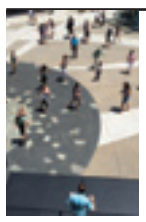
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THE SMRR ISSUE

## "Pico Delegation" wants City Manager fired

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** Board of Education member Oscar de la Torre is hoping a block of his supporters can influence the city's most significant endorsement, including calling for the termination of City Manager Rod Gould.

On Sunday, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), the city's largest political party, will host its political convention, during which they endorse candidates for City Council, the Board of Education, Rent Control Board, and Santa Monica College Board. De la Torre plans to bring a voter block to the convention and will ask his group to back candidates that support removal of Gould from his position as City Manager.

De la Torre, who's had a public and ongoing feud with high-ranking city officials, facilitated in the addition of 120 residents to the SMRR membership. He will be arranging transportation to the meeting for his group and he hopes to have at least 100 of those members show up to SMRR's convention as a voting block.

SMRR's conventions are usually attended by anywhere from 250 to 500 members, making a hundred-person block significant. Members are required to pay annual dues and sign a form acknowledging their support of the SMRR platform.

Gould has repeatedly raised concerns about financial bookkeeping at the Pico Youth and Family Center, a nonprofit organization run by de la Torre. De la Torre has denies the claims. City Council recently sided with Gould, voting to pledge less money to the organization than in years past.

"The removal of Rod Gould, is in my opinion, a done deal," de la Torre said. "Rod Gould is smart enough to know that he needs to find another job. All the candidates that we have talked to have committed to getting rid of City Manager Rod Gould."

Gould declined to respond for this article.

SMRR Steering Committee member Maria Loya, to whom de la Torre is married, is looking to unseat an SMC board incumbent.

De la Torre, who is seeking reelection to

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## SILENT DISCO

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*

**Silent dance parties have begun on the pier. Each Sunday breaks into two parts: "Sunshine Sessions" and "Sunset Showdowns." Sunshine Sessions will run from 2 - 5 p.m. and is open to all ages, and Sunset Showdowns will be from 5 - 9 p.m. with DJs battling for dominance. Tickets are $10-$15 and available at www.silentfrisco.com.**

## SMRR leaders concerned about endorsement infiltration

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** Leaders of the city's largest political party are concerned that some new members may not share the organization's ideals and are instead trying to influence the endorsement process.

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) will hold its endorsement convention this Sunday and they've seen a membership spike, as is the case every election season. The SMRR endorsement, which is voted on by the organization's membership, is highly sought after.

To attain membership, one must pay annual dues and sign a document vowing support of the organization's platform.

Six of the seven current City Council members were endorsed by SMRR before the last election. Longtime Councilmember Bob Holbrook, who is on the fence about seeking reelection this year, is the only member who's had long-term success without the endorsement.

SMRR co-Chair Patricia Hoffman said many people have renewed their dues and "hundreds" have joined the organization, which has a membership in the "thousands." SMRR declines to release its membership totals, a protection, they claim, of their members' privacy.

Is Hoffman concerned that some of the newcomers may not be in agreement with SMRR's commitment to, among other things, affordable housing and rent control but are jumping on board to influence the endorsement process?

"No question about it," she said.

Democracy is not easy, she said.

"It is the nature of the game but it may be time to take another look at how we operate," Hoffman said. "I think that we have the best platform of virtually any organization anywhere, and while we don't expect everyone to vote exactly in conformance to the platform on every single issue, we certainly would like to see movement in that direction. If we're just going to be used as 'SMRR: They're the guys who can get people elected,' we do have to rethink how we do things."

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**Tuesday, July 29**

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Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy,
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Red Hen's accomplished authors showcase a diversity of cultures and experiences. Garrett Hongo's latest collection delves into his Japanese-American heritage and Hawaiian culture as he explores the history of his homeland and family. David Mason takes us from the American West all the way to Greece, through a decade of his soulful and poetic work. In her debut collection, Andrea Scarpino conjures up a longing for things lost, using mythology, spirituality, and science to create works of lyric intensity. Visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture for more information.

**Summer Reading Event: Scientific Art**
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd., 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.
Join us for some art science craft/activities. For more information, call (310) 458-8684.

**Author Talk: C.J. Box presents Shots Fired**
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Award-winning author C.J. Box brings his Western-flavored mystery series back to SMPL for the Pico Branch Library's first author talk event. C.J. will discuss his new collection of stories, Shots Fired. Join us after the talk for a book sale, signing and author meet 'n' greet. For more information, call (310) 458-8684.

**Wednesday, July 30**

**Democratic Club to discuss healthcare**
Mt Olive Lutheran Hall
14th St. & Ocean Park Blvd. 7 p.m.
Please join the Santa Monica Democratic Club for a discussion of the upcoming election healthcare initiatives. Executive Board members, Dr. Sion Roy and Genise Schnitman will discuss changing the malpractice cap and giving Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones the authority to regulate insurance premiums prices - fundamental aspects of the Healthcare system. Also, club members' recommendations for future projects/priorities of the Santa Monica Democratic Club will be discussed. They want to hear from you. The public is invited, there will be light refreshments, free parking, and no charge.

**Annie Banannie-Balloon Dog Tales**
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Balloon storyteller Annie Banannie tells the goofy story of a crazy celebration with balloon costumes and some dog-gone silly ideas. Ages 4 and up. Ticketed event, limited space. Tickets available 30 minutes before program. For more information, call (310) 458- 8682

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Join our community dance lesson in Tongva Park and show us your best moves! For more information, contact Allison Ostrovsky at (310) 458-8350 or visit www.smgov.net/tongvapark.

