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THE **FEATURE KIND OF DAY** ISSUE

Homeless man's best friend

Pets provide less fortunate support, unconditional love

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Wearing a hot pink shirt, jeans and matching pink sneakers and standing in front of OPCC Monday afternoon, Maria Lieske, 45, bent down to see what her part-terrier/dachshund/pitbull wanted.

Boots, whom she's owned for a few months, was wriggling around in front of her carrier. Lieske opened the door and Boots bounced inside to grab a mouthful of dog treats.

"Oh, you wanted some treats!" Lieske said, laughing.

The puppy, named for its two front white paws, is a rescue dog Lieske adopted from a couple at OPCC, Santa Monica's leading homeless services provider. Lieske has been homeless almost four years and arrived in Santa Monica last year from Minnesota. She said strangers come up to her and tell her Boots is "so cute."

"She just lost her baby teeth," Lieske, who carries nail clippers and other dog care items with her, said.

Like Boots, pets provide companionship to those living on the streets, with some homeless taking even better care of the animals than themselves. Homeless pets have a lot of options in the form of veterinarians and nonprofits who cater to their medical needs for free. Moreover, most of the shelters around town also allow pets inside their facilities.

There are 780 homeless in Santa Monica, up from 740 and 769 in 2011 and 2012, respectively, according to the 2013 Santa Monica Homeless Count numbers.

John Maceri, executive director of OPCC, said when homeless are abandoned by family or friends, animals are the only "consistent thing" in their lives.



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TIGHT KNIT: **Carol Vogelman and her dog Fifi stand outside of OPCC.**

At OPCC, clients are allowed to bring their pets into the facilities that include Samoshel, Turning Point, Safe Haven and Daybreak Day Center, Maceri said.

He said the nonprofit does require the pets be attended by their owners or friends at the shelter. OPCC eventually hopes to move people into permanent housing, where pets are also welcome, he said.

"I think animals are very therapeutic and what we have found in our facilities, when they're well cared it can be a huge boost not only for the person who has them but also for the other residents as well," Maceri said. "I think it adds a sense of calm. Animals give you

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BRITISH PRIDE: **Michael Clewer owns The Continental Shop on Wilshire Boulevard. The store specializes in all things British.**

Brit expat population dwindles

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The Continental Shop, which sells all things British like teas, candy and puddings, settled at its Wilshire Boulevard location after closing up shop at the Ambassador Hotel in the late 1980s.

Owner Michael Clewer, whose father emigrated from Britain in the '60s, said busi-

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Ex-FBI agent says he tried to shut down Bulger

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BOSTON A former FBI supervisor who contends he was blocked in his effort to terminate reputed gangster James "Whitey" Bulger as an FBI informant was expected to resume his testimony in court.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Solar energy workshop
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave.,
9 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.
SoCalGas will host a free workshop to educate commercial customers about solar water heating including information on the availability of rebates for qualifying solar water heating systems offered through the California Solar Initiative Thermal Program. There will be an additional workshop for residential customers from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register in advance, visit www.socalgas.com/solar.

'Life of Pi' screening
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.
The library presents a free book-to-movie screening of "Life of Pi," the story of a young Indian man who is lost at sea and must survive with a few animals from his family's zoo. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Supporting activists
Santa Monica Friends Meeting Hall
1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.
Bill Rosendahl, retiring Los Angeles City Councilman, will be the special guest speaker at the next Activist Support Circle public forum. He represented the 11th District from July, 2005 until July, 2013 and was the first openly gay man elected to the Los Angeles City Council. The forum is free and free on-site parking is available.
For more information, visit www.activistsupportcircle.org or call (310) 399-1000.

Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013

Culinary benefit
Jonathan Club Beach
850 Palisades Beach Road,
6 p.m. — 10 p.m.
St. Vincent Meals on Wheels is holding a beach dining event to raise money for the more than 4,000 meals that homebound senior citizens and other individuals need each day. The benefit will feature a bar, food prepared by Los Angeles chefs — including dishes such as garlic-crusted albacore, lavender-smoked duck and locally grown zucchini wrapped in bacon — as well as live music from the funk band High Rize, along with a silent auction. Tickets cost $155 and include parking. Attendees can purchase tickets at eveningonthebeach.com.

New development agreement
Ken Edwards Center
1527 Fourth St.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The city's Planning and Community Development Department will hold a meeting about the development agreement for 1415 Fifth St. — a proposed 100-unit apartment complex with over 200 parking spaces. For more information, contact (310) 458-8411.

Live comedy podcast
Mi's Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade,
8 p.m.
The theater's podcast this week will feature Kevin Pollak, who was chosen as one of Comedy Central's all-time top 100 stand-up comedians, and Dana Gould, a long-time "Simpsons" writer. Tickets: $10. For more information, contact Mike Betette at (310) 451-0850.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BERGAMOT STATION

SMMoA receives grants for social art

The Santa Monica Museum of Art has received two grants to fund a new exhibition about art as an agent of social and political change, according to a statement released Tuesday.

The exhibition, called Citizen Culture, will open in the fall of 2014 and will be funded by grants from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. Its works will explore how artists and architects can collaborate with the public and local governments to influence legislation and public policy.

"We've always been particularly interested in the power of art to change the world, and this exhibition is part of that for us," said Claire Ruud, deputy director for the museum.

Citizen Culture will feature artists like Laurie Jo Reynolds, whose art was part of a successful campaign against solitary confinement at the Tamms prison in Illinois.

"Artists are uniquely qualified to change law and policy," Reynolds said. "We know how to attempt the impossible, fail grandly, and start over."

The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts has supported the museum with more than $500,000 since the year 2000.

– KRISTEN TAKETA

Malibu Planning Commission rejects chain-store law

BY KNOWLES ADKISSON
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU The Malibu Planning Commission capped a marathon meeting Monday night with a 4-1 vote recommending the City Council oppose a draft ordinance that would limit the number of chain stores in Malibu's Civic Center commercial area.

The decision prompted indignant members of community coalition Preserve Malibu to walk out of the meeting, vowing to bring a formula retail ordinance to Malibu voters directly through a ballot initiative.

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FULL OF SPIRIT: **The Rev. Janet McKeithen talks about the 40 years the Church in Ocean Park has served the community.**

Mission of faith

Church in Ocean Park celebrates 40 years of service



BY ILEANA NAJARRO
Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN PARK In 1973, The Rev. Jim Conn was asked to re-open a United Methodist church at the corner of Second and Hill streets with a focus on outreach toward young adults.

What he began was the foundation for the interfaith activist church of the future, with no cross or pews.

The Church in Ocean Park celebrated its 40th anniversary this year with a Bastille Day celebration on July 14 honoring its history of spiritual and social justice service since Conn's renovations.

A short time into his assignment in the Ocean Park neighborhood Conn

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Theatre of the absurd

Editor:

Reading and listening to the city staff these days is tantamount to theatre of the absurd.

In the Santa Monica Daily Press article of July 7, Ashley Archibald raises the question, "should projects be informing the plan, or should it be a one-way street?" The planning director's response is, "We were trying to move things along and make sure that projects were informed by the plan. I think we've been able to do that, and the projects that come forward will be consistent with the area plan."

What a disingenuous statement! The Bergamot plan early on suggested a 2.5 density and five stories along Nebraska Avenue and terracing to a 2.0 density and three stories at Colorado Avenue, where transitioning to one- and two-story existing residential. So what does staff so eloquently support – a massive East Village Project at Colorado with a 2.8 density and five-story buildings for a 40 percent increase in density and 67 percent increase in height! The city deserves much better.

And then there's the city manager's double speak on why the Downtown height and density discussion was going to bypass the Planning Commission. [The City Council passed on approving the Downtown Specific Plan, giving the commission a chance to discuss it.] "The commission will get the opportunity to see the plan in its entirety when the draft is finished" and "the information that flows from the environmental review process will help with drafting the plan that goes to the commission." And in verbal conversation he expresses that the city needs to be forward thinking, a city of the future and not the past. Mr. Gould, good design, good environment, and quality of life all translate into good economics. Maximum density and poor to mediocre design is definitely not good economics. And good city planning is apparently not your expertise and should be left to others. The city deserves much better.

