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DECLARING INDEPENDENCE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Thousands lined Main Street Thursday morning for the seventh annual Fourth of July Parade by the Ocean Park Association. Members of the Santa Monica Police Department's Mounted Unit (top) joined kids from Samohi's marching band, the Girl Scouts and others to show their pride. SMPD Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks was the grand marshall.





Voting from a distance

Open meeting laws embrace technology, until they don't

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Anyone who watched the June 25 City Council meeting or has since revisited either audio or video recordings of the event likely noticed something a little bit odd.

When it came time to vote, only six of the seven council members were on the dais to cast their yea or nay, but when Bob Holbrook's name was called by City Clerk Sarah Gorman, his disembodied voice piped up: "Bob Holbrook votes yes."

Holbrook sat in the mayor's office in City

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Parade takes on activist flair

Protesters want more protection from Big Brother

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER On a day meant to celebrate freedom from an overreaching government, a group of activists gathered in Santa Monica not just to recognize their rights, but to protect them.

Santa Monica's seventh annual Fourth of July Parade became the setting for a local Restore the Fourth protest, a movement that rose to oppose wide-ranging government

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Animal Rescue Information Fair



Saturday, July 6th, 12-2pm
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Join us on the front lawn of the library for a local Animal Rescue Information Fair.

Come find out how you can get involved and make a difference in the life of an animal. Information will be available about volunteer opportunities such as fostering, dog walking and helping at adoption events. Participants will have information about animals up for adoption. Stop by and find your next pet!

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Santa Monica Animal Shelter
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Saturday, July 6, 2013

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Casa del Mar
1910 Ocean Way, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
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Animal lovers
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 12 p.m. — 2 p.m.
The community is invited to participate in the Santa Monica Public Library's Book-to-Action series that pairs books for children and adults with free programs at the Ocean Park Branch. This Saturday is a local animal rescue group information fair. The books to read are "Finding Danny" by Linzi Glass (for kids) and "You Had Me at Woof," by Julie Klam (for adults). Limited free copies are available at the branch. For more information call (310) 458-8683.

Make your own paper
Camera Obscura
1450 Ocean Ave., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Learn how to make paper using scrap materials from home. Workshop attendees can bring materials such as tea leaves, junk mail, dried flowers, tissue paper and pieces of fabric to make their paper. Attendees are asked to bring large towels and a cardboard box to take the paper home to dry. The workshop costs $20, which includes a materials fee. R.S.V.P. at (310) 458-2239 or contact communityclasses@smgov.net. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/1450ocean.

Burdened by blindness
Promenade Playhouse
1404 Third Street Promenade, 8 p.m.
Blind actress Caitlin Hernandez will perform her own written play called "Dreaming in Color," a piece about an aspiring artist whose life is suddenly burdened by blindness. With the support of her mother and teacher, the young artist finds a way to overcome her challenges and learn how to navigate the world despite her blindness. The show premieres on Saturday and will continue trough July 14, showing on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Call (310) 902-8220 for more details. Cost: $20. For tickets go to www.creoutreach.org

Sunday, July 7, 2013

Collector's item
Santa Monica Airport
Airport Avenue and Bundy Drive,
8 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Fun outdoor antique and collectible market, many great dealers with many treasures, dog friendly, home cooked food. Admission is $3 for seniors. Those 16 and under get in free. For more information call (323) 933-2511 or visit www.santamonicaairportantiquemarket.com

Farm fresh
Main Street at Ocean Park Boulevard
9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Enjoy fresh produce and other delights at one of Santa Monica's popular Farmers' Markets. Admission is free. For more information call (310) 458-8712.

Exhibit A
TAG Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., 12 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Come explore this new exhibit featuring "Controlled Chaos" by Peter Kempson, "Sliced" by Patricia Doede Klowden, and "The Food Series Continues" by Gary Polonsky. Polonsky further explores large-scale food studies, focusing his most recent work on classic American confections and working from real food while using non-traditional canvases of balsawood, Styrofoam and wire mesh. Kempson's new works range from a portrait of Steven Spielberg rendered as a montage of scenes from his movies to color studies and an ode to the film industry, entitled "Cinemetropolis." For more information call (310) 829-9556.

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Hurt cyclist dies after group hit by car in Ark.

BY JEANNIE NUSS
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. An 18-year-old Massachusetts woman died after she was injured when a car struck a group of bicyclists traveling through Arkansas on a cross-country summer trip, authorities said Thursday.

Merritt Levitan, of Milton, Mass., was one of 13 cyclists traveling from Charleston, S.C., to Santa Monica, as part of a six-week trip organized by a Williamstown, Mass.-based company called Overland.

Overland and Arkansas State Police said Thursday that Levitan died at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis, Tenn. Nursing supervisor Jackie Smartt said Levitan died Wednesday afternoon.

Levitan and six others were injured in the crash Tuesday afternoon near McCrory, Ark., about 90 miles northeast of Little Rock.

Two people remained hospitalized in stable condition on Thursday, Overland director Jonathan Igoe said.

Prosecutors are considering filing charges against the 21-year-old driver who struck the cyclists, but prosecutor John Bell said no charges had been filed as of Thursday.

Bell has said there wasn't any evidence of alcohol in the driver's bloodstream, but he said authorities were looking into whether anything else, such as a cellphone, was involved in the crash.

Arkansas State Police spokesman Bill Sadler said the agency will send an investigative report to prosecutors once it's complete.

Overland founder and director Tom Costley and his wife, Liz, said in a statement that Levitan died from her injuries.