**Orbiting Ray Bradbury's Mars**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Gloria McMillan, editor of the new essay collection, "Orbiting Ray Bradbury's Mars," explores the far-reaching influence of this master storyteller on literature, science, media and social issues. Presentation with Q&A followed by book sale and signing. This event is part of the Adult Summer Reading program featuring the theme "Literary Elements." For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

### Santa Monica Pier image highlights new Kindle photo book

A book of favorite images of SoCal could hardly omit Santa Monica. "How to visit LA when you live in LA" is not only a travel book but a photo book as well. Formatted for the high quality images that it offers - the book has several images from the best-known beach city in LA. These photos display in a full page on a Kindle E-reader, a first for such kindle books.

When the photographer, John Glass, first moved to Los Angeles from San Diego to attend UCLA in 1965, one of his first apartments was on the beach along the boardwalk. Glass loves to travel and take outdoor nature photos of his favorite sights to share with others. His new Kindle series, "Hit the Road with John Glass," begins with this LA book and will be followed up by "Awesome Places a Close Drive Away - When You are in LA." This book will share photos from special locations that you can get to in about half a day.

This series is edited by his wife, Jean Dale Glass, who accompanies John on his photo journeys. "Santa Monica is ripe with the some of the best locations for John to shoot.", Jean said. "We are so thrilled to share these with Kindle readers both from the area here and others who come here to visit."

This new publication is hitting Kindle readers this week. John is enthusiastic about this opportunity, "Kindle publishing has made a new world for writers and in my case, photographers. With little or no investment - except time - a relatively unknown can offer his books to the public. Kindle books can be viewed on laptops and tablets for those who don't want to invest in an e-book reader."

The books will all include links to Google Maps for the location of each photo. Additionally, a PDF of these links are available by signing up for their mailing list. His website www.PhotosByJohnGlass.com has almost 1,000 photos to peruse. The book is free for a limited time.

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### MixMatch Dance Festival

Hart Pulse Dance Company will be presenting their 8th Annual MixMatch Dance Festival Aug. 28 - 31. The multi-day event brings together dance works from all genres, all over the country, to Santa Monica for a four show spread of the most exciting dance performances. L.A.'s largest dance festival will be bringing more than 60 dances in Hip Hop, Ballet, Tap, Modern, Tribal, Contemporary, Jazz, Belly, Pole & more. Each of the four performances boasts a different line-up, making MixMatch one of L.A.'s most diverse and valued dance festivals. Organizers said the shows sell out every year, so spectators should grab tickets today to ensure an opportunity to view the dance community's up and coming choreographers and what they have to offer dance enthusiasts in Los Angeles and around the world. Performances are Aug. 28, 29, 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 31 at 2 p.m. Shows will be held at The Miles Memorial Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd. Tickets are $17 at hartpulsedance. Performers include: Aug. 28 - A.D.E, Katie Jane Hagen, Stella Melina, Hideen Entropy Movement Project, Hazel Clarke, Maha and Company,

Kaleidoscape Dance, Samantha Loui & Cindy Sheng, Embark Dance Theatre, Jessica Harper, Elena Sophia Kozak, Compass Dance Company, OdDancity, Fuse Dance Company, Hart Pulse Dance Company.

Aug. 29 - Ashley L. Jones, Lexi Stillanos, Hazel Clarke, Kelela Batinga, Diane McNeal Hunt's Elevate, Merge Dance Theatre, Amaterasu Dance Company, Gabriela Hernandez Cardenas, J.J. Dance, Brooklyn Hughes Melton, Julianna LaRosa, Sara Kempa-Leon, OdDancity, Rosie Trump | With or Without Dance, Reach Dance Academy Burbank, Hart Pulse Dance Company.

Aug. 30 - LoaDanceTheater, Watson Dance, Michelle Shear, Nancy Evans Dance Theatre, Nebula Dance Lab, Diane McNeal Hunt's Elevate, Megill & Company, ArtBark International, Troupe Zaghareet, Chelsea Michener, The Melissa Payne Project, Axxiom Dance Collective, Hart Pulse Dance Company.

Aug. 31 - Nicole McKenzie Improv Group, Diane McNeal Hunt's Elevate, Movement Theatre CoLab, Nancy Evans Dance Theatre, Anthony Languren, Lara Segura, Megill & Company, Jacksonville Dance Theatre, Hazel Clarke, Rubans Rouges Dance Company, Maha and Company, Milissa Payne Bradley, Chelsea Asman, Dorn Dance Company, Hart Pulse Dance Company.

Visit www.HartPulseDance.com for more information.

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# Witnesses: Lightning hit beach without warning

**VENICE** Venice Beach teemed with people enjoying a weekend outing on the boardwalk and sand when lifeguards and other witnesses say lightning from a rare summer thunderstorm hit without warning, injuring or rattling more than a dozen people and leaving a 21-year-old man dead.

The witnesses said the strike hit with a tremendous boom about 2:30 p.m. Sunday, rattling buildings and showering a lifeguard headquarters with sparks.

"The first knowledge they had was when the lightning hit," Capt. Danny Douglas of the Venice lifeguard station said Monday.

The 21-year-old was rushed unresponsive to a hospital after the strike and later died. Coroner's Assistant Chief Ed Winter identified him as Nick Fagnano of Los Angeles. Some witnesses said Fagnano had been in the water when the lightning hit, but authorities couldn't confirm that.

The lightning came as some 30,000 people were enjoying a day at the city's funky bohemian beach noted for its jugglers, skaters, medical marijuana dealers and boardwalk preachers and hucksters.

Swimmers cooling off on a muggy day, volleyball players on the sand and people strolling the famous boardwalk were jolted.

Twelve other people, including a 15-year-old boy, were examined after they felt the effects of the lightning, ranging from anxiety to a man that needed CPR. However, not all were necessarily actually struck by lightning, said Katherine Main, a city fire spokeswoman.

Nine were taken to hospitals, where one was listed in critical condition. Most of the others were mainly shaken up and expected to recover, fire officials said.