And then there's the Downtown plan's project manager who says to the council that staff is beginning to get a picture of the architecture emerging in the Downtown. Whoa. Something this obvious over the last six to eight years and you're just beginning to get the picture of maximum density, minimum open space and landscape, robotic facadomy, continuous building walls, etc. It's pretty clear staff is going to school on our dollar. And then to hear her uncomfortably explaining in the July 8 council meeting that three different heights couldn't be easily or economically plugged into their expensive modeling program also causes one's head to shake in disbelief. The buildings and trees in the entire city of Santa Monica are already modeled in 3D on Google Earth where one could easily drop in alternative block heights. The city deserves much better.

It's really so unbelievable what's happening in City Hall – there's little question that stakeholders, developers and their attorneys rule the roost. To quote the Downtown Specific Plan's project manager, "The train hasn't yet left the station." Although it hasn't already left, I think we can all envision a train wreck when it does. Handled correctly, this can be a city of the future with a quality of life and an economic vitality that both stakeholders and residents can be proud of. Santa Monica deserves a whole lot better and hopefully soon.

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Santa Monica



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Maria Fotopoulos

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Obama fails to discuss key points in climate change speech

PRESIDENT OBAMA RECENTLY SHARED his vision for how America can address climate change and lead on meeting the challenge globally. He talked about imposing limits on how much carbon pollution can be dumped into our air, asked for the Environmental Protection Agency to develop new standards for power plants, and trumpeted wind and solar power.

Science has concluded overwhelmingly that Earth is warming, the president said, and human activity is contributing to that warming. Unfortunately, the president failed to take a true leadership role on this issue when he didn't talk about one very human activity: reproduction that has resulted in rapid, unprecedented population growth in the last hundred years.

The most impactful way to reduce our carbon footprint is to produce fewer children, an Oregon State University study concluded. "The carbon legacy and greenhouse gas impact of an extra child is almost 20 times more important than some of the other environmentally sensitive practices people might employ their entire lives — things like driving a high mileage car, recycling, or using energy-efficient appliances and light bulbs," according to the OSU report.

Not to denigrate the importance of technology, but technological advances to address climate change will continue to be canceled out if we don't look at the population side of the equation — gains will be eaten away by more people consuming more resources. Or as Paul Ehrlich, Bing Professor of Population Studies at Stanford University, explained it: "If you manage, somehow, to half each person's consumption, on average, but you allow population size to double, you haven't gained at all, because, if you have half as much consumption per person, but twice as many persons, you're right where you started."

With a current U.S. population at almost 317 million (U.S. Census Bureau) — or possibly closer to 320 million, depending on the data source — under the assumptions of continuing high international migration, we may grow to 458 million by 2050. (Ehrlich also has said of the U.S., "No sensible reason has ever been given for having more than 135 million people.")

Folks, this is significant. By 2100 it's expected that just six countries likely will contribute half of the world's population increase. They are India, four countries in Africa and the U.S.!

Of course it's not surprising that the president doesn't discuss the population component in talking about the country's challenges; he's pushing extraordinary changes that would grow the U.S. population dramatically. Analysis from the Center for Immigration Studies of Congressional Budget Office numbers indicates that under the Senate's immigration bill, the foreign-born population will have grown from 31.1 million in 2000 to 65.2 million by 2033, while it's estimated that total U.S. population will reach 381.5 million by 2033 — a mind-boggling increase of 72.8 million people from the 2010 U.S. Census.

TRUE LEADERSHIP FROM OUR PRESIDENT WOULD MEAN DEVELOPING A POPULATION POLICY, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE LIMITING IMMIGRATION – NOT INCREASING IT.

To bring on this kind of growth to a society that already has one of the largest carbon footprints in the world truly is leadership-lite.

True leadership from our president would mean developing a population policy, which would include limiting immigration — not increasing it. In seeking ways to address climate change, the president also should be advocating for greater conservation efforts. Again, in his speech, he looked to technological fixes, such as greater fuel efficiency standards for vehicles and more efficient appliances — all good things, but insufficient without a call to reduce, reuse and recycle.

So the president missed the perfect opportunity to talk about unchecked population growth, particularly as it relates to immigration, as well as the need for a population policy and conservation efforts.

Once more, Paul Ehrlich gets this issue completely. "The United States today presents the bizarre picture of a country that debates immigration policy without having a population policy," said Ehrlich. "That is roughly like trying to design an airplane that can load a certain number of people per minute without deciding what its passenger capacity should be."

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The Taxman

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Where would we be without Prop. 13?

DATELINE CHICAGO: MAYOR WARNS property taxes could be going up 150 percent.

Suppose the mayor of your city announced a property tax hike of 150 percent or, stated another way, two-and-a-half times your current tax. A homeowner accustomed to paying $2,000, would see their next bill increase to $5,000, while a bill of $4,000 would jump to $10,000. Coincidentally, these amounts roughly approximate the average property tax rate in California just prior to Proposition 13's passage in 1978 -- a tax burden so high many homeowners were forced out of their homes.

An increase of this magnitude may sound farfetched, but not to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who is seriously warning that in order to pay the mounting bill for government employee pensions — a bill that will triple in 2015 when a balloon payment comes due — property taxes could be forced to go up 150 percent. Needless to say, Chicago residents are not protected against the arbitrary increase in property taxes, a protection that Californians enjoy because of Proposition 13. Homeowners in the Windy City are entirely at the mercy of government officials.

Although the exodus from California continues unabated (net domestic outmigration of nearly 2 million residents over the last dozen years) it's a good bet that not many looking for a better life are moving to Detroit, a city whose decline and now bankruptcy have made national headlines. But Chicago is not much better off.

Based on an index that considers problems like violent crime, unemployment, foreclosures, taxes (income and property) and home prices, Forbes magazine ranks Detroit as the most miserable city in America, while Chicago ranks number four. However, before Californians start feeling superior, it should be noted that three California cities — Modesto, Vallejo and Stockton — made the top 10 and there is a good bet that San Bernardino will be included next year.

For most of these troubled cities, government employee pension debt is a major problem that has either pushed them over the edge of bankruptcy, or has them approaching the abyss. And our state, as a whole, is not much better off.

A 2010 study of California's pension obligations conducted by the Stanford Institute for Economic Research under the direction of Professor Joe Nation, a former Democratic member of the Assembly, showed California taxpayers are on the hook for over $500 billion in unfunded pension liability.

A 2010 STUDY OF CALIFORNIA'S PENSION OBLIGATIONS ... SHOWED CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS ARE ON THE HOOK FOR OVER $500 BILLION IN UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY.

This debt was created by public officials who promised more to their government employee union allies than they could reasonably deliver and they would prefer that the public remained in the dark about this looming crisis

As these bills are coming due, the Sacramento politicians, most of whom owe their election to the political activism of government employee unions, are already thrashing about trying to find ways to raise revenue. For many, the logical target is Proposition 13's taxpayer protections.

For taxpayers, Proposition 13 continues to act like a lifeboat in stormy seas. Because of Proposition 13, annual property tax increases are limited and predictable, voters have the right to decide on new local taxes, and the Legislature must achieve a two-thirds consensus to increase state taxes.

Without Proposition 13, Californians could soon experience what it is like to live in Detroit or Chicago, without ever having to leave their homes.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

A little advice

We regret the departure of Ashley Archibald, our staff writer for the past couple of years, but with that comes the arrival of our new writer, Ameera Butt.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What words of advice would you give Ameera as she begins her tenure with the Daily Press and why?

