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School district to hire more teachers, reduce class sizes

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS School district officials get to sort through some resumes.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials predicted they'll be hiring more teachers for next school year, reaching staffing levels not seen in two years.

The district employs the equivalent of 412.5 full-time educators, said Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Debra Moore Washington at last week's Board of Education meeting.

Next year, Washington is forecasting a 3.5 percent increase up to the equivalent of 427 full-timers.

"That's going to put us in hiring mode for next year," she said. "We are looking at going to hiring fairs this year where we haven't had a need to do as aggressive recruitment in the past."

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David Mark Simpson *dave@smdp.com*

LAYING DOWN VOCALS: Eddie Martinez puts in work at Pico Youth & Family Center's recording studio.

Sound shepherds

Recording studios become booming teen centers

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD School is over for the day but Eddie Martinez still has his notebook open.

The Olympic High School senior is in the booth at the Pico Youth & Family Center's recording studio reworking his verses to match a new beat made by one of his classmates.

PYFC is working on its fifth album since the studio opened in 2002.

Back in the 1980s, a recording studio would cost $1.5 million, according to Los Angeles Times archives. Today, Santa Monica has at least four recording studios open to teens.

On top of PYFC's studio, the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center has one and the Boys & Girls Club has two.

"As far as recording goes, it used to be you had to invest a million dollars in

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SHRIVER

Shriver takes fundraising lead in supervisor race

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

COUNTYWIDE If you were a candidate running for office, what would you rather have, money or fame?

Former Santa Monica Mayor Bobby Shriver has both.

His campaign disclosure statement reads like a guest list for one of Hollywood's most exclusive parties, featuring the likes of Oprah Winfrey, Tom Hanks, Renee Zellweger and Jerry Bruckheimer. Then there are the Facebook and Google executives, iconic fashion designer Diane Von Furstenberg, oh and billionaire Warren Buffett. Chef Wolfgang Puck is providing the desserts.

In the race to replace Third District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Shriver, a member of the Kennedy clan, has taken the fundraising lead, collecting nearly $848,000, including a $300,000 personal loan.

The nearly 2,000 contributions have come in $300 increments, the limit since he opted to not abide by the county's voluntary $1.4 million spending cap.

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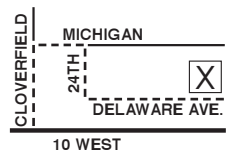
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

DIY for kids
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 3:45 p.m.
This craft workshop teaches kids 6-10 to make a pompom that can also be used as a bookmark. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Funding for schools
SMMUSD Headquarters
1651 16th St., 4 p.m.
This will be the first time the Board of Education and public discuss the school district's 2014-15 budget. The meeting will include revenue projections using the Local Control Funding Formula calculation. For more information, visit smmusd.org.

Planning the future of zoning
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will discuss the Draft Zoning Ordinance, which will guide development for years to come. The public is invited to weigh in on the document. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Strike up the bands
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica High Wind Symphony and the Wind Ensemble present a night of music for a good cause. The night will include a raffle for an iPad and a silent auction with goods that organizers promise "you will actually want and use!" Funds raised will be used to support instruction and instrument purchases. For more information, visit samohiband.org.

In search of ...
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 7 p.m.
Learn how to get the most out of Internet searches using Google. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Foodies in the making
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m.
Eat seasonal food and learn about the food you eat with the Santa Monica Farmers' Market. Intended for grades 6-12. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Music at 'Roads
Crossroads School, Roth Hall
1714 21st St., 7 p.m.
The 18th Street Arts Center invites the public to this free culminating performance for current Make Jazz Fellow, John Ellis. The Make Jazz Fellowship, now in its third year, fosters experimentation by giving emerging jazz musicians time and space to develop new compositions while connecting them to the Los Angeles jazz community. For more information, visit johnellis27march.eventbrite.com.

Congressional hopefuls
Main Library, Community Room
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Democratic Club is hosting a forum for candidates vying to replace Rep. Henry Waxman in the 33rd Congressional District. For more information, visit santamonicademocrats.com.

Shake it up
1454 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
Santa Monica CityShakes' production of "The Merchant of Venice" asks viewers how we can forgive those who have wronged us. Is there a time when justice and vengeance should win over mercy and compassion? This show will engage your senses in an up-close-and-personal, intimate space. For more information, visit cityshakes.org.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Docents wanted

For the first time in three years, the Santa Monica Conservancy is seeking new volunteers to offer guided tours of the Annenberg Community Beach House.

A docent training class will be offered in April and May. Applications to become a docent are due March 29.

The Annenberg Community Beach House has a fascinating history, a place where Hollywood and Santa Monica intersect. A palatial estate was erected in the 1920s by media mogul William Randolph Hearst for his lifetime companion, actress Marion Davies. They entertained on a grand scale for film luminaries and international celebrities.

The site evolved over time to become Ocean House Hotel, the Sand and Sea Club, and ultimately to the recreational and cultural center it is today, thanks to generous funding from the Annenberg Foundation, and in partnership with City Hall and California State Parks.

New docent volunteers are required to attend three Saturday afternoon lectures from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on April 5, 12 and 19. Onsite training follows, and the formal training is supplemented with written material in a docent manual.