Lightning also struck a 57-year-old man on a golf course on Santa Catalina Island, the picturesque Channel Island 26 miles off the coast of Los Angeles that has been celebrated in story and song. He was listed in stable condition and further information on him was not available Monday.

Stuart Acher said he was shocked while playing volleyball on the beach.

"We went about our game and then all of a sudden, there was a big flash of light and a boom, and it felt like someone punched me in the back of my head," he told KABC-TV. "It went down my whole side of my right body, and my calves sort of locked up, and I fell over. And I looked up and everybody else was, you know, falling over."

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## Lightning safety advice and facts from the National Fire Prevention Association and the National Weather Service.

There have been 16 lightning related fatalities nation wide this year, including one in Venice this week. Six of the deaths occurred in Florida. According to the National Weather Service, deaths occurred while people were: closing car windows, fishing, riding a motorcycle, roofing, picking berries, under a tree, fixing windshield wipers, walking to a house, hiking, horseback riding, trimming hedges, sightseeing, walking and swimming. Since 2006, lightning has killed 224 men and 53 women.

**SAFETY TIPS**

If you can hear thunder, you're within striking distance of lighting. Seek shelter in home, building or hard-topped vehicle.

Do not go under trees.

Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving shelter.

Stay away from windows, doors and porches.

There is no safe place outside.

Indoor tips during an electrical storm - turn off computers, stay away from items with direct contact to electricity or plumbing, do not get wet.

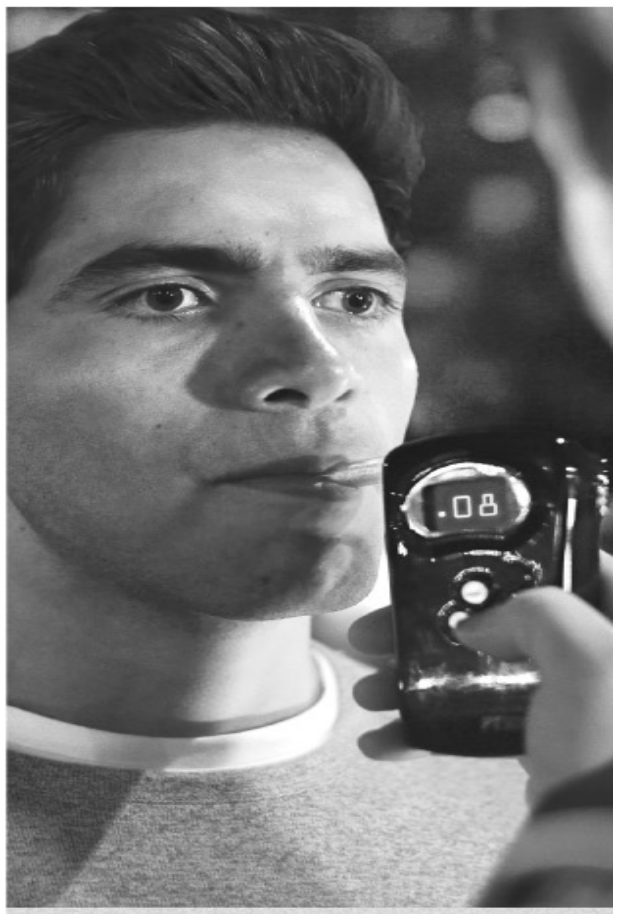
If you are in or on open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.

If you feel your hair stand on end, that means lightning is about to strike, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.

If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and get medical care immediately. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse. CPR may be needed.

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# A commission of error

**THERE IS A POPULAR FACTOID THAT** humans only use a tiny percentage of their brains. I have always taken this contention with a grain of salt, or at least I did until I read last week's opinion piece by our Airport Commission Vice-Chairman. In an audacious defiance of logic, he counters accusations of incompetence at the commission with the assertion that expert knowledge in aviation is not only superfluous, but also undesirable. This bizarre idea illustrates the corruption of purpose and calumny that has poisoned the very heart of our Airport Commission.

City commissions and boards, evidently with the single exception of the Airport Commission, are composed of citizens who understand their subject and take seriously their charge to be sober and responsible advisors to the City Council. Of all the city commissions and boards, the Airport Commission, arguably requiring the most technical expertise, is the odd-man-out having no one who knows anything about aviation. Why?

This embarrassing state of affairs is directly attributable to the City Council, which, since 1995, has purposefully packed the Airport Commission with people who have no knowledge of modern aviation. The commissioners have overcome this deficit by changing their job description from one requiring technical competence to one of political advocacy against the airport - an endeavor that requires a certain amount of denial but no special skill.

The City Council has also failed to maintain the appearance, if not the fact of propriety, by appointing commissioners who stand to gain monetarily from the decisions they make at the commission. As a result of this lapse, two commissioners are now under investigation by the California Fair Political Practices Commission for alleged conflict of interest because they own real estate in the Airport Influence Zone.

Several recent professional studies have indicated that our airport is one of the top revenue producers for the city - somewhere in the vicinity of a quarter billion dollars per year. To so mishandle a valuable asset like the municipal airport is a dereliction of duty likely to inflict serious, long term, financial damage to Santa Monica. So why, you may ask, would the City Council allow this?

There are at least two answers to this question. First, there has been a constant drumbeat from a handful of airport neighbors, petitioning the commission and the council for redress to what they contend are serious problems related to health, and safety, but which, in fact, are vastly over-stated, if not patently false. Second, there is much to be gained for developers in the city if the airport closes, notwithstanding the denials by the City Council.

Over the last thirty years aircraft have become quieter, cleaner, smaller, safer and fewer at Santa Monica Airport, yet a group of airport neighbors has become more and more vocal for closing the airport. Could that be because, that if the airport were to close, there could be a 20-30 percent increase in the real estate value of homes next to the airport?

They complain about noise, but at 65 dBl the airport is one of the quietest in America.