"Liz and I, and the entire Overland community, are heartsick by this tragic loss," Costley said in a statement. "We extend our deepest condolences to Merritt's family, friends and loved ones."

The cyclists were on their way to Newport, Ark., where they planned to spend the night Tuesday, when the driver struck the group on Arkansas State Highway 17.

Overland said the rest of the trip will be canceled.

"At this point, we believe that this is what needs to be done to allow all involved time to process their thoughts and emotions while surrounded by loved ones," the company said in a statement. "We are working with families to make arrangements for students to return home."

How useful is the Malibu Beaches app?

BY ALEXIS DRIGGS & LORRIE REYES
Special to the Daily Press

PCH With summer in full swing, the recent launch of a new iPhone app designed to identify hidden public access points along Malibu's 27 miles of beaches made big news. Many hailed the app as a victory for public access over NIMBYism, while some local residents worried about an influx of visitors to areas without adequate sanitation, lifeguards or police.

This week, The Malibu Times put the controversial app to the test to see whether the information actually does provide easy access to the hidden beaches and whether there were restrooms, lifeguards and other beach amenities present.

We were able to access the beaches we selected with relative ease, but the app left something to be desired when we found ourselves strolling in the sand with very little more than ocean and rocks ahead — and no warning.

The app, co-created by Jenny Price, began making waves in May when a $30,000 Kickstarter campaign launched to create an app providing information where hidden accessways in Malibu can be found. Since its June 1 iTunes release, it has been downloaded about 16,000 times and garnered a 4.5 (out of 5) user rating, which comes as a pleasant surprise to its creator.

"The app has exceeded my expectations in a number of ways," Price said. "We wanted the app to be user-friendly. I'm super pleased that people are finding it so easy to use."

The app contains access points for 25 Malibu beaches. Many are smaller beaches in the middle of residential areas. Others are currently closed because they are tied up in litigation on behalf of landowners and residents wishing to keep the land private.

Though full of easy-to-comprehend information about how to access the beaches, the app lacks information about lifeguards and restrooms. In some cases a more clearly defined explanation of exactly how difficult some beaches are to access is needed. Users of the otherwise helpful app should proceed with caution.

Only five of Malibu's beaches — Zuma, Nicholas, Point Dume, Corral and Surfrider — have established lifeguard stations.

Zuma Beach lifeguard Capt. Remy Smith said the smaller "pocket beaches," such as Escondido, are always patrolled by a two-man LR300 unit and an area captain, but there is no established lifeguard tower. Both Smith and the app caution against using beaches without a lifeguard present.

"The thing is, the ocean is ultimately always in charge," Smith said. "You never know what the ocean's going to do. That's why we have so many towers spread all over Zuma."

Price does caution beachgoers that not every beach will have bathrooms or trash cans in a section of the app titled "The Basics." However, those facts could benefit users more if it were included with the information about each individual beach.

Latigo Beach is one of the more accessible beaches with disputed private-public lands. It is located just behind a row of houses off Pacific Coast Highway, with an easy-to-find set of stairs leading down to the beach from a private street. Residents, however, prefer the beach to remain a secret. They said that not only do beachgoers fail to recognize the mean-tide line, but they also fail to respect private property when it comes to waste.

"People are too lazy to walk so they'll pee on the stairs," said Susan Kay Udry, a visitor from Woodland Hills. Udry uses Latigo's private sands with the permission of a friend who owns one of the beachfront homes.

All of Malibu's beaches are public below the mean-tide line. This is usually a point of dispute between private homeowners and

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WELL DESERVED

Richard Mann *editor@smdp.com*

Beverly Jocher (left), who grew up in Santa Monica and spent many days at the original Muscle Beach just south of the Santa Monica Pier, celebrates being inducted into the Muscle Beach Hall of Fame on Thursday in Venice. She was crowned Ms. Muscle Beach in 1952 and still embraces a fit and healthy lifestyle.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BBB needs to stop discriminating

Editor:

How bizarre is it for the Big Blue Bus to refuse to accept ads from nonprofits like the AIDS Project Los Angeles, but accept commercial advertising? The reason was that the First Amendment could require the buses to accept ads from nonprofit causes that we would find objectionable ("BBB stays the course against nonprofit ads," July 4).

Now the L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has found a way to accept nonprofit ads that it feels will satisfy this legal issue. Rather than follow that example, the Big Blue Bus says it won't change its policy. This is pathetic and ridiculous.

It is now up to the City Council to either adopt the MTA approach, or refuse all advertising. If it cost a nickel or dime more for a ride, it would be worth it to do away with this discriminatory policy.

Paul Rosenstein
Santa Monica

Get rid of it

Editor:

The photo in all its ugliness on the front page of the Santa Monica Daily Press is sick, sick ("'Chain Reaction' supporters remain optimistic, create garden for artwork," July 2). A dirty, black atomic blast in which [roughly] 250,000 Japanese died in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. An atomic bomb that America has spent every year trying to rid the world of.

Do you need to be reminded that we are now a global city and world – Japanese, Chinese, Africans, Muslims, Russians and more – yet an old hippie named Rubin persists on trying to raise money to fix ("Chain Reaction") up and make it permanent, and a silly woman wants to design a garden around it with a bench to sit and gaze at it.

Does the Santa Monica Daily Press ever get a rise out of the City Council for over-traffic, for over-development, for over-shaming America?

Take down "Chain Reaction" and bury it like the [roughly] 250,000 Japanese killed in 1945.

Cynthia F. Webber
Marina del Rey, Calif.

Big money brings big problems

Editor:

Re: The Taxman commentary of July 3 ("Supreme Court puts California initiative process in jeopardy").