The service requirement is six hours per month, in two shifts of three hours each. Prior experience as a docent is not required; one only needs an interest in telling the stories of the site and interacting with people.

Application forms may be downloaded at www.smconservancy.org and should be e-mailed to info@smconservancy.org or mailed to P.O. Box 653, Santa Monica, Calif. 90406 in time to reach the conservancy by the deadline. For questions or more information, leave a message at (310) 496-3146.

The conservancy is also hosting three lectures focused on the most important people connected to the beach house — Hearst, Davies and architect Julia Morgan — as well as stories of Hollywood in Santa Monica and the history of the section of the beachfront known as the "Gold Coast."

The lectures are set for April 5, April 12, and April 19. The lectures will be held at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth St. in downtown Santa Monica at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $25 for the series or $10 for individual lectures. Call the conservancy for more information.

– KEVIN HERRERA

SM PIER

Pacific Park to go dark

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier joins the Earth Hour movement this Saturday by turning the lights out for one hour on its world-famous Ferris wheel.

Only safety lighting will be functioning starting at 8:30 p.m., officials with the park said.

Earth Hour is the world's largest grassroots environmental movement. People are encouraged to turn off all their lights and unplug non-essential appliances and gadgets for one hour to conserve energy and commune with friends, family and nature.

Initiated in Sydney, Australia in 2007 as a campaign for action on climate change and to engage the mainstream population behind the issues facing the planet, Earth Hour since has swept the globe, drawing together hundreds of millions of people in 154 countries and territories spanning every continent.

Earth Hour states its mission is three-fold, "To bring people together through a symbolic hour-long event, inspire people into taking action beyond the hour and create an interconnected global community sharing the goal of a sustainable future for the planet."

"Pacific Park works hard to be a leader in our industry and community for green initiatives and sustainability. We look forward to participating each year in Earth Hour to help underscore our commitment to the environment," Jeff Klocke, vice president of marketing and administration at Pacific Park. "In addition to the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel with energy-efficient LED lights, Pacific Park has replaced all light fixtures, provides employees with reusable bottles and mugs instead of bottled water and uses environmentally friendly cleaning products throughout the Park."

In 2010 Pacific Park was awarded Excellence in Stewardship of the Natural Environment at the 15th annual Sustainable Quality Awards presented by the city of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and the nonprofit Sustainable Works.

– KH



Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

HE'S IN THERE: Santa Monica High School's Tomas Gutierrez slides into home plate following a Hawthorne wild pitch on Tuesday afternoon at home. Samohi went on to win the Ocean League game, 5-4.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Samohi opens league on high note

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI One down, nine to go.

Santa Monica baseball held on for a 5-4 win over Hawthorne at home Tuesday to open the 10-game Ocean League season on a winning note.

After cruising for five innings, starting pitcher Rudy Olmedo was pulled leading 5-1. Making his varsity debut, Greg Melick was able to record a one, two, three sixth inning. The problems came in the seventh.

Staring down a hungry Hawthorne lineup, Melick was hit hard and often giving up three runs before striking out Javier Martinez to end the rally.

"I love they way my guys compete," Hawthorne head coach Jeff Hines said. "We've played [Samohi] tough in the past and this was no different."

Across the diamond, Samohi head coach Kurt Schwengel felt the same about the rivalry.

"I don't know what it is, but they always give us a hard time," Schwengel said. "We hope this is the year they can knock off Culver City or Beverly Hills to help us out a bit"

Samohi, the No. 7 team in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 3 poll, is the defending league champ, but Schwengel and Co. know that the season will most likely come down to them and Culver City. It came down to the final week last season when Samohi swept both games in the series to secure the league crown.

If Samohi (8-1 overall, 1-0 in league) is going to defend their title, it will most likely come down to its deep pitching staff.

Olmedo is considered the fourth or fifth starter and was able to handle Hawthorne handily. But, it didn't come without a little drama.

The second inning saw Olmedo load the bases with no outs while holding a 2-0 lead. With the

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IN PLAY: Samohi's Gary Dixon squares up to bunt against Hawthorne on Tuesday at home. Dixon was successful, scoring Matt Kassowitz in the process.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Fighting for the arts

Editor:

Arts Advocacy Day is underway right now in Washington, D.C. Concerned people from across the country are visiting Congress to discuss issues important to them – including the importance of arts education.

Make no mistake: action is needed. The fiscal emergency our schools experienced, combined with a narrowing curriculum created by an overemphasis on bubble tests, led to harmful cuts to arts education programs around our state.

We should be concerned about this. Arts education programs are vital to California's robust creative economy, our global competitiveness, and to our schools' ability to engage with our students.

That's why I've made restoring arts education programs one of my top priorities since the first days as your state superintendent. It's why I've supported the statewide CREATE CA Coalition. It's why, as part of that effort, I commissioned a Blueprint for Creative Schools Task Force to make recommendations about this important work.

We know a high-quality arts education benefits our students. The arts help support lifelong learning. The arts give our students hands-on experiences with important 21st century skills. The arts help give students reasons to stay engaged with their studies and avoid dropping out of school.