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Makeover planned to reinvigorate Forum

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INGLEWOOD, Calif. The Forum, where the likes of Elvis Presley and the Rolling Stones played to thousands of screaming fans, wants to rock again in January 2014 with a $100 million makeover that its new owner hopes will draw the biggest names in pop music.

Madison Square Garden Co. announced Tuesday that rock band The Eagles will be the first band to play at the upgraded facility, which will be repainted to match its original "California sunset red" shade and have flexible seating that can host a range of 8,000 to 17,500 seats, depending on the event.

"The Forum was once considered one of the greatest rock arenas in the country. Our plan is to bring it back," MSG Executive Chairman James L. Dolan said at a news conference.

Under a corporate sponsorship deal with Chase bank, new signage will read "The Forum Presented by Chase." The venue is scheduled to reopen Jan. 15 with The Eagles performing for three nights.

Top architects, landscape artists, structural engineers and others are working "to create not only a world-class venue but a world-class destination," said Hank Ratner, MSG president and chief executive.

The Forum, with its 72 Roman-inspired exterior columns, opened in the Los Angeles suburb of Inglewood in 1967. It was a premier venue for sports and concerts in the 1970s and 1980s but it was supplanted when the more modern Staples Center opened in 1999 in downtown Los Angeles.



Photo courtesy Wikipedia

MAGIC'S OLD HOUSE: The Forum in Inglewood is in for a makeover led by new operators, Madison Square Garden Co.

The Lakers and Kings jumped ship for Staples, which also got the Clippers and became a major arena for pop concerts.

The Forum was taken over by the Faithful Central Bible Church in 2000 but continued to languish. MSG bought it last year for $23.5 million.

The goal is to compete with Staples, which must juggle sports and other events, by focusing mainly on music shows, although a few sporting events may be held there.

Dolan declined to say how many shows MSG expects to book at the Forum annually.

Staples Center's owner isn't worried and believes that it will remain Southern California's premier destination for live entertainment, Anschutz Entertainment Group President and Chief Executive Dan Beckerman told the Los Angeles Times.

The Forum expands MSG's footprint to the West Coast, to join a portfolio which includes Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall and Beacon Theatre.

Leno, other celebrities oppose prison practice of isolation

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. Celebrities including Jay Leno and Gloria Steinem have condemned the isolation of inmates to control gang violence at California prisons — a practice that sparked a hunger strike by hundreds of inmates.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Bonnie Raitt, Peter Coyote and Noam Chomsky also signed a letter sent Monday to Gov. Jerry Brown that calls isolation units "extensions of the same inhumanity practiced at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay," the Los Angeles Times reported.

Raitt performed once at San Quentin and it "made a profound impact on her," spokeswoman Annie Heller-Gutwillig told the paper.

Families of some of the inmates being held in isolation also held a demonstration outside the state Capitol on Tuesday, where they said they delivered a petition to Brown bearing 41,000 signatures calling for an end to solitary confinement.

Meanwhile, prisoners continued a three-week-old hunger strike. Prison officials on Monday said 385 inmates have refused to eat since July 8, while 176 more are on shorter protests.

More than 50 prisoners have needed medical care.

This is the third hunger strike launched since 2011 to protest living conditions in the prison's security housing units, where 4,500 gang members, gang associates and serious offenders are held in extreme isolation, many of them for indeterminate terms of more than 10 years.

The protesters are demanding an end to indeterminate sentences and for alternative ways to leave the units other than "debriefing," which the prisoners say is an agreement to inform on gang members and a risk to their safety from reprisals for "snitching."

The security housing units at Pelican Bay Prison in Northern California are the subject of a lawsuit alleging that the living conditions — which include confinement to the cells for 23 hours a day and very little contact with other people — amounts to cruel and unusual punishment.

Isolation units "serve a vital role in state prisons, keeping staff and other inmates safe from the same violent gangs leading the hunger strike and terrorizing communities across California," state corrections spokeswoman Deborah Hoffman said.

Meanwhile, prison officials are investigating a death of a former hunger striker. Corcoran Prison inmate Billy Sell was pronounced dead last week after he was found in his security housing unit.

Kings County coroner's officials ruled that his death was a suicide by strangulation.

Corrections officials said that Sell had been on a hunger strike but he had resumed eating before his suicide.



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San Diego officials sue mayor over sex harassment lawsuit

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SAN DIEGO The city of San Diego sued Mayor Bob Filner Tuesday to require that he pay any costs incurred from a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by his former communications director, dealing another setback to the leader of the nation's eighth-largest city amid mounting calls that he resign.

The City Council voted 9-0 to ask that the mayor pay any damages and attorney fees if the city is found liable. The decision behind closed doors came hours before the Council was to consider a request by the mayor's attorney to have the city pay his legal expenses.

"If Bob Filner engaged in unlawful conduct and the city is held liable, he will have to reimburse us every penny the city pays and its attorney fees," City Attorney Jan Goldsmith said.

Irene McCormack Jackson sued the mayor and the city July 22, alleging the mayor asked her to work without panties, demanded kisses, told her he wanted to see her naked and dragged her in a headlock while whispering in her ear. Since then, seven other women have offered detailed accounts of Filner's alleged advances, including touching and forcible kisses.

Lisa Curtin, director of government and military education at San Diego City College, said on KPBS-TV Tuesday that the then-congressman asked her in 2011 to remove her wedding band after questioning whether it was real, asked her on a date and moved to kiss her. She said she felt his tongue on her cheek after she turned her head.

"The City of San Diego maintains a zero tolerance policy as to sexual harassment and sexual harassment is not within the course and scope of employment," according to the city's lawsuit filed in San Diego Superior Court.

The mayor's office and his attorney, Harvey Berger, didn't immediately respond to requests seeking comment.

Seven of nine City Council members have urged the city's first Democratic leader in 20 years to resign.

Ann Ravel, chairwoman of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, said an official cannot accept more than $440 a year in donated services. Campaign money can be used only to defend against alleged violations of the state's campaign finance law.

An official can, however, create a legal defense fund under state law, Ravel said.

Filner, who is 70 and divorced, said Friday he would enter two weeks of "intensive" therapy Aug. 5, defying calls from his own party leaders to resign. The former 10-term congressman is less than eight months into a four-year term as mayor.

Land-use surveyor Michael Pallamary published a newspaper notice Sunday to begin a recall bid, two days after gay rights activist and newspaper publisher Stampp Corbin did so. Pallamary accused Corbin of being a stealth supporter of the mayor and threatened to file a complaint with the San Diego County district attorney's office alleging election law violations.

Pallamary said Corbin would make little effort to collect the more than 100,000 signatures needed to get a recall measure on the ballot, setting it up to fail and preventing another recall drive for six months.

Corbin denied the accusation Tuesday, saying Pallamary or anyone else was welcome to join the recall drive. He said he wouldn't pay anyone to collect signatures — a common practice in California — but that anyone could visit his office to sign the petition or pick up blank forms to circulate.

Corbin, who was appointed chairman of a city commission under Filner, declined to say if he voted for Filner or how he would cast his ballot in a recall. He said his motive was to bring swift resolution to the controversy.

"There's nothing going on in the city, in City Hall. Everyone is focused on this scandal. That is not good for this city," he said.

Confusion over whether recall petitions can circulate concurrently isn't the only procedural flaw uncovered since the mayor came under pressure to resign. The city attorney's office says a rule that voters must cast a ballot on a recall to be eligible to pick a replacement should be repealed because a federal judge struck down a nearly identical law during the successful 2003 recall of California Gov. Gray Davis.

Tony Krvaric, chairman of the San Diego County Republican Party, said Friday that he didn't expect big GOP donors or business leaders to make significant donations to a recall.