One might wonder where Jon Coupal's concern about the Supreme Court's decision was when all of the out-of-state money flowed into California in an attempt to sway the voters of California. I, for one, view that influx of money as a far more serious threat to the voters of California. It was that out-of-state money that bought that election and caused the severe economic problem for public education in California.

I strongly doubt if Jon is speaking for most Californians as it clearly states that he is the president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the group that is responsible for the decline of public education in California. A group that also opposes splitting the tax rolls so that corporations can't skirt paying their fair share of taxes by utilizing the tax loopholes put into place by that very organization. Hmm, I wonder who really is funding that group, out-of-California businesses?

Gerald Schneir
Santa Monica



Curious City



Charles Andrews

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Celebrations, cautionary tales

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! OK, TWO days ago. That's the problem with a weekly column. Our family had a very Santa Monica celebration, starting of course with the Main Street parade, delightful as always. A real small town Fourth of July parade, here on the edge of a huge city.

Then we accepted our friends' invitation to join them at their home on Fraser Avenue, whose residents lay claim to the longest-running block party in Santa Monica — 41 years! — and possibly the shortest parade anywhere. They put tables, chairs, even couches out into the street after their one-short-block parade at noon, and everyone cruised, chatting, playing games, eating each other's food. Our hosts Pen and David were full of good stories, especially David, whose grandparents moved to that block from Utah, his parents following when he was 7, in the early '50s. Their house is an amazing structure from 1902, full of gorgeous dark wood and architectural surprises. Our daughter and her friends capped the evening properly with fireworks in Marina del Rey, wisely zipping past the ungodly traffic on bikes.

Speaking of small streets, I'll bet there's no one who can tell me where Frank Street is without looking it up. Or where Santa Monica's smallest trailer park is. These things I discover on my ongoing walking odyssey, and soon I'll finally compare notes with my walking guru/inspiration, Berkeley Blatz.

Two quick local music notes: the Santa Monica Pier concert series begins Thursday (though I hold out more hope for the following week's show, and other later ones), and now at the Monica Laemmle, a great documentary on backup singers, "20 Feet from Stardom," also featuring Mick, Bruce, Sting etc. Marvelous music history by those who lived it, and a moving human drama. Don't let it get away; go now.

POLICING THE POLICE

I got a call back this week from Sgt. Richard Lewis, media liaison for the SMPD. He said he would let me know as soon as the police report had been filed in the case of the two photographers and an SMC professor arrested at the college in the wake of the shootings.

He told me the report charges the three with interfering with the police on several occasions, and that after several warnings they were arrested. The photographer I spoke to told a different story, saying they obeyed police warnings to leave a crime scene and were arrested as they were retreating.

The charge is a serious one that could result in jail time, but perhaps even more threatening for a professional news photographer, the police have asked for revocation of their press passes. That's what they call a chilling effect, and pretty much career ending, if you've spent much of your life working and excelling to earn this top L.A. assignment.

Sgt. Lewis told me it's rare that members of the media are arrested. "It's not something we like to do," he said, "nor do we take it lightly," and it hasn't happened here during his three years in media relations.

But I'm disturbed about it, in the context of two recent incidents. This week a Hawthorne police officer shot dead the dog of a man they were arresting for "interference with officer(s)." It seems to many from videos posted that Leon Rosby's "crime" was shooting video of the police involved in a standoff with robbery suspects.

The Hawthorne Police statement accused Rosby of "interference (including) loud, distracting music (from the individual's vehicle), and his intentional walking within close proximity to armed officers."

Loud music? So approach the guy, tell him he needs to turn his music off, and that if he doesn't he'll be arrested. Walking in close proximity? If you watch the very disturbing video, you'll see that he was down the block from the officers, and while he walked back and forth recording video it was in a straight line, never getting closer. Kids cruising by on skateboards and bikes were as close as he was.

Yes, his dog Max was an 80-pound Rottweiler, and after he jumped out of the car through an open window he ran toward his master to protect him. (Rosby had been handcuffed and was being held by two officers.) Max lunged then backed off, barking, when an officer attempted to grab his leash. Then an officer lunged at the retreating dog and fired four shots point blank.

Why always the gun? Don't these guys carry pepper spray?

Maybe Rosby's real problem was that he has a pending lawsuit against the department, over an incident last summer. One of the officers named in that suit was involved in the action that day.

It's not against the law to videotape the police performing their duty in public. Some would say it's a good thing that protects everyone against false accusations that couldn't otherwise be proved.

Tell that to the Kern County Sheriff's Department which confiscated phones on the spot from people who used them to record their beating to death of David Silva less than two months ago. Silva was passed out, seemingly intoxicated, across the road from the Kern County Medical Center. Was an ambulance called? No, an officer and a K-9 were dispatched, then seven more deputies "for backup," then two CHP officers showed up as well. For a man passed out on the sidewalk.

They beat him fiercely with batons as he put up no resistance, according to multiple witnesses and as seen in a video, and the father of four died right there. (The police report claimed he resisted. And all 10 officers remain on duty.)

The deputies then followed two other people they thought had videotaped the assault into their homes and detained them for hours before they finally surrendered their cellphones, said Silva's family's lawyer. Sheriff Donny Youngblood said the deputies' decision to confiscate the phones was the right thing to do.

No, it wasn't.

There are too many instances of police officers charging "unlawful interference" on what seems like no grounds but their own self-interest, in defiance of the law, and sometimes a dog or even a man have their lives snuffed out on the street in the process while the police have unlawfully seized the evidence.