They complain about pollution, yet there is absolutely no credible evidence that anyone is being harmed by operations at our airport.

They complain about safety, but there is no safety problem at the airport, as the record plainly demonstrates.

Still, we could take steps to improve our airport if the airport Commission and the City Council would go along with the idea. There is plenty of Federal money available, but the City Council, always hopeful of closing the airport, refuses to take it and the obligations that come with it. And so we all do without.

The real ghost in this political machine is development and the incessant pressure it puts on city governments to build on every available square inch of land. Our airport not only sits on valuable land, but its very existence suppresses development of high-rise canyons like Westwood and Century City because safe, navigable airspace must be maintained around it. Scoff, if you will, at the idea that closing the airport would bring inbound LAX airline traffic down upon our heads, but this result is logical, economical, and inevitable.

Because we have come to realize over the decades that the City Council simply cannot resist the temptation to keep developing land in ever more inappropriate ways and making our town more and more unlivable, we have put an initiative on the November ballot that will put the single largest land use decision in Santa Monica history-closing the airport, in the hands of the voters where it rightfully belongs.

Alternatively, the city has proposed its own initiative whose centerpiece is the affirmation of the City Council's authority to "manage the airport or close all or part of it." A "yes" vote on the city initiative is, in fact, a vote to close the airport. Make no mistake about that.

The choice is clear; the future of Santa Monica Municipal Airport must reside in the electorate and not with the city Council.

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## What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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# Starbucks Monica

**IN A STUNNING MOVE THIS WEEK THE** City Council approved a long-term contract with Seattle based Starbucks to officially change the name of the city to Starbucks Monica in exchange for a $4,000,000 upfront licensing fee and a royalty payment. The contract calls for the city to receive a $0.10 per drink made within the city limits for the next five years. Revenues are expected to top $100,000 per month. The total value of the contract is approximately $10,000,000.

Yeah, I'm kidding. That's not really going to happen. Instead Starbucks is just going to keep opening storefronts across the city in an effort to keep up with their demand. The business model allows for a new store to be built whenever one store is maxing out.

It's a good thing for the landlords who lease to the corporate overlords at Starbucks, a strong corporate client guarantees monthly payments, upgrades the property and oftentimes brings with them a renewed interest in the location. It's an umbrella effect which is beneficial to the landlord, and oftentimes the surrounding area.

As most of us have noticed the corner of Pico and Lincoln is looking decidedly a bit cleaner and it will only increase as the former Tommy's burger is rapidly transformed into a Starbucks. That corner, which was looking a bit shabby, will likely become more upscale over the next year or two.

I imagine that the donut shop that is now in the mall will be struggling to survive, but who knows if it will or not. I'd like to think that there would be an uptick in their business as a result of the Starbucks. Maybe people running in to grab a morning RedEye Double Macchiato in a Vente cup will want to bring their fellow co-workers a dozen donuts.

The Walgreens is set to open soon, I can see the lights are on, and the shelves are going in, which means that soon there will be more corporate cleanliness on that corner. This leads to a nicer street and is part of the resurgence of Lincoln Blvd that is coming our way. The opening of Sweet Rose Creamery, which is just a block up from the Walgreens on Pico has been a boon to the neighborhood with their artisanal ice creams and pastries. I see them open late and with lines out the door. This helps keep the small town feel going in a city that is rapidly no longer a small town.

Some of the small town feel that is still going is being created by guys like my friend Johnny Rocco. The mall where he has his cheesecake store has undergone a bit of a renaissance with new paint, and hopefully an uptick in business for him, the grocery store and the Hungry Pocket. Maybe the new look that Johnny brought to the center is having an umbrella effect to the other stores.

This is why development is not always bad. Change is going to happen. The question for us, and for the City Council, is really how to handle the inevitable.

I was walking my dog down Euclid between Pico and Ocean Park, and there are new homes going up. They're two stories, they're maxing out the square footage based on the lot size to comply with what people want in a home these days. Lots of indoor space, cabling and no backyard.

I don't like it. But my approval is not required, the change is inevitable. Ocean Park will become a mini-mansion zone and start to look more like the big homes of north of Montana. Is that good for the surrounding homeowners? Yes, their lots are increasing in value as a result. Is it good for the community? Yes, from a financial standpoint and maybe the price is a lack of sociability, or not. I don't know. I think so, but I'm not Karnac.

Change is inevitable, sometimes it's for the better, and sometimes that is in the eye of the beholder. The new homeowners I'm sure love their new homes, I don't, but I don't have to live in them either.

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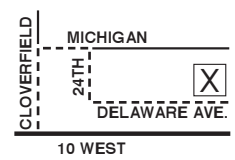


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## MALL CLASS

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**The Arthur Murray Dance Studio hosted a free event at Santa Monica Place on July 26. The studio provided free instruction on basic dance moves and choreographed routines in support of the Dizzy Feet Foundation. For more information, call (310) 260-8886**

## SMRR

FROM PAGE 1

The organization's other co-Chair Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein has taken a leave of absence from his role because he is running for the Board of Education. He's heard that members are joining SMRR in large groups.

"I really want to know if those people who signed up to be a part of our organization are committed to our values," he said. "I'm hopeful that the people who will be there on Sunday are tried and true believers in rent control, affordable housing, and protecting our neighborhood."

Daily Press columnist Bill Bauer sees affordable housing as development, which he is opposed to, but he joined SMRR this year in an attempt to influence the powerful endorsement. Bauer, an outspoken critic of SMRR, acknowledged that he disagrees with much of its platform and its proclivity to endorse, as he sees it, insider candidates. Still, he plopped down his membership dues, signed his name, and will be pushing for his candidates on Sunday.

To add another wrinkle to this year's endorsement process, several Steering Committee members, including Tahvildaran-Jesswein, will be recusing themselves because of their involvement in campaigns.