I've told audiences throughout the state that every one of our 6.2 million students needs to have access to a high-quality arts education. I hope you will help me spread the word about why we should accept nothing less than a renaissance of arts education in California.

Tom Torlakson
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Getting taxpayers in trouble

Editor:

It is disconcerting that Audrey Shauer challenges the City Council to have the "cajones" to bulldoze the Santa Monica Airport in the middle of the night ("Shut it down," Letter to the Editor, March 23).

I guess that is her version of real civic planning as well as a way to get the taxpayers in trouble when the city has to come up with millions in fines for such an arbitrary act. The Santa Monica City Council really needs to look at the facts regarding the airport instead of the whims of people who are engrossed in perpetuating myths and innuendo about an airport that does exceedingly well within a complex urban environment. Also, please get a Santa Monica Airport Commission with some members who have a background in aviation to better advise the City Council.

Steven Siry
President, Santa Monica Airport Association





Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A billion for your votes, 14 bucks for an aspirin

"THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL evil." — 1 Timothy 6:10

"Money, it's a gas… it's a hit… it's a crime…" — Pink Floyd

"SHOW! ME! THE! MONEY!" — Jerry Maguire

"Money money
Money money
Money money
Money money" — "Cabaret"

"The lack of money is the root of all evil." — Mark Twain

It's what fuels our elections. It's what fools our elections. It's the single root cause of everything you hate and complain about in our government, whether you're Tea Party or Ice T.

Even before the Supreme Court's shameless Citizens United decision that opened the floodgates of money and influence (they're the same thing), our election process that depends on massive campaign contributions was fatally flawed, incapable of producing real democracy.

It is legalized, sanctioned bribery, plain and simple, but few American voters see it that way. It takes money to get elected, we shrug. That's the way it is.

How long are people running for president now? Two years? How much in advance of an election do hopeful politicians set up their campaign funds?

That run time has become longer and longer, in my lifetime. The longer you're running, quite simply, the more money you will spend.

But in England, they're about to adjust the law that says an election is held 17 days — 17 days! — after Parliament is dissolved. It will soon be 25 days, then by 2015 bumped all the way up to 38 days. Oh, those profligate Brits.

But their cousin Canada needs much more time. The longest election campaign in Canada's history was in 1926, admittedly an aberration, when it went 74 days. Usually it's more like 36 to 60 days.

As we're painfully aware when our election day approaches, most of the money is spent on TV. But in France, there are heavy restrictions on political advertising on TV. In Norway, it's not allowed at all.

So, there are other ways of doing it. But every time a voice is raised for campaign finance reform here, every decade or so, such as the McCain-Feingold Act, it gets stomped down. That one, with its modest reforms, was overturned after opposition from such strange bedfellows as the NRA, the California State Democratic Party, and Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky).

Nobody, especially those who believe they can raise a lot of money and buy an advantage over their opponent, wants to be the first to say, "Stop the madness! I won't take corporate money. I won't take big contributions. I won't be beholden to special interests."

Early in his national candidacy, Barack Obama was hinting at that, but by his second campaign both parties raised and spent a combined $2 billion.

Locally, we've seen a kerfuffle over a lousy four grand given to Mayor Pam O'Connor by the huge Texas real estate developer Hines. But that amount paid off all her previous campaign debts. Our local laws declare that's not even a conflict of interest that should prevent her from voting on projects involving that donor, like their controversial Bergamot proposal.

Are you kidding me?

Our local Kennedy, and former-city councilman and mayor, Bobby Shriver has recently jumped into the race for county supervisor, and made quite a cannonball splash for the other candidates. He rejected voluntary campaign spending limits that had been accepted by his opponents, that would have limited them to spending no more than chump change, $1.4 million each, indicating he'll spend at least $300,000 of his own money to get elected.

Even though his opponents are not likely to be able to find that kind of coin in their sofa cushions like he did, at least he's beholden only to himself for that 300 Gs. But he's already raised more than half a million on top of that, from folks like Warren Buffet, Bill and Melinda Gates, Steven Spielberg, Wolfgang Puck, Chevy Chase and Frank Gehry. The two times he ran for City Council he raised record amounts of money, and with buddies like those throwing cash there's no reason to think he won't top himself here.

All this comes right on the heels of endorsements for his opponent, Sheila Kuehl, from Democratic Clubs and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights. So, if you can't persuade the kingmakers, just drive around them in your Maserati.

"It's very difficult to communicate with $1.4 million," lamented Shriver's chief strategist, Bill Carrick, who also said Shriver has not yet decided how much of his personal wealth he will spend. I presume he meant, "only" $1.4 million.

Please, people, someone somewhere stand up tall and promise not to take big money, and challenge their opponents to do the same, and if they don't, pound the message home that those candidates are accepting bribes and would be representing special interests if they get elected, not the people who voted for them.

We need that kind of personal courage from a candidate, but what we really need is nerves of steel and the will to succeed from an already-elected rep in DC who will push through a real campaign finance reform law that all will back, and not try to sabotage it in a back alley.