I am not accusing the SMPD of anything. But I do believe the police everywhere should be extremely cautious and certain about these types of charges, considering the terrible abuses that have occurred. There's a difference between interfering and irritating. And then there's that silly thing in the Constitution protecting freedom of the press. Important then, important now.

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The Q Line

Marriage for all

The Supreme Court last week made a pair of rulings that apparently open the door for same-sex couples to get married in California.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Where do you stand on the rulings and why?

Here are your responses:

"IF THEY ALLOW THE HOMOSEXUALS to marry, they should be fair and allow me to have more than one wife."

"Sexual acts have existed since time immemorial and even though I'm a church going person I do believe that we should let other people be the way they are, even if one doesn't agree with them personally. The Lord loves everybody so I say let it go with the flow even though I'm not of that persuasion and I wouldn't think of it because the Lord made me differently. But the Lord made everybody more or less equal so I think that one should allow it to be because that's existed since time immemorial. Leonardo da Vinci was one of them so let it go with the flow."

"I THINK ANYONE SHOULD BE ABLE to fall in love and marry the person of their choice. I also think it will help the economy because they'll have weddings and hire wedding planners and hire caterers and have big parties."

"I SUPPORT THE SUPREME COURT ruling last week because you're born gay and even if you weren't born gay you cannot discriminate for any reason. Years ago blacks couldn't vote, women couldn't vote, you couldn't marry a person from a different race; it's ridiculous. You cannot discriminate against anybody because there is a separation of church and state. We are talking about civil law, we are not talking about religious law."

"I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN AND I remember the America I was born into and grew to adulthood in. It was a great and lovely country. Then we never could have thought of same-sex marriages, rampant crime or drugs out of control. This country is in a terrible state of chaos, disillusion."

"DEFINITELY, PEOPLE WHO WANT TO commit to each other, are greatly in love and want to have a long-term relationship should be entitled to get married. Love is love is love, whether it be between man and woman, man and man, woman and woman. Yes, I'm very happy for the new rulings. It's time, it's long overdue."

"HERE'S WHAT SOME PEOPLE DO: they read the fine words and meanings to enhance their own selfish view of America. These court rulings are just a furtherance of the hating of things that made America great. People loathe discipline. Someone else should protect us from evil. Same-sex unions are about money. To achieve that result, children are brought into the argument to befuddle judges who worry more about their stature than this country. Gay marriage is another crack in the structure of a once great idea, that is this country. History is a repeat of examples of failed liberal-thinking people who thought their country was not socially advanced enough. Your leaders have made the Faustian bargain to help diminish the freedoms of our country to help boost their power to rule. Look at your president, look at your state, look at our once simple town. Just like same-sex marriage in Santa Monica has become the de facto leader in bringing upon us a new world order. Individualism is dead. Long live those who support the weakness in the United States."

"I STAND SIDE BY SIDE, WORD FOR WORD with our Declaration of Independence, which distinctly and proudly states, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness ... .' Obviously, the Supreme Court got it right! Discrimination cannot be tolerated in our country for any reason. And therefore the court should have gone even further and stated same-sex marriage as a constitutional right in all 50 states, but perhaps that question was not before them and will wait for another court case to be appropriately decided. Contrary to those who believe otherwise, marriage to the one you love is not a religious matter (atheists can marry) and it should not be based on having children (many heterosexual couples cannot or do not want to have children). Private matters as these are, they are nonetheless constitutional issues only and must be decided as a matter of equal (civil) rights for all. Having universal rights of fairness and dignity for some but not for others is blatantly wrong and destructive. For as President Abraham Lincoln wrote, 'A house divided cannot stand.' Thank you, Alan (a proud father and grandfather in a same-sex relationship for 18-plus years, married in New York for almost two years, and now we are happily living in Santa Monica)."

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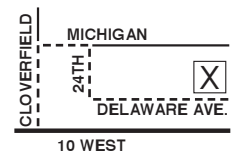
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Hall watching the discussion play out on a computer screen in front of him, struggling to time his vote with the nearly 20-second delay between the streaming video and the action playing out in the council chambers with occasionally amusing results.

For reference, that room is all of 100 yards from the seats in which his colleagues discussed Santa Monica's budget for the next two years, a mix of cuts and enhancements that city officials hope will keep Santa Monica on the financial straight and narrow while they figure out what to do with looming deficits fueled by employee benefits and pensions.

Holbrook was recovering from knee surgery, and could not sit for long periods of time without elevating his leg. That meant it was either miss out on the budget vote or find another way to participate.

That's where the Brown Act came in.

The Brown Act, a 1953 law governing open meetings, was meant to keep the public's business in the public eye. It prevents elected officials from meeting secretly, or even communicating with each other in certain ways that might constitute an exchange of ideas on topics best presented in a public forum.

When the law first passed, the idea of a council member voting by phone was not top of mind — in fact, it was only included within the last decade despite the fact that the technology has existed far longer than that, said Kara Ueda, an attorney with Best Best & Krieger, which represents many public agencies.

"Law can't keep up with technology," Ueda said. "We can't write them fast enough to make it applicable to technology."

The Brown Act deals with teleconferencing in a fairly straightforward manner. The person participating by phone must publish the address of the place in which they intend to watch the meeting, post an agenda at that location in advance of the meeting and make it possible for the public to participate too.

In Holbrook's case, that meant people stopping by the room for a visit and a seat — the packed council chambers could no longer fit more people with questions or concerns about the city's finances.

Other meeting locations have been less accessible.

Mayor Pam O'Connor wears many hats, one as a member of the Southern California Association of Governments, or SCAG. The regional nature of the group, which includes 191 cities in the state, means that many members cannot be physically present at meetings.