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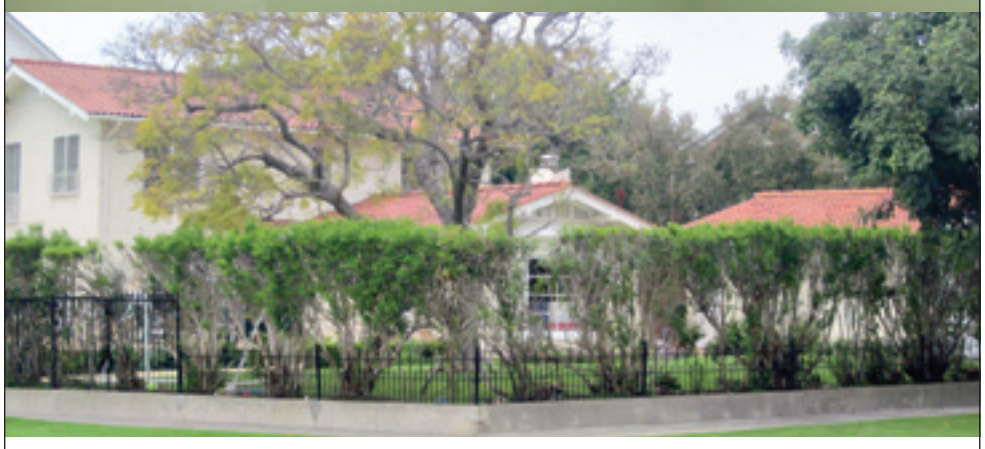
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ness was good at the Ambassador for many years, but the number of expats staying there began to dwindle.

The same can be said of the British population in Santa Monica, dubbed "Little Britain."

In 2000, there were 1,171 British people living in the city by the sea, but in 2011 there were 807, according to the American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

One reason for the drop, some British expats say, may be the high cost of living and more blokes and birds looking elsewhere to rent. For example, the Tudor House, the British tea room and restaurant, closed its doors last summer because the owners said it had gotten too expensive, according to reports.

Clewer said some of the older Brits are moving back to their homeland because their spouses passed away.

Lynne Kerr, day manager at Ye Olde King's Head bar and restaurant, has lived in Santa Monica for 19 years, moving to the area for the weather. She said she's had a few friends move to Valencia near Santa Clarita.

"In the King's Head, we have such a good industry with the tourism, but a lot of people may have moved out of town to buy housing," she said. "Rentals are so expensive here. It's a lot more expensive now to rent a place."

Those lucky enough to have found an apartment in the '70s or '80s paid rents that were more affordable and have been able to remain there thanks to rent control, which caps annual rent increases. However, as those in rent controlled-apartments move out, landlords have been able to raise rents to market rate, which in Santa Monica can mean as much as $3,500 for a one-bedroom apartment in Downtown.

Santa Monica has seen its share of British expats who visit and eventually settle here. Britt Allcroft, creator of television series "Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends," "Magic Adventures of Mumfie" and "Shining Time Station," moved to Santa Monica in 1998 because it reminded her of her hometown of Worthing in Southeast England. She initially fell in love with Santa Monica in 1995 when she came for film work.

"It had a pier and a beach and the water and the ocean and all that. And it wasn't as developed as it is now," she said. "I remember when I first moved here somebody said to me 'there are a quarter million Brits in this town.' I said 'what?' I had no idea at all. Then I came across the King's Head, and just came across folks who were from Britain."

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British folks come in second when it comes to tourists, after Australians and Kiwis combined, Misti Kerns, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau, said.

"It has been in the top five for quite some time — for years and years. It's always been a very, very strong market for us," Kerns said. "I think it will continue."

She said it's unfortunate if the numbers are reflecting a decline in the British residents who live in Santa Monica.

"Our visitation hasn't dipped for that community," she said. "The weather, comparably, here is fabulous."

Clewer said he's seen younger Brits move into the five to six blocks near his Wilshire Boulevard store.

"New customers come in for the Cadburys and the McVities [biscuits]," he said. "Over the years I've seen a lot of younger ones who are not able to find work over here move back, but then they show up over here again two years later. It was worse over there; they couldn't find any work."

Ironically, Clewer, who was born in Pasadena, said he may consider retiring in Britain.

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BEST FRIENDS: Maria Lieske says that her dog Boots is quite popular at OPCC.

PETS
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unconditional love. People are often bonded with their animals."

There isn't a lot of police enforcement needed when it comes to homeless pets, Santa Monica police officer Jacob Holloway said. He has been part of the SMPD's Homeless Liaison Program for the past seven years.

"As a police perspective with regards to enforcement I want to make sure people have their dogs registered and they are well taken care of," he said in an e-mail. "Some of the problems I've run into when trying to help homeless folks is when a person wants to travel, that most buses won't take the animal unless it is a service animal."

He said he's noticed homeless individuals with pets are much more social because everybody wants to come pet their animals.

"Most homeless people seem to have very happy, healthy pets as they are outdoors much of the time," Holloway said.

At the Santa Monica Animal Shelter, staff assistant Karen Bishop said less than 10 percent of animals are turned in by their homeless owners. She said for example, some homeless pets may have a chronic off-leash problem so their owners ask the shelter to find the animals a home.

"It's very rare. Most homeless take care of their pets better than themselves," Bishop said. "They're the most socialized animals."

She said, depending on the case and situation, the shelter can waive license fees for dogs if they're spayed or neutered. The fees usually run between $35 to $75. She said the shelter also gives out information on low-income or free vet care to the homeless.

For service dogs, she said the shelter has to ask about the task the animal provides.

"If it meets the requirement for the Americans with Disabilities Act, then we will go ahead and issue a service dog tag," she said. "It's popular to say they have a service dog but when we ask further questions, we find out it's a therapy dog. Service dogs provide a service that normally the person with the disability normally wouldn't be able to do."

Holloway recently referred Carol Vogelman to Hope Veterinary Center for her Italian greyhound, Mademoiselle Fifi, whom she called a "licensed service dog." The center offers free routine vet care, physical exams, vaccines, surgery and more. Fifi, clad in a white T-shirt, has many outfits including a crowd favorite, a Mickey Mouse sweatshirt, her owner said. Vogelman said she got Fifi seven years ago when she had to stay indoors for four months for medical reasons. Vogelman, who became homeless in 2009, said dogs provide needed companionship.

> **"ANIMALS THEY GIVE YOU UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. PEOPLE ARE OFTEN BONDED WITH THEIR ANIMALS,"**
>
> **John Maceri**
> Executive director of Santa Monica-based homeless services provider OPCC

"She knows when she can't protect me," Vogelman said, standing outside the OPCC Access Center. "If I have a severe attack of pain, she gives me space."

The Jones Animal Hospital on Olympic Boulevard has been offering free vaccinations for homeless pets for more than two decades, Suzann Jones, co-owner of the hospital on Olympic Boulevard, said.

She said they also offer free exams and Ivermectin injections for dogs if they have mange, a type of skin disease. For puppies, the hospital offers a series of rabies exams at four months, then at 1-year old and three years after that, she said.

"It's easier to vaccinate so they don't get sick," Jones said. "It's preventative, just vaccinate them."

Homeless people keep pets just like others keep pets, Holloway said.

"They want companionship," Holloway said. "They relieve stress, they're cute."

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BULGER
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Robert Fitzpatrick was called as the first defense witness Monday in Bulger's racketeering trial. He was scheduled to return to the witness stand.

Fitzpatrick said that in 1981 he was given the task of assessing Bulger to see if he was providing the FBI with useful information on the Mafia.

Fitzpatrick said Bulger was uncooperative and, at one point, denied being an informant.

Fitzpatrick said he tried to convince his superiors at the FBI to shut down Bulger as an informant, but they would not do it. Former FBI Agent John Connolly was later convicted of protecting Bulger and warning him that he was about to be indicted.

Bulger is charged with playing a role in 19 killings while he led the Winter Hill Gang in the 1970s and '80s. He was one of the most wanted fugitives after he fled Boston in 1994. He was captured in 2011 in Santa Monica, Calif.

