m.
- Burglary report on 18th St. at 5:13 p.m.
- Petty theft on Pico Blvd. at 5:24 p.m.
- Petty theft report on the 3rd St. Promenade at 5:34 p.m.
- Grand theft auto on 20th St. at 5:37 p.m.
- Petty theft report on Lincoln Blvd. at 6:28 p.m.
- Traffic accident on Pico Blvd. at 6:42 p.m.
- Battery on 3rd St. at 7:12 p.m.
- Hit and run misdemeanor investigation on Centinela Ave. at 8:13 p.m.
- Burglary report on Santa Monica Blvd. at 8:39 p.m.
- Battery report on 3rd St. at 8:40 p.m.
- Fight on 7th St. at 8:40 p.m.
- Petty theft report on Arizona Ave. at 9:17 p.m.
- Grand theft auto report on Lincoln Blvd. at 9:43 p.m.
- Reports of shots fired on 12th St. at 11:00 p.m.
- Report of shots fired on 18th St. at 11:00 p.m.
- Report of shots fired on 17th St. at 11:01p.m.
- Fight on Pacific Coast Highway at 11:21p.m.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Front desk feature
- 5 Strut
- 11 Opera piece
- 12 Will topic
- 13 Leo or Libra
- 14 Stage comments
- 15 Writer Friedrich
- 17 Hot drink
- 18 Oklahoma city
- 22 Festive
- 24 Bar mishap
- 25 In the style of
- 26 Dems.' foes
- 27 Wrong
- 30 Massage targets
- 32 "Water Lilies" painter
- 33 Nonsense
- 34 Ethnic
- 38 Refer
- 41 Party spread
- 42 Illinois city
- 43 Pride member
- 44 Urban bird
- 45 Avenue liners

DOWN

- 1 Deep voice
- 2 Rock's Clapton
- 3 Drizzle
- 4 Poet Sidney
- 5 Barking beast
- 6 Useful skills
- 7 Roil
- 8 Pos-sessed
- 9 Pigged out
- 10 "You bet!"
- 16 Put down
- 19 Urban transport
- 20 Gin flavorer

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Yesterday's answer

- 21 Chamois' home
- 22 Polite address
- 23 Sailor's saint
- 28 Tie down
- 29 Painter's place
- 30 Museum topic
- 31 Twosome
- 35 Good for dieters
- 36 Proton's place
- 37 Eye part
- 38 Phone download
- 39 Floral ring
- 40 Lumber unit

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	Draw Date: 6/28 18 27 29 38 42 Mega#: 24 Jackpot: \$17M
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Robert Wallace, 32, a Houston software developer, filed a lawsuit in May to get back some items after a failed romance. According to Wallace, he had loaned a laptop computer, \$2,000 cash and his Harry Potter DVDs to his sweet-heart, Ms. Nomi Mims, a local stripper. Wallace said the loans were made only because he thought she was in love with him and that they were "building a future together," but now realizes he was wrong. Mims calls the items "gifts" and noted, "I've given him gifts, too. You know, how do I get my booty back?" Things America Somehow Still Can't Figure Out (Even Though We're Smart Enough to Send a Robot to Mars) -- (1) Authorities somehow could not prevent an inmate serving life at a North Carolina prison from arranging, via a contraband cell-phone, to have the 63-year-old father of his prosecutor kidnapped and tortured. (The FBI managed to rescue the man five days after his abduction.) (2) The U.S. State Department somehow cannot arrange safe haven for Afghan interpreters who risked their lives daily serving U.S. combat troops and who face almost certain retaliation by militants once Americans have departed. Even the coordinator of the interpreter program, who applied for a U.S. visa in 2012, has not been approved (according to a March 2014 New York Times dispatch).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1988- The Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge in Istanbul, Turkey is completed, providing the second connection between the continents of Europe and Asia over the Bosphorus.
1996- Stone of Scone is returned to Scotland.

WORD UP!

lagniappe
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1. Chiefly Southern Louisiana and Southeast Texas . a small gift given with a purchase to a customer, by way of compliment or for good measure; bonus.

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Happy Birthday America

John Adams' famous letter of July 3, 1776, in which he wrote to his wife Abigail what his thoughts were about celebrating the Fourth of July is found on various web sites but is usually incorrectly quoted. Following is the exact text from his letter with his original spellings:

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable EPOCH, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

(The Book of Abigail and John: Selected Letters of the Adams Family, 1762-1784, Harvard University Press, 1975, 142).