For one meeting of the legislative committee, O'Connor was nowhere near southern California — she participated from a hotel room in Paris, France.

"We checked it out, there's no prohibition in the Brown Act that said you had to be on U.S. soil," O'Connor said.

O'Connor ran into the problem again during a key vote on a subway system for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The issue was scheduled for April 2012 but got pushed to May when O'Connor had plans to be in Hong Kong.

"If you look at the agenda, you will see where I was staying in Hong Kong," O'Connor said. "We posted (the agenda) in the hotel and no one showed up. It was midnight."

While the Brown Act was able to accommodate remote voting with little trouble, new technologies like social media, e-mail and texting all present challenges to the law and those who follow it.

The law dictates that a majority of elected officials cannot discuss issues pertaining to their offices unless they're at a public meeting, and specifically prohibits elaborate games of telephone or passing of messages that might confound that rule.

E-mail in particular can cause problems if people are not careful about the "reply all" function and end up with a "serial meeting" on their hands, a situation in which a majority of council members or other elected officials become involved in a conversation that began between only a few members.

"Serial meetings can happen with speed and without premeditation or ill-intention," Ueda said.

Comments made on Facebook, Twitter, a blog post or even in the grocery store checkout line all fall into that category, which can make the proliferation of these kinds of technologies challenging, said Jay Fernow, an attorney with Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost, the law firm that works with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

"We've told this to board members for years — be careful what you say because it could end up on the front page of the newspaper," Fernow said.

Texting has also become an issue. Some councils have a no-cell-phone policy so that they cannot even appear to be sending messages from the dais, be they about the policy matter at hand or what they want to have for dinner the next day.

Both Fernow and Ueda agreed that the Brown Act isn't likely to try to keep up with the multitude of ways in which communication can occur, and legislators probably wouldn't be successful if they tried.

In many cases, the question of "To tweet or not to tweet?" should be fairly self-explanatory under the law, Fernow said.

"At it's core, the Brown Act is that public business should be done in public," Fernow said. "There are a lot of common sense aspects to it. You can take the current language and the way the Brown Act has been interpreted by courts and apply current statutes to the practice of the board members."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON STORMWATER PARCEL REPORTS

City of Santa Monica

On **TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013, at 5:45 p.m.** the Santa Monica City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the approval of the Stormwater Parcel Reports, describing each parcel within the City and the amount of each parcel's Stormwater Management Fee and Clean Beaches Special Tax for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Stormwater Management Fees are a funding source for watershed management activities, including periodic upgrades and construction of drainage facilities, maintenance of the storm drain system, catch basin cleaning, public education, runoff pollution control enforcement and other programs that protect the economic, recreational and biological resources of Santa Monica Bay from urban runoff pollution. Each Fee is billed through the L.A. County Tax Assessor on one's 2013-14 property tax bill. The hearing will be held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 213, CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, at which time the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the Reports. A copy of the Reports has been filed with the City Clerk's Office and at City libraries, and is available for review. Further information may be obtained by calling the Watershed Management Program Coordinator, (310) 458-8223.



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EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT: **Activists with Restore the Fourth at the Main Street parade Thursday.**

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surveillance of American citizens and support the whistleblowers that brought the programs to light.

Protests involving thousands of people sprang up across the country, mainly organized in online forums and through existing networks like Occupy, to use the historic day in which the nascent country declared its independence from England as a backdrop to assert the freedoms and protections promised by the Bill of Rights.

In Santa Monica, dozens of people in red, white and blue joined the parade to request that the federal government "restore" the Fourth Amendment, a piece of the Bill of Rights meant to protect Americans against unreasonable search and seizure that many feel has been violated by government programs established under the Patriot Act of 2007.

They hope to convince the government to reform section 215 of that law that politicians in support of the data-gathering say justifies the actions and makes them legal.

"The movement is to restore the Fourth Amendment and our rights to be secure in person, houses, papers and effects," said Mark Lipman, organizer of the event who was draped in an American flag Thursday morning.

Those involved in Restore the Fourth also showed their support for whistleblowers, individuals that use their position inside government or private entities to reveal alleged wrongdoing.

The protesters gathered around a two-person bicycle set up to tow a small litter full of cut outs of Edward Snowden and Bradley Manning's faces that organizers handed to members of the crowd.

The two young men have become the focal point of the protests, Manning for releasing a huge trove of government documents to the whistleblower website Wikileaks that detail the United States' involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan and Snowden for exposing initiatives by the federal government to gather data from American cell phone companies revealing who people spoke to, for how long and where.

Manning is now on trial on 22 counts including espionage and "aiding the enemy" after years in custody, and the Reuters news service reports that Snowden is camped out in a Russian airport.

Snowden's information, obtained while he was a government contractor, led to further revelations about different ways the government is collecting information on men and women at home and abroad, specifically the PRISM program, a massive surveillance machine meant to target foreign citizens that can also grab information about Americans.

That kind of activity is a threat to individual liberties, said Giovanni Grammatica, a Hawthorne resident. Thursday was the first time he had ever joined a protest, which he heard about on the social media site Facebook.

"The government should not be spying on American citizens without due process," Grammatica said.

The circumstances around the surveil-

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public beach users. Price uses wet sand as a rule-of-thumb for partially private beaches. If sand is wet, it's below the mean-tide line and therefore available for public use, she says. If it's dry, it might be on private property.

Richard Spillane, a friend of a Latigo Beach homeowner, said beachgoers often fail to recognize the difference and will use beach chairs left on the beaches by homeowners without realizing they are on private property.