Bulger, 83, has strongly denied being an informant. His lawyers have contended that Connolly fabricated Bulger's FBI informant file to advance his own career at a time when bringing down the Mafia was a national priority.

During cross-examination, Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Kelly repeatedly asked Fitzpatrick if he is "a man who likes to make up stories" and suggested he falsely claimed credit for having a key role in several high-profile cases, some contained in "Betrayal," his book on Bulger.

Kelly asked Fitzpatrick about claims he found the gun used to kill Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968 and passages from his book in which he says he arrested Boston Mafia underboss Gennaro Angiulo in 1983.

Kelly read from FBI reports that Memphis police had found the gun and other agents made the Angiulo arrest.

Fitzpatrick stood his ground, saying he'd been with the officers who found the rifle and was the supervisor of the agents who arrested Angiulo.

MALIBU
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The commission had been expected to push the ordinance through to the City Council, which directed staff in November to draft an ordinance and air it with the Planning Commission for a recommendation.

Instead, the commission voted to recommend that the City Council oppose the draft ordinance on the basis that there are "questionable areas that need further study."

The formula retail ordinance would regulate the location and operation of "formula" chain stores and services within the Civic Center "to prevent a predominant sense of sameness and familiarity from occurring," according to a city staff report. The regulation would be achieved by requiring new chain retailers to apply for and obtain a conditional use permit (CUP) if they wish to open a new franchise in the Civic Center.

The commission's recommendation suggested the council request from city staff:

• Further review and clarification regarding which chain stores would be exempted from the proposed ordinance.

• An explanation of the methodology of how it calculated a provision in the ordinance that no more than 50 percent of tenants in a particular shopping center consist of chain stores.

• Revision of the suggested maximum 2,500 square feet for new chain stores.

• Clarification on the definition of the term "formula retail."

The commission's vote marked an about face from earlier in the meeting, when the commission briefly considered a proposal by commissioner John Mazza to not only give its approval of the ordinance, but recommend the addition of the Point Dume Plaza and Trancas Country Market shopping centers to the ordinance.

Four of the five commissioners initially signaled support for the measure, but that changed after city planner Joseph Smith and Assistant City Attorney Greg Kovacevich noted that all of the research on the proposed ordinance had been done with the Civic Center in mind, not the two other shopping centers.

Commissioner Roohi Stack switched her vote, followed by colleague David Brotman, who ultimately suggested the council request more research on the ordinance.

The vote drew the ire of Mazza, the lone dissenting vote, who said his fellow commissioners were not carrying out the will of the council and that the vote would only cause needless delay for the ordinance.

The vote caused frustrated Preserve Malibu members to walk out of the meeting in anger. J. Flora Katz, a member of the group, said the group would be working on a ballot measure for the ordinance beginning soon.

The council could still decide to consider the ordinance despite the commission's recommendation, several commissioners noted before voting.

E-MAIL SPARKS CONFRONTATION

Mazza himself became the subject of controversy midway through discussion on the item.

David Waite, an attorney representing the Civic Center shopping center owners, read during public comment from a chain e-mail which appeared to show Mazza advocating for the ordinance as a way to keep the center owners from renting out all of their space. Mazza claimed during and after the meeting that he did not write the message.

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CHURCH
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changed the building's name to the Church in Ocean Park to be more inclusive to other faiths.

The Rev. Janet McKeithen, the church's current United Methodist pastor for the past eight years, said that churchgoers today come from a wide variety of religious backgrounds including Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity. They even perform solstice rituals on the beach for Wiccans. She added that most of their patrons are spiritual, not religious, or would never set foot in another church after painful experiences trying to fit in with their own religious groups that shunned them.

Within this diverse community there are few spiritual expectations and strict rules that must be followed: Namely the need to recognize the sacred in every person, no matter their faith.

"You don't have to actually believe that somebody was born of a virgin. You don't really have to believe that in order to be a good person," McKeithen said.

Beyond the commitment to creating a safe space for people to reassess their religious roots and strive to embody their own core values, Conn, who served as the church's pastor for 22 years and on the City Council from 1981-1986, said that part of his original purpose was to create a sense of community that would help the neighborhood advocate for itself in social justice issues.

Paul Lichterman, professor of sociology and religion at USC, said that religion and social activism tend to relate more often than people think.

"Religious people and religious groups have a long history of progressive activism," Lichterman said.

He cited examples of congregations' involvement in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s. He added that often religious groups are considered conservative mainly because of predominant media attention given to such groups, including the Roman Catholic Church.

Conn's own involvement in various activist movements of the '60s prompted him to consider if a church could embody those social values and push them further into a neighborhood.

Throughout the '70s and '80s, Conn explained, the Church in Ocean Park was at the center of fervent issues in the then more conservative political landscape of Santa Monica in regards to social justice such as gay and lesbian rights.

"We gave a voice to values that had been hidden and suppressed for a long time," Conn said.

From then on church community members have cemented a working relationship with the Gay-Straight Alliance at Santa Monica High School; established a racial justice committee working with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to enact policies by which parents must be notified if their child suffers some sort of racial discrimination; and took part in the campaign to unionize a car wash on Lincoln Boulevard.

The church also played a role in launching service groups such as the Ocean Park Community Organization (now referred to simply as OPCC), which provides services to the homeless, and the Westside Health Center.

> **"WE GAVE A VOICE TO VALUES THAT HAD BEEN HIDDEN AND SUPPRESSED FOR A LONG TIME,"**
>
> **Jim Conn**
> Former pastor of the Church in Ocean Park

"I think this is what communities of faith are supposed to be about," Conn said.

While McKeithen said that churches should devote themselves to acts of social service, she added that not many do. She recalled that when she was arrested for civil disobedience after partaking in an in-action on the street for hotel workers near the Los Angeles International Airport, the following Sunday she was greeted by applause by her community in Ocean Park. At a previous church when she was caught in a similar situation she nearly got kicked out.

"[The people at Ocean Park] get it, they get what a church is," McKeithen said.

While the interfaith community of activists and the lengths they will go is special to the Church of Ocean Park, the church's United Methodist regional conference has also exhibited a progressive stance on social issues.

This past June, the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church passed a resolution called "A Statement of Biblical Obedience" that called into question the United Methodist Church's constitution which states that "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching," said James Kang, the director of communications for the local conference.

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, who oversees the California-Pacific Annual Conference, is also a vocal advocate for immigration reform — another issue the Church in Ocean Park addresses.

Whether trailblazers or participants in a historic relationship between faith and social service, McKeithen described her church as a model for the continuing push in all religious communities to actively lend a voice in national issues, including Ocean Park's new sustainability focus.

She added that while the progressive population of Santa Monica has facilitated the church's activism, she hopes that more churches like her own will be able to thrive in other areas soon.

To learn more about the Church in Ocean Park's services and history, McKeithen invites community members to attend their open house on Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

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Waiting for Bernanke, stock market plods indecisively

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NEW YORK On the stock market Tuesday, it felt like late-summer inertia had already set in.

U.S. stocks wandered between the tiniest of gains and losses before closing mixed. Traders were indecisive as companies reported disparate earnings news, and many were disinclined to make any big moves before getting direction from the Federal Reserve, which is scheduled to release an updated policy statement Wednesday.

The calendar said late July, but on the stock exchange it seemed more like August, when many traders take off for vacation and fewer stocks trade hands. The Dow Jones industrial average rose as much as 72 points in early trading — less than 0.5 percent — before flickering lower. It dipped into the red for most of the afternoon and closed down 1.38 points, or 0.01 percent, at 15,520.59.

"It seems like the doldrums of summer have set in," said Dave Abate, senior wealth adviser at Strategic Wealth Partners in Seven Hills, Ohio.

The Nasdaq composite rose 17.33 points, or 0.5 percent, to 3,616.47, though even that gain was largely because Apple, its biggest component, was up more than 1 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index plodded just a fraction higher, up 0.63 point, or 0.04 percent, to 1,685.96. Three of its industry sectors rose, led by technology stocks. Seven fell, dragged down by telecommunications companies.