Three rounds of membership voting will occur on Sunday. The top three council candidates to pull in a super-majority during any of those given rounds will receive an endorsement. Tahvildaran-Jesswein is expecting upwards of 400 members to show up.

If less than three council candidates score endorsements from the membership, the question is posed to the 11-member Steering Committee. At least three members - Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Denny Zane, who's serving as a campaign manager, and Maria Loya, who is running for the Santa Monica College Board - are expected to recuse themselves.

Genise Schnitman, who is married to incumbent Councilmember Kevin McKeown, may also recuse herself.

Regardless, Hoffman said, the Steering Committee should have enough members present and able to vote to make an endorsement if need be.

There are three council seats up for grabs this year.

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## LIGHTNING
FROM PAGE 3

Paramedics examined Acher but he felt all right and went back to playing volleyball.

Steve Christensen said his friend had been body-surfing and was sitting on the beach when lifeguards began searching for a missing swimmer.

"He (Christensen's friend) went out to the water to find him and walked right into him," Christensen said. "He was face down on the bottom."

Christensen said his friend pulled the man, who appeared to be in his 20s, from the water, and lifeguards began CPR before taking him away.

"This tragedy reminds us that we can take nothing for granted or underestimate the power of nature," Mayor Eric Garcetti said in a statement.

Hundreds of lightning strikes were reported around Southern California as a moisture-laden monsoonal flow spread up from the south and swept the region all the way out to the ocean.

"This is pretty rare" because usually the flow affects just the deserts and sometimes the mountains, said Stuart Seto, a weather specialist with the National Weather Service in Oxnard.

The storms began to dissipate as they moved northwest, leaving just a chance of storms through Monday, mainly in the deserts and mountains, Seto said.

## PICO
FROM PAGE 1

the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, is also the co-chair of the Pico Neighborhood Association (PNA).

His voting block, however, is not directly associated with the PNA.

"We're calling ourselves the Pico Delegation, even though many of those who are part of the group we are taking to SMRR do not live in the neighborhood," he said. "We intend to put our support behind those candidates who are support our issues. For the City Council race it's a little complicated right now but we're very clear on the school board race and on the SMC board."

Other concerns, aside from the firing of Gould, include support for the Pico Youth and Family Center and a promise to fight gentrification.

"Throughout the years, we have worked to engage residents, especially from the Pico Neighborhood, to participate in the election because if we are not at the table, we have learned we are on the menu," de la Torre said. "SMRR has a progressive platform that, unfortunately, has not always been followed by those who receive the SMRR endorsement. As renters, and working-class residents, we intend to strengthen SMRR by supporting progressive leaders."

De la Torre would not say which candidates the Pico Delegation will be backing.

SMRR has long been considered a kingmaker in Santa Monica politics. Six of the seven current council members received SMRR endorsements in the last election. Only longtime Councilmember Bob Holbrook has remained successful without the organization's support.

The convention will be held this Sunday.

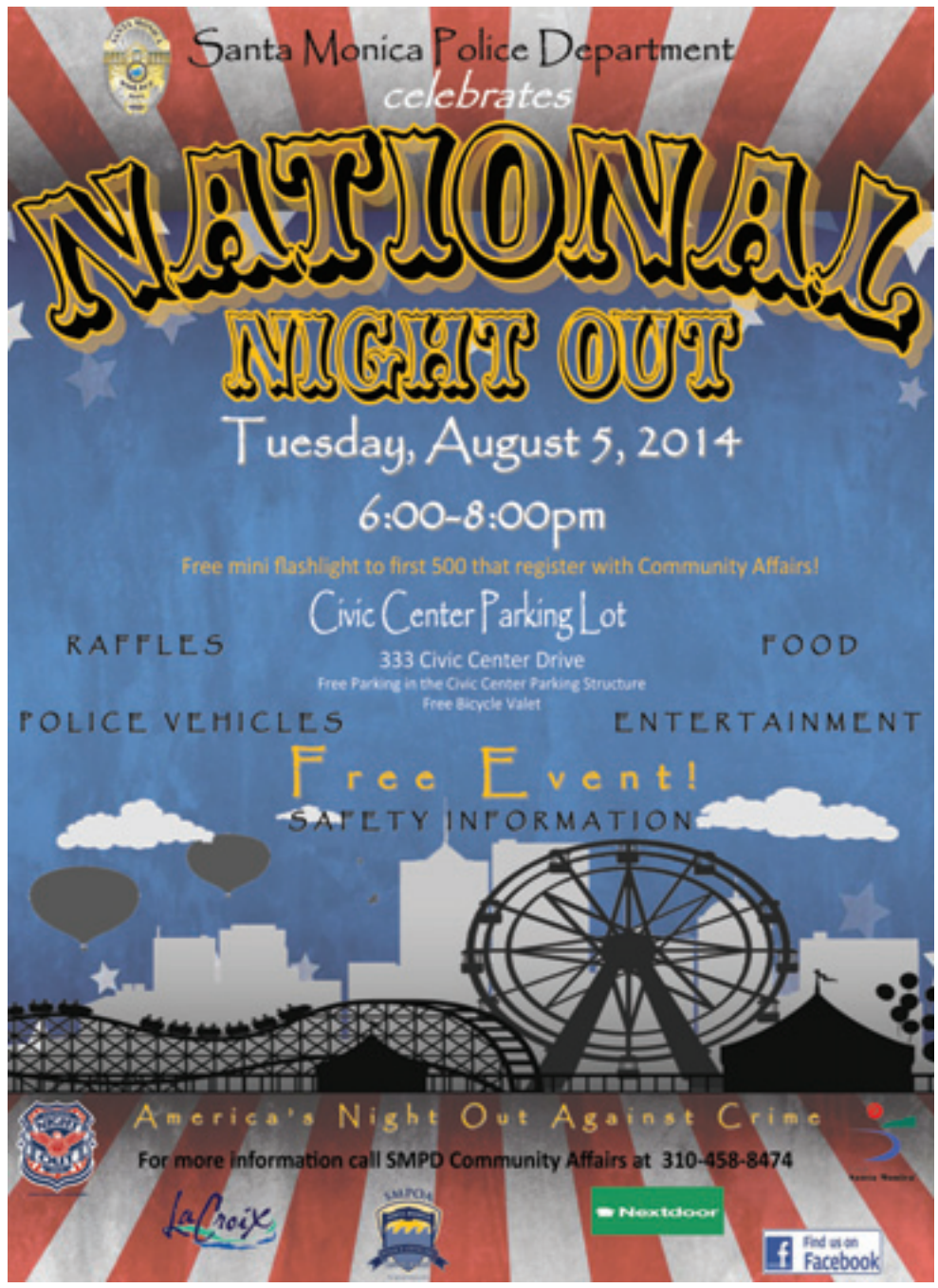
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## Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **69.1°**