While Price's research clearly explains where access points are, the app lacks more detailed information about difficult-to-reach points.

Point Dume Natural Preserve, for example, is less accessible than nearby Zuma Beach because beachgoers must first trek down a cliff using a carefully hidden staircase. Price explains the path informally and does not mention that several steps along the steep staircase are loose or decaying.

Regulars say they prefer the beach's questionable accessibility because they like the isolation.

"It's beautiful. There are great waves. It's isolated," said Venice resident Miguel Bouquet, a frequent surfer. "Access is not perfect but if there was better access, it would be full of people."

Parking is not perfect either, with only about 10 two-hour spots near the top of the cliff. All other street parking is marked with "no parking" signs for about half a mile in every direction.

"Our Malibu Beaches" does include suggestions about where to park, exact walking directions on how to access the beach and provides public transportation information.

Price also warns users whether parking is easily accessible from individual access points, but notes that some walking routes may be unsafe, especially when crossing PCH.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **69.1°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
Long period SW fills in a touch more

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
Small SW swell holds; Potential new long period and steep-angled S-SSE fills in through the day; Larger sets possible for standouts; stay tuned

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
Small SW swell fades; Potential new long period and steep-angled S-SSE tops out through the day; Larger sets possible for standouts; stay tuned

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 **July 1, 2013**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 4
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 1
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA, and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.		
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechesa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	F	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.	ns	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
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.	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	B	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 D&W 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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PROTEST

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lance and the government's treatment of Manning and Snowden concern Santa Monica resident Miriam Greenberg, who joined Thursday's event to connect with others and show her support.

"I feel there's a danger in the country, with what's happening now," Greenberg said.

Despite the serious subject matter, people still used the protest as a chance to have some fun. Protesters dressed as agents from the National Security Agency loitered on the edges of the crowd, occasionally requesting identification from their compatriots, while Clownalyn Monroe and her young sidekick dressed in bright hues and complete clown makeup watched on.

"We're down to support any good cause, and being American is the best cause of all," Clownalyn said, although she was less inclined to chat specifics of the protest.

"I have vowed to never talk about anything too serious when I'm clowning, my dear," Clownalyn told this reporter.

Although Santa Monica's protest did not draw the huge crowds seen in other parts of the country, particularly Utah where the National Security Agency is building a huge data center to store the information that it picks up through its surveillance programs, protesters felt that it was a positive beginning.

"It's not large, but things start that way," Greenberg said.

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Man of Steel 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 6:50pm, 10:15pm

Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain (R) 1hr 15min
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Lone Ranger (PG-13) 2hrs 29min
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Despicable Me 2 (PG) 1hr 38min
11:45am, 5:15pm, 10:40pm

World War Z (PG-13) 1hr 56min
10:20am, 4:00pm, 11:20pm

This Is The End (R) 1hr 47min
1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

White House Down (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
10:15am, 1:25pm, 4:40pm, 7:55pm, 11:10pm

Despicable Me 2 in 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
2:30pm, 8:00pm

Heat (R) 1hr 57min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:10pm, 8:15pm, 11:15pm

World War Z 3D (PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:10pm, 7:00pm

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Dirty Wars (NR) 1hr 26min
11:10am

The East (PG-13) 1 hr 56min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

Frances Ha (R) 1hr 26min
11:15am

A Girl and a Gun (NR) 1hr 16min
11:00am

Much Ado About Nothing (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Twenty Feet from Stardom (PG-13) 1hr 30min
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have an abundance of energy. If you can get involved in some kind of sport, you will feel great. Try to schedule more physical activities in your daily life. A partner would like you to invest some of your energy into your shared ventures. Tonight: Happy to be close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ In the morning, you might greet a major expense or wish to make a purchase. By the afternoon, you could be totally distracted. You even might be heard saying: "What purchase?" Catch up on a neighbor's news. Tonight: A spontaneous happening is occurring where you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Tap into your high energy. You could wonder what is enough, as someone keeps asking you to do this or that. You might want to say "no" before you explode. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Nothing happens unless you start acting on a decision. If you want to pave a new path, know that others will follow. You also will discover that this choice seems to bring more luck into your life. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Plans with friends evolve into a spontaneous, fun activity. One person in particular still might be out of sorts. Opt to pull back a bit and become an observer once again. How you deal with various situations more often than not is through detachment. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could feel overwhelmed by a pushy adult or some older family members. Words will be exchanged, and the rest will be history. Be kind when dealing with a friend whom you really care about. Make sure that you handle one interaction at a time. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Acknowledge someone at a distance. What is happening with this person could be more of a problem than you would like to handle right now. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A loved one puts you in your place. Listen carefully to this person, as his or her comments probably have some validity. You can launch a disagreement or detach. Tonight: Join a friend for a jam session.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You can do whatever you want, as long as you make it a point to appease someone who is on the warpath. Let this person go through his or her tirade. Keep in mind that he or she is likely to make the first gesture anyway. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might understand where someone is coming from, but you could feel too irritable to deal with the situation right now. Make plans with loved ones or a friend for later in the afternoon. Camaraderie and laughter will abound. Tonight: Let the party go on and on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Observe how someone handles what is happening. A lot might go down with a child or new friend. Understand that if this person did not care, he or she would not be so upset. Once the dust settles, make a caring gesture. Think before you speak. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be more irritable than you realize. You might wonder what is happening with a family member who also might be grumpy. Go off and participate in an activity you love. As a result, you will feel prepared to deal with your issues. Tonight: Do something spontaneous.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