Company earnings were equally inconclusive. Coach, the maker of upscale handbags, slumped 8 percent after reporting lower quarterly profit. But Goodyear Tire & Rubber jumped 9 percent after announcing that its quarterly earnings had doubled.

This earnings season has presented a picture encouraging on some fronts and troubling on others. Many companies, including big names like Apple and Visa, have posted better-than-expected results, and analysts predict that second-quarter earnings are up 4.7 percent for companies in the S&P 500, according to S&P Capital IQ. But the picture has its blemishes, including the fact that many of the gains are based not on business growth but on cost-cutting: Revenue is down about 0.5 percent.

"There's a little bit of swapping chairs on the deck," Abate said.

Outside of earnings reports, traders were keeping a close eye on the Federal Reserve, which began a two-day meeting Tuesday and will release an updated policy statement Wednesday.

Conjectures about the central bank have had a powerful influence on the stock market in recent months. Traders have bought and sold stocks while hanging on to every word of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, looking for clues about when the Fed might pull back on its bond-buying program or start raising interest rates. The central bank has been buying bonds to try to prop up stocks and encourage borrowing. It has also been keeping interest rates low, all in an attempt to pump life into a lagging economy.

"This week it's all about Bernanke and the Fed statement," said Bill Strazzullo, chief strategist of Bell Curve Trading. "Stocks need a supportive statement ... to go higher. That is the key driver."

The Fed has said it might start to pull back on its bond purchases later this year if the economy continues to improve, but the timing remains uncertain. The Fed has also said it won't raise its benchmark short-term interest rate until the unemployment rate, which currently stands at 7.6 percent, dips below 6.5 percent.

Crude oil fell $1.47 to $103.08 a barrel in New York. The price of gold inched down $4.80 to $1,324.80 an ounce. The dollar rose against the Japanese yen and fell against the euro.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was unchanged from late Monday at 2.60 percent. The yield is a benchmark for many kinds of loans including home mortgages.

Among stocks making big moves:

• Coach dipped $4.55 to $53.30. Goodyear jumped $1.52 to $18.56.

• The Mosaic Co., maker of a key ingredient in crop fertilizers, was the worst performer on the S&P 500. It plunged after a Russian fertilizer company said it would drop out of a cartel that keeps prices high. Mosaic fell $9.15, or 17 percent, to $43.81.

• Masco jumped $1.06, or 5 percent, to $20.80. The company, which makes cabinets, plumbing fixtures and other building products, posted better-than-expected earnings late Monday, boosted by a surge in home construction.

Manning guilty of 20 charges, not aiding the enemy

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FORT MEADE, Md. In a split decision, U.S. Army Pfc. Bradley Manning was acquitted Tuesday of aiding the enemy — the most serious charge he faced — but was convicted of espionage, theft and nearly every other count for giving secrets to WikiLeaks, a verdict that could see him spend the rest of his life in prison.

The judge, Army Col. Denise Lind, deliberated over three days before delivering a decision that denied the government a precedent that freedom of press advocates had warned could have broad implications for leak cases and investigative journalism about national security issues.

From the courtroom to world capitals, people struggled to absorb the meaning of a ruling that cleared the soldier of a charge of aiding the enemy, which would have carried a potential life sentence, but convicted him of 20 of 22 counts that, together, could also mean life behind bars.

Manning faces up to 136 years in prison if given maximum penalties in a sentencing hearing that starts Wednesday. It is expected to last most of August.

The 25-year-old soldier stood quietly at attention in his dress uniform, flanked by his attorneys, as the verdict was delivered. He appeared not to react, though his attorney, David Coombs, smiled faintly when he heard "not guilty" on the aiding the enemy charge.

When the judge was done, Coombs put his hand on Manning's back and whispered something to him, bringing a slight smile to the soldier's face.

"We won the battle, now we need to go win the war," Coombs said later, outside the courtroom. "Today is a good day, but Bradley is by no means out of the fire."

Transparency advocates and legal experts had mixed opinions on the implications for the future of leak cases and investigative journalism in the Internet age.

The advocacy group Reporters Without Borders said the verdict was a chilling warning to whistleblowers, "against whom the Obama administration has been waging an unprecedented offensive," and threatens the future of investigative journalism because intimidated sources might fall quiet.

However, another advocate of less government secrecy, Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, questioned whether the implications will be so dire, given the extraordinary nature of the Manning case.

"This was a massive hemorrhage of government records, and it's not too surprising that it elicited a strong reaction from the government," Aftergood said.

"Most journalists are not in the business of publishing classified documents, they're in the business of reporting the news, which is not the same thing," he said. "This is not good news for journalism, but it's not the end of the world, either."

Glenn Greenwald, the journalist, commentator and former civil rights lawyer who first reported Edward Snowden's leaks of National Security Agency surveillance programs, said Manning's acquittal on the charge of aiding the enemy represented a "tiny sliver of justice."

But WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, whose website exposed Manning's spilled U.S. secrets to the world, saw nothing to cheer in the mixed verdict.

"It is a dangerous precedent and an example of national security extremism," he told reporters at the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, which is sheltering him. "This has never been a fair trial."

To prove aiding the enemy, prosecutors had to show Manning had "actual knowledge" the material he leaked would be seen by al-Qaida and that he had "general evil intent." They presented evidence the material fell into the hands of the terrorist group and its former leader, Osama bin Laden, but struggled to prove their assertion that Manning was an anarchist computer hacker and attention-seeking traitor.

Coombs said during trial that Manning had no way of knowing whether al-Qaida would access the secret-spilling website and a 2008 counterintelligence report showed the government itself did not know much about WikiLeaks at the time.

An aiding the enemy charge for someone who didn't directly give an adversary information is extremely rare, and prosecutors had to cite a Civil War-era court-martial of a Union soldier when they brought the charge against Manning.

"I think certainly that a conviction on that charge would have had a ripple effect," said Lisa Windsor, a retired Army colonel and former judge advocate. "I think it would have had certainly a chilling effect on anyone in the military who might decide that this is some sort of freedom of speech or whistleblower thing that they needed to engage in."

The judge did not give any reasons for her verdict from the bench, but said she would release detailed written findings. She did not say when.

Manning acknowledged giving WikiLeaks more than 700,000 battlefield reports and diplomatic cables, and video of a 2007 U.S. helicopter attack that killed civilians in Iraq, including a Reuters news photographer and his driver. Prosecutors branded him an anarchist and traitor.

The defense portrayed the Crescent, Okla., native as a "young, naive but good-intentioned" figure. Manning said during a pretrial hearing he leaked the material to expose U.S military "bloodlust" and diplomatic deceitfulness, but did not believe his actions would harm the country.

Besides the aiding the enemy acquittal, Manning was found not guilty of one espionage count involving his acknowledged leak of a video from a 2009 airstrike in Afghanistan. The judge found that prosecutors had not proved Manning leaked the video in late 2009. Manning said he started the leaks in February the following year.

Manning pleaded guilty earlier this year to lesser offenses that could have brought him 20 years behind bars, yet the government continued to pursue all but one of the original, more serious charges.

Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, welcomed Tuesday's verdict.

"Bradley Manning endangered the security of the United States and the lives of his own comrades in uniform when he intentionally disclosed vast amounts of classified data," he said. "His conviction should stand as an example to those who are tempted to violate a sacred public trust in pursuit of notoriety, fame, or their own political agenda."

Some of Manning's supporters attended nearly every day of the two-month trial, protesting outside the Fort Meade gates wearing T-shirts with the word "truth" on them.

"I never in my heart ever thought that he was a traitor and I never thought he was trying to aid the enemy," Joe Brown of Silver Spring, Md., said outside the courtroom. "He's an American hero who saw things we did that he didn't think were right ... The killing of people unnecessarily."