You can fight all you want for your pet reform or cause, but until we admit we're doing it wrong on campaign finance, nothing else matters, because as Deep Throat warned us 40 years ago, the answer to all political corruption can be found when you "follow the money."

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I think Saint John's is the greatest, but I think the way we deliver and pay for healthcare in this country is ridiculous. Single payer check, please.

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The Taxman

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Do politicians want a bribe to provide basic services?

A PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY SOME members of the Los Angeles City Council begs the question: Just what do we pay taxes for?

Los Angeles City Officials want to increase sales taxes for which, in return, they will repair the streets. Councilmembers Mitch Englander and Joe Buscaino are promoting the plan, while Councilman Herb Wesson was quick to provide a thumbs up on the tax hike, telling a reporter, "Without a doubt … this city needs some kind of additional revenue stream for us to take care of our business."

So what is the city's business? Is it unreasonable for residents to expect their representatives to give public safety and street maintenance the highest priority for the significant tax dollars already provided?

Los Angeles is a high-tax city in a high-tax state. The city's utility user tax ranks second in California. Every time a resident turns on a light or opens a tap, the city makes money. Business taxes, too, are higher than average. A Kosmont–Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Report ranked Los Angeles as the ninth most expensive city in the nation for business. In spite of all the revenue the city takes in, it appears that officials will now demand a bribe, in the form of higher sales taxes, to provide a basic essential service.

Last year, Englander and Buscaino were pushing a bond that would have raised property taxes to fund street repair, but withdrew the plan when Wesson succeeded in placing a sales-tax increase on the ballot to help the city through the economic downturn. The measure failed to achieve a majority vote — voters too were the victims of the economic downturn.

Now Los Angeles voters may see another half-cent sales tax increase measure on the ballot as soon as this November. If passed, it is estimated it will cost the average household over $90 per year. This, from the point of view of the highest paid City Council in the nation — its members make nearly $180,000 annually — probably sounds like a pittance, but to average folks, it's real money.

If passed, the higher tax will hurt local businesses too, as consumers look to get a better deal in nearby communities with a lower sales tax levy.

IF PASSED, THE HIGHER TAX WILL HURT LOCAL BUSINESSES TOO, AS CONSUMERS LOOK TO GET A BETTER DEAL IN NEARBY COMMUNITIES WITH A LOWER SALES TAX LEVY.

Will the Los Angeles politicians get the new revenue? Perhaps they think that their negligence over the last 20 years — 35 percent of Los Angeles streets are in need of repair — will force voters to give in and pay the tribute officials are now demanding.

However, here is a novel idea. How about the City Council first fully fund essential services, including street maintenance, and then, when they run out of money, they can turn to the voters and ask for a tax increase to support the sweetheart wage and benefit packages the politicians keep approving for their government employee union backers. Those who think this is straight from the "Department of the Obvious" should keep in mind this is not at all obvious to our elected officials.

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

High and dry

The Planning Commission last week voted to deny the Palihouse hotel a permit to sell alcohol. A number of residents came out against allowing booze at the hotel, which is located in a residential neighborhood.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think Palihouse should serve alcohol or are residents right in objecting to the practice?

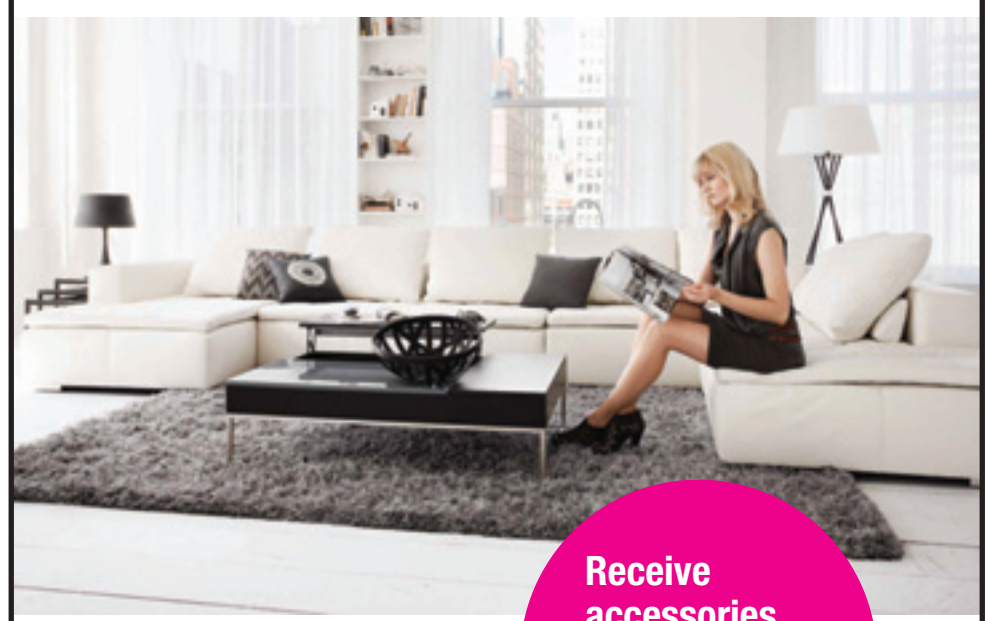
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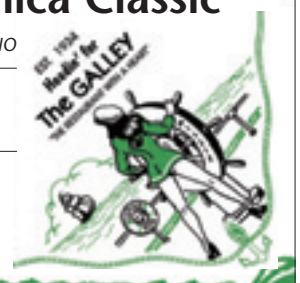
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We bought food bowls, borrowed a crate and dusted off baby gates. But soon after we adopted our 13-week-old puppy, we discovered the house really wasn't ready.