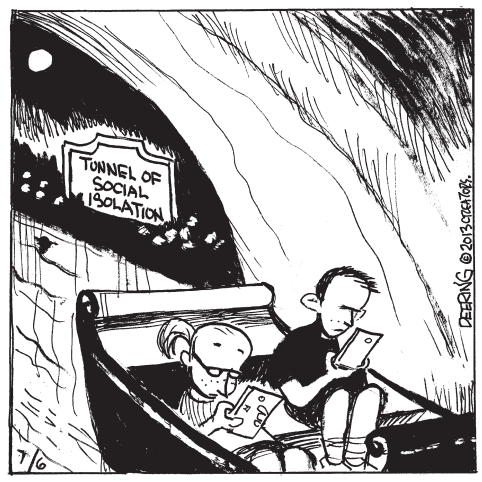
This year you deal with your anger rather than suppress it. Whether this transformation happens by choice or because of a ramification of bottling up your feelings, it makes no difference. The end result will be excellent. If you are single, you could attract quite a few suitors. The person who makes your heart flutter will be important to your life history. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy each other's company more, once you are willing to be more vulnerable. A fellow CANCER might be as moody as you are.

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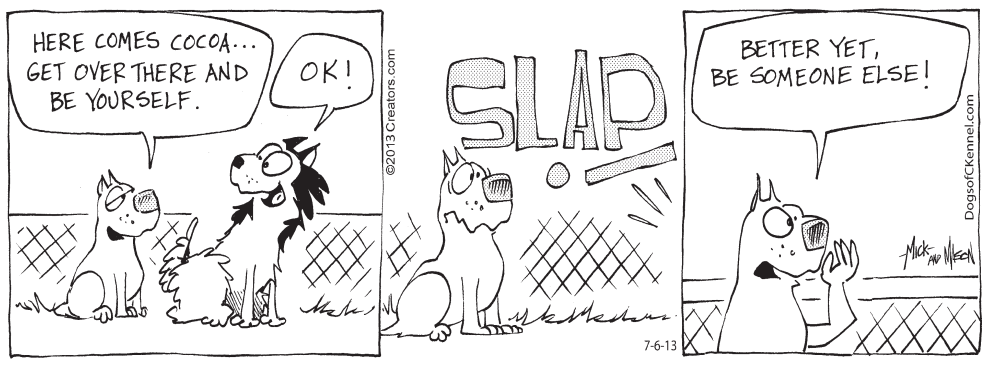
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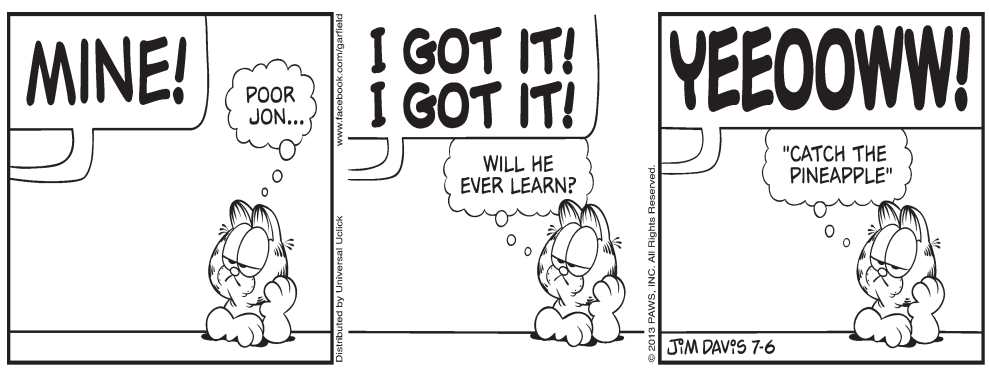
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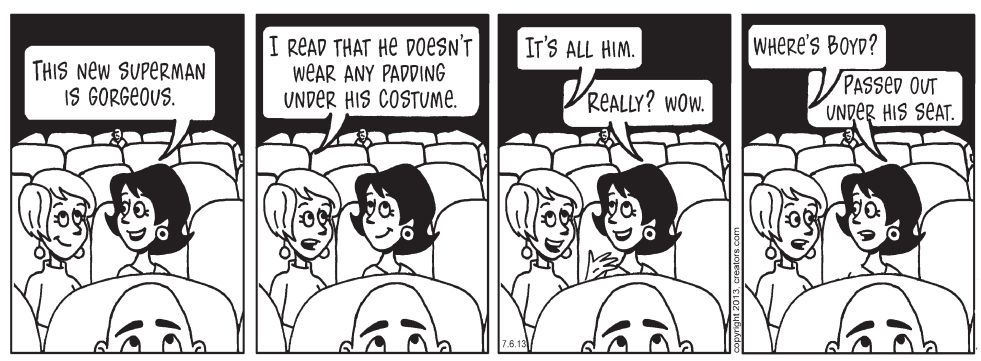
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Cookie bit
6 Disconcert
11 Of the kidneys
12 African tongue
13 Carrot's kin
14 Computer key
15 New York college
17 That ship
18 Stopped fasting
19 Reddish-brown
22 Receipt line
23 Female followings
24 Sorceress of myth
25 City on the Illinois
27 Wire measure
30 Moderately sweet
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32 Memorable time
33 Stock units
35 Korean or Thai
38 Writer Canetti
39 Señor's squiggle
40 Mountain group
41 Attacks
42 Derisive look