The WikiLeaks case is by far the most voluminous release of classified material in U.S. history. Manning's supporters included Pentagon Papers leaker Daniel Ellsberg, whose sensational leak of 7,000 pages of documents in the early 1970s exposed U.S. government lies about the Vietnam War.

Reacting to Tuesday's verdict, Ellsberg said Manning's acquittal on aiding the enemy limits the chilling consequences of the WikiLeaks case on press freedoms.

"American democracy just dodged a bullet, a possibly fatal bullet," Ellsberg said. "I'm talking about the free press that I think is the life's blood of the democracy."

The material WikiLeaks began publishing in 2010 documented complaints of abuses against Iraqi detainees, a U.S. tally of civilian deaths in Iraq, and America's weak support for the government of Tunisia — a disclosure that Manning supporters said helped trigger the Middle Eastern pro-democracy uprisings known as the Arab Spring.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **67.1°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
Long period SSW swell continues; larger sets to head high+ and bigger at standouts

THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
SSW swell continues, slowly easing; larger sets to head high at top breaks

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Old SSW leftovers; New long period SW swell starts to fill in;

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
SW starts to gradually fills in further; occasional chest high sets in the PM at standouts

BEACH REPORT CARD

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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 -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / xx
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / xx

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.		
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	xx
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	xx
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	xx
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	xx
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	xx
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	xx
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	xx
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	xx
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	D	xx
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	xx
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	xx
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	xx
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	xx
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	xx	xx
Tuna Canyon.	A	xx
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	xx	xx
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	xx
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	xx
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	C	xx

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

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
xx -- no sample taken

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A small business star to be born this Super Bowl

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A small business star will be born during a commercial break in Super Bowl XLVIII.

A company yet to be selected will have its own 30-second ad during the game, giving it the kind of exposure usually reserved for mega-brands like Budweiser and Chevrolet. The spot will be the culmination of a competition sponsored by software maker Intuit Inc., which has never run a Super Bowl commercial of its own, but is paying for one small business to be in the spotlight during the third quarter of the Big Game.

"This is the sort of thing that small businesses dream about," says Tim Calkins, a professor of marketing at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. "It's impossible to match the attention you get from being in the Super Bowl."

There's also some risk. Small businesses often don't have the capacity to handle the kind of exposure that the winner is bound to get. The company will need to be prepared to handle the sudden surge in business it might get from the ad. Intuit, which makes software for small businesses says that ability will be one of the criteria companies must meet to make it to the final stages of the competition.

The Super Bowl draws more than 100 million U.S. viewers. The match between the Baltimore Ravens and San Francisco 49ers in February was seen by 108.4 million people.

Super Bowl commercials are a "can you top that" showcase for advertising agencies, which try to come up with the funniest and most memorable ads. The commercials have become as a big a deal as the game and the halftime show. Viewers tweet their reactions and post comments on Facebook during the game and chat about the best and worst when they get to work the next day.

"The advertising is entertainment in and of itself," says Sheri Bridges, an associate professor of marketing at Wake Forest University's School of Business.

The small business commercial will differ from most Super Bowl commercials, which add another layer of gloss to a well-known brand. The small business spot will be created by RPA, an advertising agency that has produced past Super Bowl commercials, including an Acura ad starring Jerry Seinfeld and a Honda spot with Matthew Broderick for the 2012 game.

RPA says it expects to create the same kind of high-quality production for the competition winner as it does for its big corporate clients. But unlike Super Bowl commercials that are designed to make viewers laugh or feel intense emotions, this commercial will also have to be about the company and what it does.

"We're going to be doing something more rooted in the business and who they are rather than just catching eyeballs," says Adam Lowery, a creative director at RPA.

But some companies have been launched into the public's consciousness by Super Bowl ads. Bridges cites as an example, Monster.com's 1999 commercial that showed children talking about what they wanted to be when they grew up.

And in 1984, Apple was not yet a giant when it ran what's considered the gold standard of Super Bowl ads, a spot that created buzz about the upcoming introduction of the Macintosh. The spot, directed by filmmaker Ridley Scott, was a take on George Orwell's "1984" and showed a young woman, representing Apple, destroying the status quo.

"Many people point to Apple's Mac ad as a sort of the perfect example of what a Super Bowl ad can do, and it really did give the brand an enormous amount of attention and momentum," Calkins says.

Any kind of small business can enter the competition. In the first round, companies will sign up at www.SmallBusinessBigGame.com and tell their stories. The public votes on who advances to the next round. The 50,000 companies with the most votes then continue telling their stories, with Intuit employees voting for the 20 best. Four of those will become finalists chosen by Intuit employees, and the public will then choose the winning company.

Intuit will pay for the commercial, which will run into the millions of dollars. Thirty-second spots cost as much as $4 million in the last Super Bowl.

But success isn't guaranteed. If the commercial doesn't engage or entertain the audience, it can be quickly forgotten.

"The expectations are that the ads will be so doggone entertaining," says Bridges, the Wake Forest professor. "If they're not, you're like the girl who wears the ugly dress to the prom."

If the winner has the right commercial and the right product or service, the company may find it's able to get lenders or investors who are willing to help them expand, Bridges says. That money will be particularly welcome if the commercial leads to an explosion in demand from new customers.

When the four finalists are chosen, RPA will start coming up with ideas for commercials for all of them. But while only one company will make it to the Super Bowl, the work on ads for the three runners-up won't go to waste, says Nathan Crow, a creative director at the agency. The commercials will be completed and will be shown at other times.

"They won't make it to the big game, but they'll make out pretty well," Crow says.



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12:30pm, 7:05pm

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10:50am, 1:30pm

Smurfs 2 in 3D (PG) 1hr 45min
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1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Only God Forgives (R) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

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Happy Birthday

Jim Haljun: Dentist, YMCA board member, body builder and nutrition buff.

Treat yourself well tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be trying to get clarity about an upcoming event or situation. You will have difficulty, no matter what you try to do. You could lose your temper, and you'll be shocked by what comes out of your mouth. Tonight: Hang out at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your upbeat mood could change its focus to a money matter. The best of intentions easily could fall apart and cause a rift among friends. Decide not to allow this scenario to happen. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might be running around in an effort to get a lot done. You are able to see a situation differently from many because you can absorb a lot of information. A friend could be very unpredictable. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Complete as much as you can quickly in the morning. The pressure of the day could be intense afterward. In some way, you might not be seeing a situation clearly. Your attempts for clarity appear futile at the moment. Tonight: Make it early. You will need the rest soon enough!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Friends mean a lot, especially in a business setting where you might have to ask them for support. You could feel confused about a key associate whom you've always counted on. Forthcoming news could surprise you. Tonight: Keep your eye on the long term.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to run the show, but you could find it very difficult to do so. How you deal with someone could change radically once you get a better sense of where this person is coming from. Observe and keep asking questions. Tonight: A friend could push too hard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Make it a point to get an overview of a situation. You might get a different perspective that will work wonders. You could be overly tired and withdrawn. Tonight: Return calls and emails, then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to go right past a problem that has stopped you in your tracks before. Because of your previous experience, you initially might feel unsure of yourself. You even could become irritated by what develops. Tonight: Remain upbeat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Be smart and say little, as it will allow someone to present his or her ideas and thoughts. You might want to revisit a mistake made a while ago by this person. Tonight: Allow someone to let off some steam.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might want to reconsider someone's ideas. Don't say "no" immediately; instead, ask insightful questions. Realize that you won't be able to push a situation through as quickly as you would like. Frustration might emerge as a result. Tonight: Say "yes" to an exciting offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to answer someone's questions very diplomatically. If you share exactly what you're thinking, there could be a volatile exchange. Be careful if you feel irritated when working with machinery; otherwise, you could have an accident. Tonight: A midweek break.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ If you're feeling confused or if someone is intentionally weaving a haze around you, distance yourself rather than get into an argument that you might regret later. Your sense of humor will help you bypass an otherwise difficult situation. Tonight: Close to home.