Clove, a Labrador retriever mix, chewed wires we thought were hidden and investigated stairs we thought she'd ignore. She rummaged through deep plastic bins holding smelly shin guards and plucked snow-soaked mittens from our warm radiators. Within a week of her arrival, we had to block off power strips, reorganize our mudroom, devise a new plan for drying winter gear and gate the staircase.

"It's a lot like having an infant in the household," said Pamela Barlow, animal behavior counselor at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' adoption center in New York City.

Barlow says puppies need constant supervision and a safe environment to explore. She cautions against confining them so much that they don't get outside experiences. It is hard to go back and socialize puppies if owners miss the window of opportunity to do so.

Puppies are drawn to things they can chew on and are stimulated by things that move, said Dr. Carlo Siracusa, director of the Penn Vet Behavior Service at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Many times we think that we should protect our home from a new puppy," Siracusa said, because the puppy could potentially cause damage. But more important is the opposite: making sure that puppies are safe in their new home.

Most essential is to create a safe haven — a place where the puppy can rest and sleep when there is too much excitement or stimulation, such as when kids have friends visiting, Siracusa says.

For the Sullivan family of South Orange, N.J., a crate has proven to be more useful for keeping their puppy, Angus, safe than his exercise pen has. Angus, a Bichon Frise-poodle mix now 5 months old, learned how to get out of the pen the first day, said Elie Sullivan. She keeps the door of his crate, located in her sons' room, open.

"He'll go in there and have a nap," she said as Angus, as soft as a skein of cashmere, cuddled in her lap.

Sullivan blocked stairs, moved low baskets into closets and bought tall hampers to prevent Angus from raiding the laundry.

"I like my house," she said. "I didn't want it torn up."

She also ensured that her house plants are safe for dogs.

Alexis Shield was prepared with puppy gear and house-training research before bringing home Teddy, an Australian Labradoodle, when he was 9 weeks old. Thanks to her planning and consistency with Teddy, she has been amazed at how fast he learned.

What she didn't expect, says Shield, who lives in a Virginia suburb of Washington, D.C., was how hard it would be to prepare her three young sons and supervise them with the puppy.

She has Teddy's crate in the kitchen, a safe place for him amid the household hubbub. Initially, Shield would occasionally put Teddy in the crate when she needed to do something and couldn't watch him; now a bit older, he's just in the crate when she leaves the house and at night, when he sleeps.

PUPPY-BEHAVIOR EXPERTS RECOMMEND THESE STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR PUPPY AT HOME:

— Gate off rooms where you don't want your puppy to roam. For instance, one of Barlow's clients is an artist with a studio in her house. The artist gated off the studio so the puppy couldn't run around the easels, paint and chemicals.

— Let puppies earn their freedom. Give them one space or room at a time. That way, owners can actively supervise them and limit any bad behavior.

— Create a safe confinement area — a crate or exercise pen, for instance — where the puppy can stay when you are not home. There should be enough space for a sleeping area and a potty area when puppies are very young. Also essential are a non-spill water bowl and safe, enriching toys. Toys that are not safe for this area when you are gone include tennis balls, rope toys, toys that are shorter than about double the length of the puppy's snout, and stuffed toys that have glass or plastic eyes and noses, Barlow said.

— Tape loose electrical cords. Use outlet covers.

— Store cleaning chemicals out of reach. Use baby latches on cabinet doors if needed.

— Move breakables and valuables out of the puppy's reach. Roll up new or valuable rugs until the puppy is house-trained.

In your yard:

— Do not leave a puppy unsupervised, and be sure to fence in your yard before letting the puppy off leash.

— Fence off the garden.

— Use pet-safe gardening products, and be sure any lawn service you use does the same.

— Store grill utensils out of the puppy's reach.

— Make sure a swimming pool is fenced.

— Check the ASPCA's list of poisonous plants.

— As soon as puppies are old enough, start training them, especially the "drop it" and "leave it" commands.



SHRIVER
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"These donors include people with whom I've worked over the years in business and the non-profit world," Shriver said. "Many of our donors are friends and some are family. I'm inspired and grateful to each of them for their support."

His chief rival, former State Sen. Sheila Kuehl, has raised about $717,000, but she's been at it far longer than Shriver, announcing her bid for Los Angeles County supervisor about a year ago while Shriver stepped up in late January.

West Hollywood Councilman John Duran has raised just over $187,000, campaign finance reports show.

As the race moves toward the June 3 primary election, Shriver has $639,712 in cash available while Kuehl, who recently secured the endorsements of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights and the Los Angeles County Democratic Club, has $429,877 and Duran $140,824. Five other candidates in the race are expected to raise lesser amounts.

If no one receives more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two finishers will compete in a November runoff.