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
SSW swell eases; Minimal NW windswell

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minimal blend of Southern Hemi swell and NW windswell - Keeping an eye on the tropics - stay tuned

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minimal blend of SW swell and NW windswell - Keeping an eye on the tropics - stay tuned

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
New/small SW swell fills in further and tops out; Minor NW windswell - Keeping an eye on the tropics - stay tuned

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 10

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks. | | |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | ns |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd.. | B | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily. | A | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | A+ | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | ns |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | A | ns |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Tuna Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | ns | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A+ | ns |

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence. | D | 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. | B | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | D | ns |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | F | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | A+ | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | C | ns |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.. | A | ns |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | B | 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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## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

### Expo Light Rail Line - For the week of July 28, 2014 please note the following activities:

The following full street closures due to EXPO rail crossing construction are scheduled for:
Intersection of 14th Street and Colorado Ave., July 22 - August 5, for more information please go to www.smgov.net
Colorado Avenue between 5th & 18th Streets - Expect westbound and eastbound lane closures during daytime hours. Alleys on the north side of Colorado between 6th and 18th Street will have limited access at Colorado.
Colorado Ave. between 5th St. and 7th St.- E/B lane closures.
6th St. and Colorado Ave. intersection - Construction in the intersection, expect lane closures.
7th St. and Colorado Ave. intersection - Construction in the intersection, expect lane closures.
19th St. between Colorado Ave. and Olympic Blvd. - Northbound and southbound lane closures during daytime hours
20th St. between Colorado Ave. and Olympic Blvd. - Northbound and southbound lane closures during daytime hours.
Intersection of Cloverfield Ave. and Olympic Blvd. - Possible northbound lane closures, traffic will be maintained.
Olympic Blvd. between 20th St. and Stewart St. - Eastbound and westbound lane closures during daytime hours.
26th St. between Olympic Blvd. and Cloverfield Ave. - Bergamot 26th St. driveway construction, please use the Michigan Ave. entrance/exit from Wednesday 7/30/2014 to Monday 8/4/2014.
For more information about the Expo Line project, visit BuildExpo.org or call (213) 922-EXPO (3976).

### Bus Stop Improvement Project (BSIP) - For the week of July 28, 2014

Citywide installation of new bus shelters will begin. Construction will involve intermittent vehicle lane, bicycle lane, and sidewalk closures, in addition to the use of parking lanes. Construction will take place at the following stops:

#### LINCOLN
1912 Lincoln Blvd. between Pico Blvd. and Bay St. (west side of Lincoln)
2601 Lincoln Blvd. between Ocean Park Ave. and Hill St. (east side of Lincoln)

#### MAIN
2905 Main St. between Ashland Ave. and Marine St. (east side of Main)
2601 Main St. between Ocean Park Blvd. and Hollister St. (east side of Main)

#### MONTANA
1920 Montana Ave between 19th St. and 20th St. (south side of Montana)
2001 Montana Ave between 20th St. and 21th St. (north side of Montana)

#### PICO
3007 Pico Blvd between Dorchester St. and 33rd St. (north side of Pico)
1800 Pico Blvd between 16th St. and 20th St. (south side of Pico)
1819 Pico Blvd between 18th St. and 19th St. (north side of Pico)

#### WILSHIRE BLVD
1020 Wilshire Blvd. between 10th St. and 11th St. (south side of Wilshire)

#### 20TH
954 20th St. between Washington Ave. and Idaho Ave. (west side of 20th)
Traffic control measures will be employed in all work zones. Use alternate routes whenever possible. For all bus boarding information, please visit www.bigbluebus.com/bsip or call (310) 451-5444. For construction information, please contact Alex Parry, Project Manager at (310) 458-8981.

### PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT:

Southern California Gas Company - Gas Main Installation Project
For the week of July 28, 2014, there will be an eastbound lane closure on Colorado Blvd from Ocean Ave to 4th Street during the hours of 8am and 4pm daily. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. For more information on this project, please contact Mike Grimm, Project Manager at (310) 605-4180 or via email at MGrimm@semprautilities.com

### Santa Monica Place Theatre - Beginning on Monday, June 2, 2014

There will be lane closures on 4th St and Colorado Ave.

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**And so it Goes 1:34 (PG-13)**
1:55 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10 p.m.

**Begin Again 1:45 (R)**
1:40 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

**The Purge: Anarchy 1:43 (R)**
2:10 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

**Wish I Was Here**
2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

AMC 7 Santa Monica
**1310 Third St.**
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**22 Jump Street 1:51 (R)**
5:10 p.m., 7:55 p.m., 10:45 p.m.

**Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes 2:10 (PG-13) 3D**
4:20 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

**Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes 2:10 (PG-13)**
11 a.m., 1:25 p.m., 7:25 p.m.

**The Fluffy Movie 1:41 (PG-13)**
11:25 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 8:05 p.m., 10:35 p.m.

**Hercules 1:39 (PG-13) 3D**
1:55 p.m., 7:35 p.m.

**Hercules 1:39 (PG-13)**
11 a.m., 4:35 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

**How To Train Your Dragon 2 1:42 (PG)**
11:05 a.m.

**Lucy 1:29 (R)**
11:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

**Planes: Fire and Rescue 1:23 (PG) 3D**
4:20 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

**Planes: Fire and Rescue 1:23 (PG)**
11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

**Sex Tape 1:34 (R)**
11:50 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 8:15 p.m., 10:40 p.m.

**Transformers Age Of Extinction 2:46 (PG-13)**
1:30 p.m.

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# FOLLOW YOUR INSTINCTS, LIBRA

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★ Fussiness marks your actions, and it will pull you in a new direction. You might be picky when it comes to balancing your checkbook, but that's a good thing. By the late afternoon, you could decide to take off. Tonight: So what if it is only Tuesday? Act as if it is the weekend.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★★ Creativity is a must, especially when you encounter a difficult personality in your life. You have the ability to coax someone out of the doldrums. While others might get hung up on gossip, you'll bypass all the emotional drama. Tonight: Make sure music is involved.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ You could be sorry that you even entertained the idea of putting extra effort into a demanding project or exercise program. Indulge yourself and schedule a massage or take the day off. You'll come out smiling. Tonight: Invite a special friend to join you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★ You have the right words, and you often say what you think. You could feel as if you need to help a key person in your life. Know that you can't push anyone into doing anything that he or she doesn't want to do.Tonight: Follow a yearning.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★ Watch what happens when dealing with a domestic matter. A partner might exhibit a lot of creativity with a problem. Tap into this person's resources more often. You might need to re-organize your schedule; try not to make it a big deal. Tonight: Be more forthright.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ You will be in a period where your best bet is to handle a problem yourself. Your temper easily could become triggered when dealing with others. Tonight: Go for something fun.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★ You might feel as if someone sees right through you. If it bothers you, ask yourself what you are trying to hide. Your creativity will allow you to resolve a domestic problem by making only small changes in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Listen to a friend who understands you well. News from a distance will make you smile, and it also might help you get your mind off a hassle. Tonight: Where the action is.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★ Pressure could build unexpectedly. You might be sitting on some strong feelings, and they could cause you a problem emotionally. Try verbalizing your feelings sooner. Remember that you can juggle only so much. Tonight: A must appearance.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★ You have the ability to make a big difference in what goes on. You can distance yourself from a problem and see what different factors are involved. A close loved one will do whatever he or she can in order to ease the situation, once the issue is made clear. Tonight: Hang out.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★ Deal with a friend or loved one on a one-on-one level. This person will enjoy the extra attention. Use caution with your tendency to overindulge. You know when you should cut back, so be sure to follow your instincts with this matter. Tonight: With a favorite person.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★★ You could feel as if you have done your fair share, so defer to others; they are likely to express their willingness through their actions. A loved one might want to take some time off with you, and he or she will let you know in no uncertain terms. Tonight: Say "yes."

**Tuesday, July 29, 2014**

This year you often are focused on your security and on creating more avenues of success. A major change could be looming in the near future. You also are entering a new luck cycle, so this year could be unusually fortunate. If you are single, you could have a memorable dating year, or you might meet Mr. or Ms. Right. Regardless, you will enjoy the attention. If you are attached, this year stands out as one of the more romantic years of your life. Curb a tendency to be possessive, and share much more of your life with your sweetie. VIRGO can be fussy.

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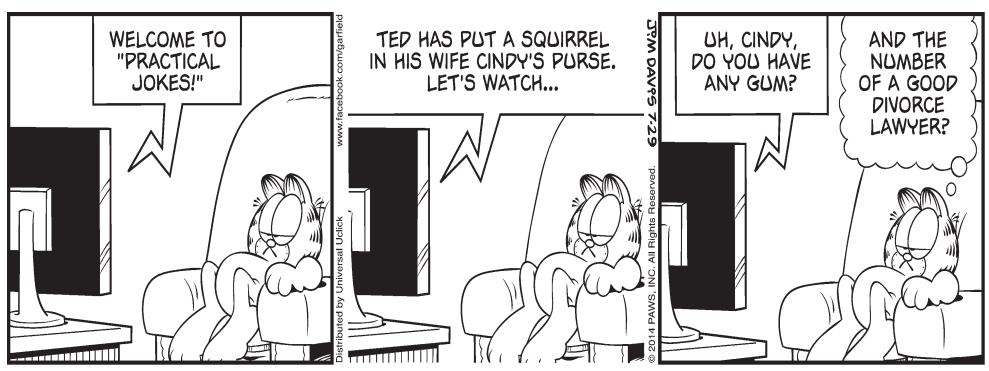

## Strange Brew
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# Sudoku

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 ★★

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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.