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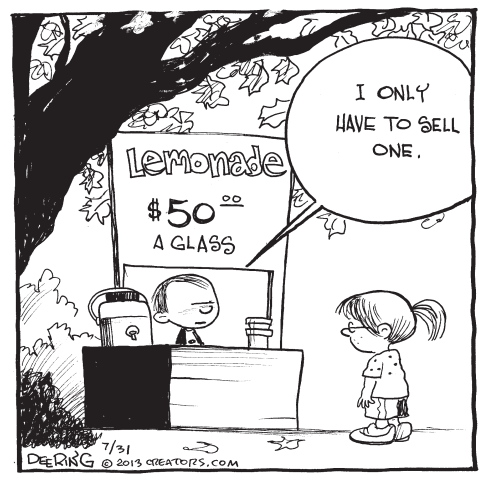
This year you communicate with accuracy and precision. Your instincts guide you more often than not. Networking provides you with connections, both professionally and personally. Learning to express yourself in a meaningful way will be important. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease. Choosing the right person will be crucial. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from a substantial amount of private time together. Look at what does not work in your life, and consider letting it go. Next year, you will enter a new life and luck cycle. GEMINI is fun to go out with.

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

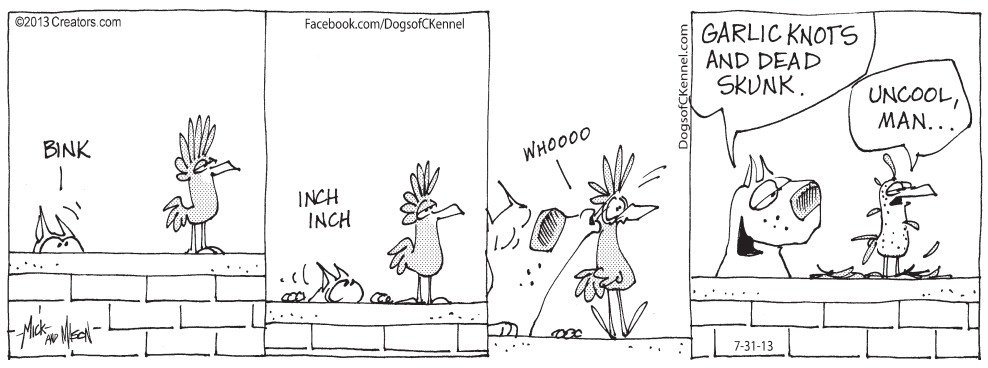
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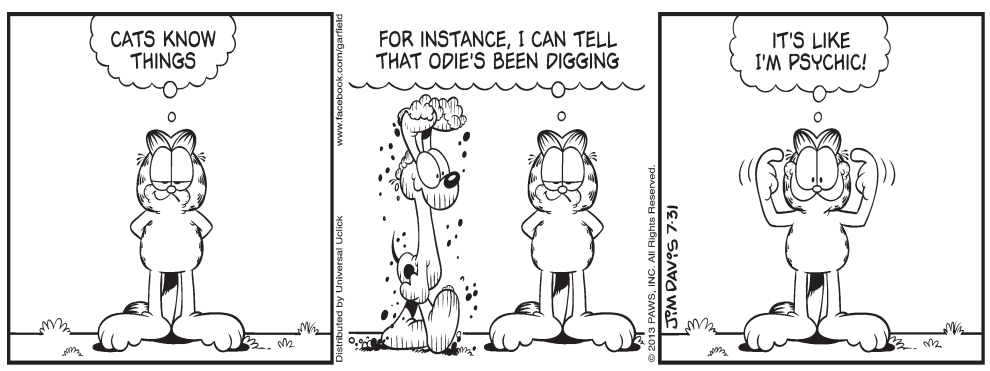
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Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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		1	9	6	5	3		
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9								1
	8			9			4	
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King Features Syndicate

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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Flightless birds
5 Sudden storm
11 District
12 Mame, for one
13 Went cycling
14 So far
15 Had dinner
16 Alliance since 1949
17 River of Provence
19 Battleship letters
22 Hate
24 Annual visitor
26 Whole bunch
27 Revered one
28 "Tomorrow" singer
30 Skilled
31 Garden plot
32 Tonic, for one
34 Church area
35 Rage
38 Cotton pest
41 Completed
42 "Earth in the Balance" author
43 One-liner, e.g.
44 Official seal
45 Flag feature

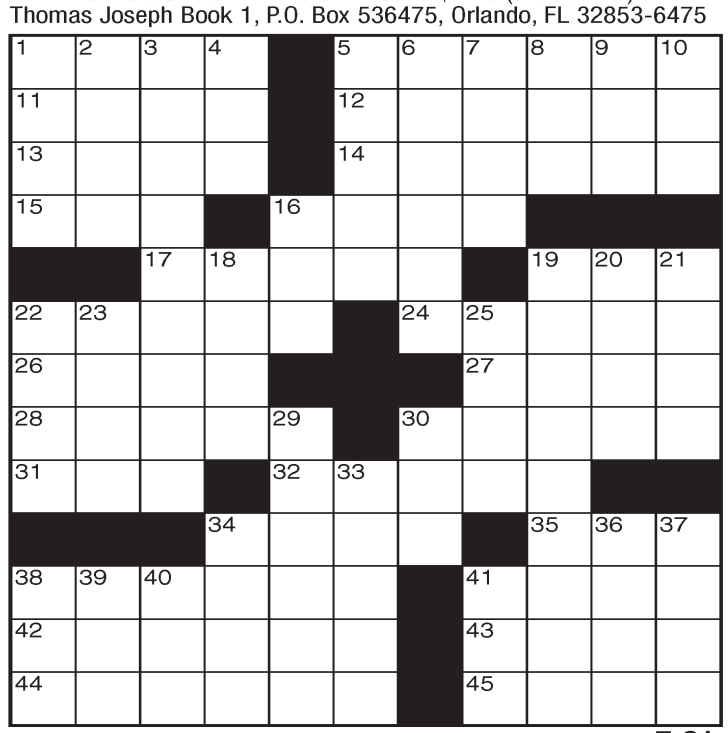
DOWN

1 Poet Pound
2 Pointless
3 Like some pitches
4 Behold
5 Mr. Scratch
6 Bartlett's collection
7 Computer menu choice
8 — loss
9 Drunk
10 Victor at Fredericksburg
16 Negative link
18 Rain dance tribe
19 In the way
20 Organ part
21 Pretzel topping
22 Obsessed captain
23 Nota —
25 Staff member
29 Kingdom
30 Forest feller
33 Spot in the ocean
34 Stratford's river
36 "My Way" writer
37 Forest grazer
38 Used to be
39 Ivy Leaguer student
40 Chick holder
41 Party hires

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Draw Date: 7/27
9 23 40 53 58
Power#: 6
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/26
4 22 23 27 38
Mega#: 42
Jackpot: $12M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 7/27
18 20 30 40 42
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: $8M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/30
2 4 11 30 31

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/30
MIDDAY: 0 2 0
EVENING: 6 1 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/30
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Horse Bullies: In June, Barbour County, W.Va., firefighters, called to a farm in Belington, rescued the horse "Rowdy," whose entire body was somehow trapped inside an industrial-sized tire. Rowdy's owner said she believes Rowdy had an altercation with some of the other horses.

■ A staff report by Democrats on the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce released in June and using data from Wisconsin (because of the state's comprehensive record-keeping) found that taxpayers wind up paying out at least $75 million a year in "safety net" assistance to the state's Wal-Mart workers (food stamps, Medicaid, school lunches, earned-income tax credits, etc.) allegedly because the company's wages and benefits are so meager. The report, an update on 2004 numbers that were less than half those found this time around, estimated that Wal-Mart families accounted for more than 9,000 Wisconsin Medicaid enrollees. The $75 million, covering 75 stores, represents a low-end estimate with the high end about $130 million.

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