Shriver has positioned himself as a business executive who brings energy and a new vision, willing to break out of the box to find solutions to some of the county's most pressing issues.

Kuehl is promoting herself as a seasoned lawmaker and policy expert who knows the issues and what it takes to bring change.

Duran, a defense lawyer, is putting the emphasis on creating opportunities for economic growth, identifying himself as a "moderate Democrat" who wants to hold "the solid center" on the board.

"I don't think they vote for the person who drops the most mail, but for who they agree with on the issues," Duran told the L.A. Times about the voters in the Third District, who he says are highly educated and are paying attention.

There are 2 million residents in the Third District, which includes the San Fernando Valley as well as the wealthy Westside communities of Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood and Santa Monica.

The county Board of Supervisors is one of the most powerful elected bodies in the nation. Los Angeles County — 4,000-square miles, 88 cities, 10 million residents — is more populous than 42 individual states.

The board, which has a budget of $24.7 billion, is in charge of implementing almost all federal, state and county programs, including food stamps and the Affordable Care Act. Its decisions impact public health, social services, welfare, education, law enforcement, jails, emergency response, environmental protection, housing, and other aspects of daily life.

It manages the county's foster care system, probation system, juvenile halls, animal shelters, senior centers, as well as beaches and the coroner's office.

The board's five members also serve as leaders at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which runs the mass transit system.

Kuehl had been limited to raising $1,500 per donor until Shriver declared he would partially self-fund his campaign. Now, under county election rules, she can accept unlimited donations.

Last week, Kuehl received a $75,000 contribution from the California Nurses Association, a Sacramento group that advocates on behalf of the state's nursing profession. During her years in the Legislature, Kuehl wrote a law that set nurse-to-patient ratios and twice attempted to pass a universal healthcare law, according to the L.A. Times.

Shriver isn't the only one with Hollywood connections. Kuehl has recently played up her past as the brilliant and eager Zelda Gilroy on the 1960s sitcom "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis." An upcoming fundraiser will feature "Dobie Gillis" episodes, with special guest Ed Begley, Jr., an actor-turned-environmentalist.

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STAFFING
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Because there are still many variables, Washington's numbers are a prediction. District officials will have more solid numbers in the coming months.

One of the reasons for the staffing increase is that the board is looking to lower class sizes at almost every grade level. In the high schools, for example, the goal for the student to teacher ratio is 35-1, down from 36-1 last year. In sixth through eighth grade, the goal is 34-1, down from 35-1 last year.

The estimated cost of the growth is $1.16 million.

Another reason for the staffing increase is that the district is using more moderate numbers in estimating enrollment. In the past, district officials used conservative numbers, projecting that there would be fewer students enrolled. The projections consistently fell short of the actual enrollment totals. This year, they hope the numbers are closer to the actual enrollment than they have been in the past. District officials are projecting a slight increase in enrollment next year.

Most schools will get a slight staffing boost, according to the predictions. At the secondary level, only Olympic High School is not expected to hire.

No schools will see a decrease in staff size. Even at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School in Malibu, where enrollment is projected to drop, staffing will stay the same.

Washington said that, among other things, they are trying to increase hiring outreach by adding liaisons at several local colleges.

Board Chair Maria Leon-Vazquez asked district officials to be proactive in their hiring plans.

"We need to create a pool of potential people who would like to work in our district," she said. "Because that's the only way that we can really create a diverse group of staff and teachers that are representative of our student body."

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BASEBALL
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bases juiced, he was able to pick off Max Riley at third base and came back to strike out Mike Henderson and Cesar Esquivias to put the fire out.

"I was able to throw a lot of strikes," Olmedo said. "That usually gets the job done."

While Olmedo was the star on the mound, the offense was paced by senior Tomas Gutierrez.

He began the scoring with a two-RBI double in the bottom of the first after catcher Matt Kassowitz was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Gutierrez finished the day 3-for-3, with a run and two runs batted in.

He topped his day off leaving the baseball diamond to practice with a choir, Schwengel said.

Hawthorne and Samohi get it on again on Thursday, this time at Hawthorne.

"I hope we can play at the same level next time," Hines said.

When asked, Schwengel grinned and said, "Let's see what they throw at us on Thursday."

The game begins at 3:15.

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STUDIOS

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a console or you're doing it with a little tape player in your bedroom," said Greg Wadsworth, who runs the Boys & Girls Club's John Adams Middle School Music Box studio. "The entry point across the board, within the past decade, has just plummeted drastically."

Tish Murry, vice president of operations at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Clubs, said that the studios are popping up at branches across the country.

"They're big because they draw in teens," she said.

BUILDING TRACKS AND RELATIONSHIPS

At the JAMS Music Box, Chyanne Presley, 11, holds her hands to headphones and sings an original verse in a voice beyond her years over a poppy piano track. To an untrained ear, it sounds great but music stops abruptly.

"Chyanne, you were kind of stressing your voice," says Raymond Jacob, a volunteer with the program who's running the computer. "We're going to do it one more time and make sure to take a nice, deep breath. Remember to breath, good posture."

Presley sighs and starts again.