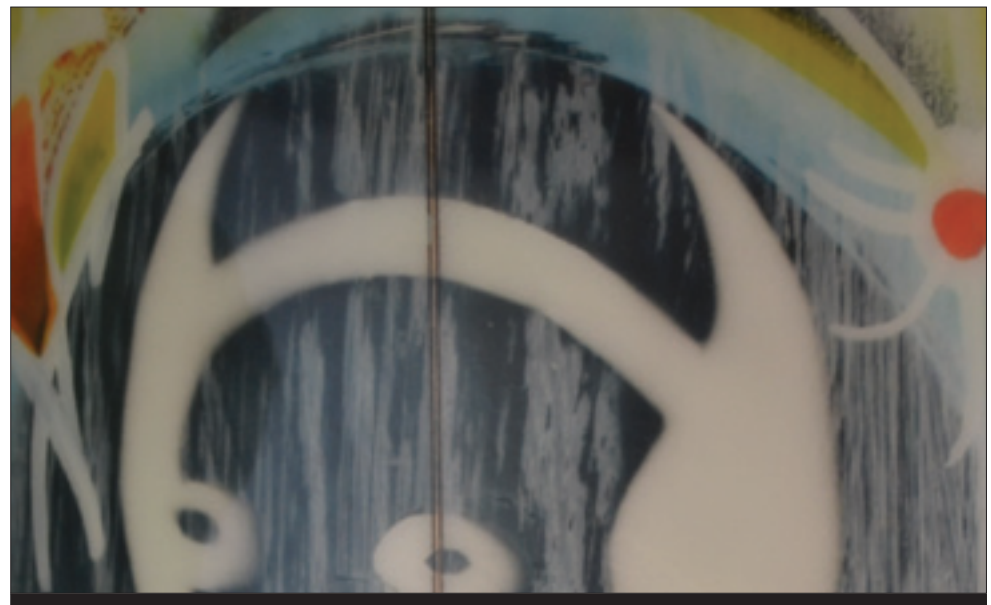
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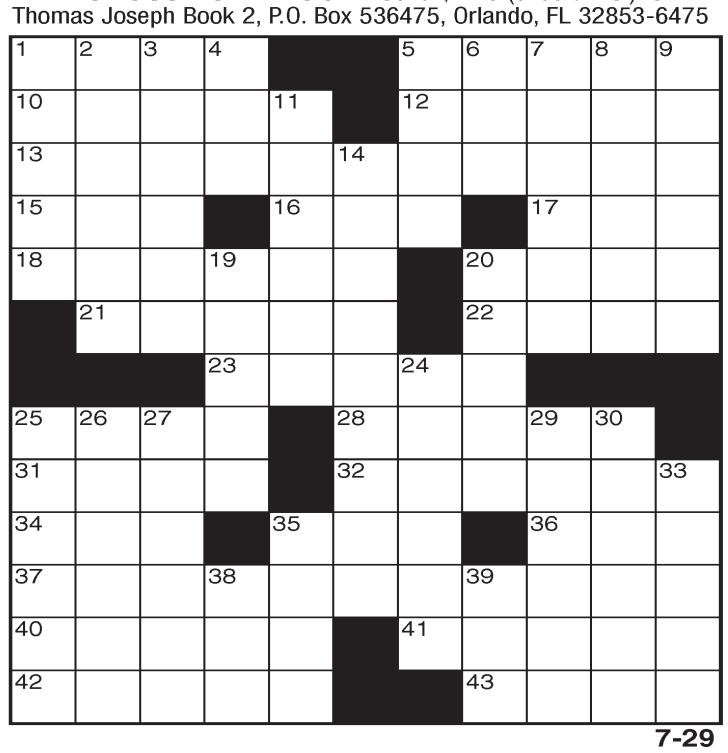
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**1** Attention-getting sound
**5** Namely
**10** Lion features
**12** Unescorted
**13** Torching
**15** Yale student
**16** Astronaut Grissom
**17** "— Kapital"
**18** Modern
**20** Royal address
**21** Radioer's word
**22** Danson and Nugent
**23** Filth
**25** Blanchett of "Blue Jasmine"
**28** Spanish appetizers
**31** Dry
**32** Disparaging remark
**34** Sailing hazard
**35** Huge snake
**36** Fish eggs
**37** Declining
**40** Chinese or Korean
**41** Like some seals
**42** Bird abodes
**43** Earth's neighbor

**DOWN**
**1** Yellow hue
**2** Semi owner
**3** Fermi of physics
**4** Fellows
**5** Price holders
**6** Antique
**7** Surfer's car
**8** Entering direction
**9** Past and future
**11** John Hancock, for one
**14** Health topic
**19** Spurred (on)
**20** Dance moves
**24** Get by
**25** Beach robe
**26** Stir up
**27** River of Iraq
**29** Dawn goddess
**30** Less speedy
**33** Cares for
**35** Storage spots
**38** Singer — King Cole
**39** River blocker

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24 28 30 38 39
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22 29 33 41 68
Mega#: 12
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**SUPER LOTTO PLUS**
Draw Date: 7/26
16 22 26 31 36
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: $25M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 7/27
8 16 19 20 31

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 7/27
MIDDAY: 3 3 4
EVENING: 8 2 7

**DAILY DERBY**
Draw Date: 7/27
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:45.97

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The African hippopotamus is not found in South America -- except for the estimated 50-some that, confusingly to natives, roam the Colombian countryside between Bogota and Medellin. The animals are the progeny of the four smuggled in 30 years ago by cocaine king Pablo Escobar, who generously established a grand, exotic zoo for his neighbors' enjoyment after his drug business took off (and before he was gunned down in 1993). However, as BBC News reported in June, hippo meat is inedible, and without their African natural enemies, they breed with astonishing prolificness -- thus creating a "time bomb" for Colombia.

■ Awesome Thievery: (1) A former city official in Ridgewood, New Jersey, pleaded guilty in July to stealing nearly 2 million quarters collected from parking meters with no one noticing for two years. Under a plea deal, Thomas Rica will likely be spared jail provided he repays half of what he stole. (2) In July, New York City prosecutors accused a former pharmacist at Mount Sinai Beth Israel hospital of stealing nearly 200,000 oxycodone-strength pain pills over five years, despite his increasingly far-fetched explanations. Anthony D'Alessandro even boldly swiped 1,500 pills the day after investigators first challenged him.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1973** - Greeks vote to abolish the monarchy, beginning the first period of the Metapolitefsi.

**1973** - During the Dutch Grand Prix driver Roger Williamson was killed in the race, after a suspected tyre failure caused the car to pitch into the barriers at high speed.

## WORD UP!

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