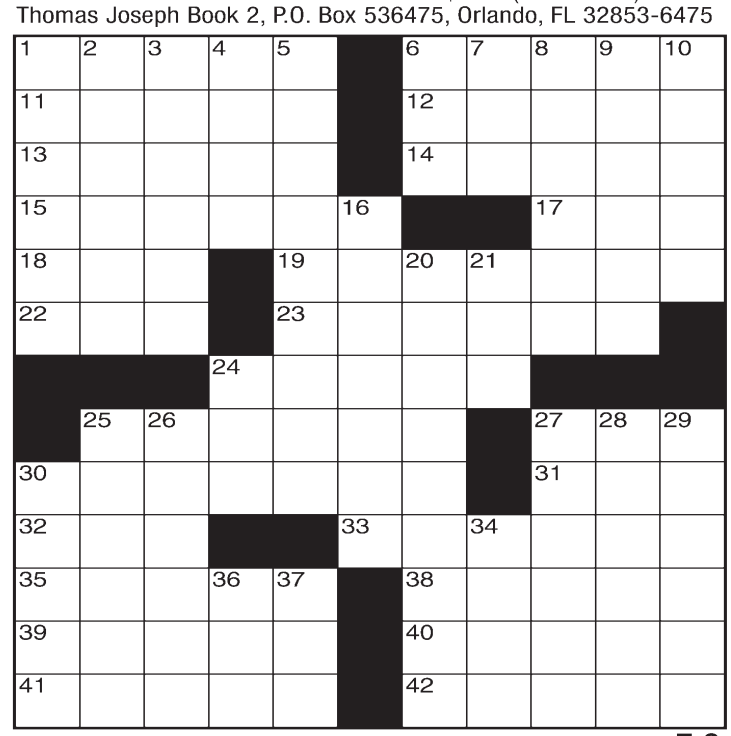
DOWN

1 Tie
2 Singer Scotto
3 Like some salons
4 Church service
5 Fan setting
6 Justice Fortas
7 Outlaw
8 Country music?
9 Ranch group
10 Move it
16 Band aides
20 Sermon deliverers
21 Casserole bit
24 Me, to Michel
25 Darius' kingdom
26 Contacts, in a way
27 Corps member
28 Pleistocene period
29 Inferior
30 Tarot card
34 Shepard in space
36 Nabokov novel
37 Court divider

C	A	T	E	R	■	P	E	T	A	L
O	H	A	R	A	■	A	L	A	M	O
W	A	K	E	S	■	R	A	K	E	S
■	■	E	C	H	O	■	P	E	N	S
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3 6 29 40 51
Power#: 4
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/2
36 42 51 52 53
Mega#: 40
Jackpot: $79M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 7/3
14 35 36 40 47
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: $27M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/4
1 11 26 29 33

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/4
MIDDAY: 1 6 1
EVENING: 3 0 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/4
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The web sites OpposingViews.com and the Jewish Daily Forward (Forward.com), sweeping through all of the 2013 news accounts that two reporters could find, added up the fatalities so far this year (through May) of Americans killed by domestic "terrorist" attacks, compared to the number of Americans killed with guns fired by toddlers (aged 2-6). Terrorism's total: 4 (all from the Boston Marathon bombing). Gun deaths by toddlers: 11. (During the same period, 10 additional Americans were merely wounded by toddlers firing guns.)

■ New York state Assemblyman Vito Lopez of Brooklyn was briefly a candidate for New York City mayor but withdrew in May, shortly after a state ethics commission accused him of various "unbecoming" behaviors, including pressuring female assistants to massage him, and at least one to feel the cancer-striken Lopez's tumors on his neck, shoulder, and armpit. (2) Philip Garcia, 41, was arrested in April in Perris, Calif., after he allegedly crawled naked through the doggy door in a neighboring home and announced to the female resident that he was there for sex.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1957 - Althea Gibson wins the Wimbledon championships, becoming the first black athlete to do so.

1957 - John Lennon and Paul McCartney of the Beatles are introduced to each other when Lennon's band the Quarrymen performs at the St. Peter's Church Hall fête in Woolton.

1962 - As a part of Operation Plowshare, the Sedan nuclear test takes place.

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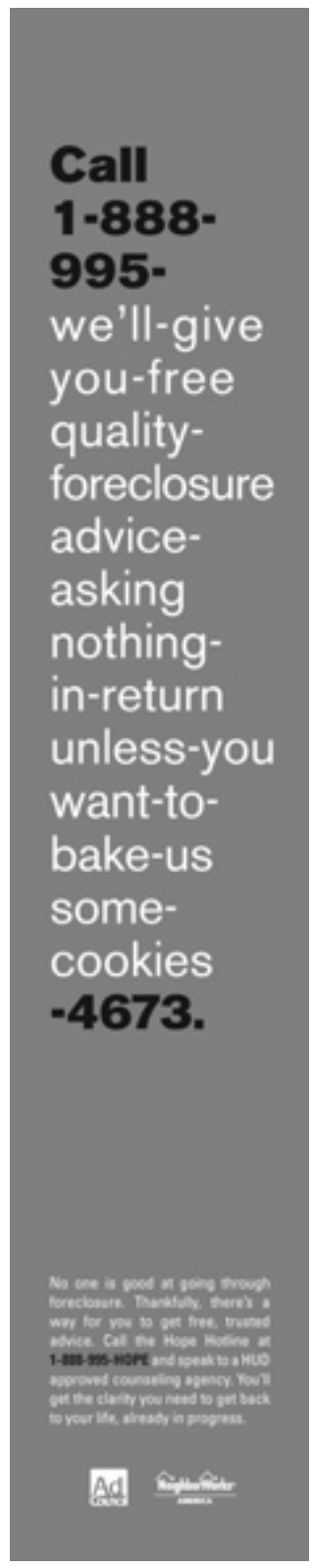
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