"It helps me develop my voice," she said. "At church we sing certain songs but here we can do it freely."

When she's finished, she skips out the door to play with her friends.

Wadsworth — who is employed by Notes For Notes, a nonprofit organization that partners with the Boys & Girls Club — took over the studio at the beginning of the school year. By November, they'd only recorded one original song but now they have six or seven.

The JAMS Music Box is unique among Santa Monica's recording studios in that it caters specifically to middle-schoolers.

"Their concept of getting recorded was, 'you play the track in the background and I'll sing over it,'" Wadsworth said. "Once they saw their peers producing new stuff, there's this instant understanding that it's really cool. Every week there's another girl saying 'I've got this song I just wrote.'"

It's about introducing kids to music in a time when arts funding is getting cut in public schools, he said. It's also building relationships through music.

"Music is pretty much a universal language," he said. "And you have two people of completely different socioeconomic backgrounds, upbringing, race, you bring them together and collaborate on music, and they have a bond that totally transcends. They leave everything, all the baggage, at the door and here's where they can establish relationships with us and with each other."

At PYFC, baggage is deliberately not checked at the door.

On the white board is a list of inspirations for songs. "Gentrification" and "violence" are near the top of the list.

While the tracks are clean, the teens curse as they talk about their demons openly in the studio, which feels edgy and cool in a way that's rare among afterschool programs. It feels genuine and unfiltered.

"It's kept me off the streets," said George Daniels, a junior at Olympic. "Because when I was on the streets I've had hella guns pointed at me and I got chased by gang members and then I came here. I don't (mess) with the streets anymore."

Daniels, under his alias Sticks The Drumma, produces tracks, often with the help of the guy who runs the recording studio program, Julian Ayala.

Ayala, a Santa Monica High School graduate who goes by the alias SoulReal, said that he was once an at-risk youth. He spent all his time in the studio when he was in the program back in high school.

"For the services that the center provides, including the music studio, which was the component that I was really interested in, it helped my development as a person," he said. "The difference is that we incorporate hip hop culture in our teachings."

They put on a long track that celebrates the working class.

Ricardo Aquino, 18, sits at the computer nodding his head as he listens to his own verse.

"They grew up in the same community so they can relate to us," he said of PYFC volunteers. "They can see similar struggles. It's not like were talking to staff or an adult. We're talking to an older homie, like an O.G. in a way."

Aquino, who goes by CO2, said it's important that he gets an opportunity to express himself and that his struggles are respected, not ignored.

"On the street, we have a lot of options," he said "We could go post up with these people. We could go handle this. We could go do that. There's a lot of things to do and the outcomes are not all good. They're mostly bad but they're fun. You come to the PYFC and there are more options but all of those options are going to build some type of success."

PYFC hopes to release its fifth album this summer. Other albums are available for purchase at pyfcallstars.bandcamp.com.

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Stocks move higher on Wall Street; Sonic gains

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NEW YORK Stocks got a lift Tuesday as health care companies bounced back after a heavy sell-off.

Biotechnology stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose for the first time in five days after a sharp sell-off that was prompted by complaints from lawmakers over the cost of certain drugs. Merck and Boston Scientific were among the companies that rose.

The stock market has been flipping between gains and losses for the most of the month, as investors have bought stocks after every dip. While many investors are confident that economic growth will accelerate as the weather moderates following an unusually harsh winter, they are reluctant to push stock prices higher before seeing more evidence that the economy is picking up.

"The reasons to buy are certainly there," said Robert Pavlik, chief market strategist at Banyan Partners, a wealth management company. "People are afraid to jump the gun."

The S&P 500 rose 8.18 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,865.62. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 91.19 points, or 0.6 percent, to 16,367.88. The Nasdaq composite gained 7.88 points, or 0.2 percent, to 4,234.27.

Nine of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 ended the day higher. Industrial stocks rose the most, 0.9 percent, followed by the energy and health care sectors, which each gained 0.8 percent.

Biotechnology companies in the index rose 0.6 percent, led by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, which rose $3.32, or 2.2 percent, to $153. The index had lost 8.5 percent over the previous four days. The index has surged in the last year and is still up 45 percent over the last 12 months.

Trading was choppy on Tuesday. Stocks started the day higher, dipped into the red at midday, then rose steadily throughout the afternoon.

McCormick was the best performing stock in the S&P 500 on Tuesday. The company, which makes spices, seasonings and condiments, rose $3.69, or 5.5 percent, to $71.20 after reporting earnings that beat analysts' estimates. The company also reaffirmed its outlook for the year.

Another big gainer was Sonic. The stock of the drive-in restaurant company jumped $2.31, or 11 percent, to $23.23 after the company posted earnings that exceeded the expectations of Wall Street analysts. Net income rose despite the unusually harsh winter weather.

There were also conflicting reports on the economy for investors to consider.

One report showed that fewer people bought new U.S. homes in February. Sales fell to the slowest pace in five months, a sign that the housing market has yet to recover fully from brutal winter weather, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. Meanwhile, an index measuring U.S. consumer confidence rose to the highest level in six years, another sign that the economy's prospects should brighten with warmer weather.

Mixed signals have undermined investor's confidence in the economy after a strong fourth quarter last year suggested that U.S. growth was poised to accelerate, said Russ Koesterich, chief investment strategist for BlackRock. The S&P 500 has gained 0.3 percent this month, and is up 0.9 percent for the year.

"The investment thesis for 2014 was that the U.S. economy was going to start sprinting ahead," said Koesterich. "It's been a very sluggish start to the year ... people are not seeing the growth that they expected."

Prices for U.S. government bonds fell. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose to 2.74 percent from 2.73 percent on Monday.

Crude oil fell 41 cents, or 0.4 percent, to $99.19 a barrel. Gold edged up 20 cents to $1,311.40 an ounce.

Among other stocks making big moves on Tuesday:

— Carnival fell $1.98, or 4.9 percent, to $38.02, after the cruise operator swung to a loss in the first quarter, stung by losing bets on the future price of fuel. Carnival's adjusted results and revenue beat analysts' expectations, but the company narrowed its full-year forecast and gave a second-quarter projection below Wall Street's view.

— Walgreen rose $2.11, or 3.3 percent, to $66.42 after the company reported its fiscal second quarter earnings. The company said it plans to close 76 stores in the second half of its fiscal year. That's a big shift from its previous growth strategy, which focused on opening locations to maximize convenience for its customers.

Reports detail killing of bombing suspect's friend

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ORLANDO, Fla. Fearing imminent arrest in a triple slaying, Ibragim Todashev started acting suspiciously. His mood, once cooperative with investigators, became agitated. His eyes darted around his small apartment in Florida, as if he were looking for a weapon or a way out.

As Todashev wrote a statement about his role in the 2011 killings in Waltham, Mass. — slayings that received renewed attention after the Boston Marathon bombing — a state trooper sent an ominous text message: "Be on guard. He is in vulnerable position to do something bad. Be on guard now."

Moments later, Todashev, a friend of one of the Boston marathon bombing suspects, flipped a coffee table in the air, knocking down an FBI agent in the room and causing a gash on his head. Todashev then grabbed a broomstick or mop handle and charged toward the Massachusetts trooper. The FBI agent shot Todashev several times, killing him last May, according to two reports Tuesday that provided the first clear picture of the shooting and cleared the agent of any charges.

In the Florida report, prosecutor Jeff Ashton noted Todashev's experience as a mixed martial arts fighter.

"The one common thread among all was the observation that he was, at his core, a fearless fighter," Ashton said in a letter to FBI Director James Comey. "Perhaps on this occasion, he simply reverted to that basic aspect of his personality and chose to go down fighting."

Separately, the Justice Department echoed the Florida findings. "To emphasize, these prosecutorial decisions were made independent of the FBI," bureau spokesman Mike Kortan said.

The shooting happened May 22, about a month after the April 15 marathon bombings. Investigators were looking into the background of bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who was killed four days after the marathon in a shootout with police, when they learned of his friend, Todashev. Both were Chechen and trained together in Boston. Tsarnaev was a heavyweight boxer.

It wasn't long before authorities focused on whether the men had any involvement in the Waltham killings. In that case, three men were found in an apartment with their necks slit and their bodies reportedly covered with marijuana. One of the victims was a boxer and Tsarnaev's friend.

Friends of the men have said they presumed the killings were drug-related, but police never confirmed that and the investigation is ongoing.

Federal authorities have said in court filings that Todashev also implicated Tsarnaev in the slayings, but the Justice Department report said the details of the confession were not being released publicly at the request of Massachusetts prosecutors.

Investigators had questioned Todashev several times in the weeks before he was killed. They had watched videos of his MMA fights and recognized his quick temper, in part because of a previous road rage episode, according to the reports.

On the day of the shooting, they had questioned him for almost five hours. The FBI agent and two Massachusetts troopers felt they were making progress, and one trooper texted to a prosecutor in Massachusetts that Todashev had admitted to his role in the slayings. "Who's your daddy?" the trooper said in a text.

But Todashev's mood changed, and the trooper removed a sword hanging on the wall of the apartment.

After Todashev waived his Miranda rights, he started writing on a white legal pad.

"'Okay. I'm going to tell you I was involved in it,'" Todashev told the investigators, according to an FBI chronology cited in the Florida report.

One of the troopers stepped outside to call a prosecutor in Massachusetts, who was on his way into the office to draft an indictment.

That's when Todashev flipped the table, and he "moved incredibly quickly" the trooper in the room told investigators. Todashev grabbed the handle, stood in a fighting position and "charged toward me as if he was going to impale me with the pole," the trooper said.

The FBI agent told investigators, "There was no doubt in my mind that Todashev intended to kill us both."

An autopsy showed Todashev was shot once in the head and six times in the torso.

Todashev's family has raised doubts about the account provided by law enforcement, saying that Todashev was recovering from knee surgery and limping at the time he was killed.

Richard Wallsh, the executive director of the State Attorney's Office said Todashev appeared to have recovered from the surgery based on a video taken by FBI agents while they were following Todashev in the weeks prior to the shooting. The FBI video captured Todashev beating up two men in a dispute over a parking spot at an Orlando shopping center.

Todashev's father accused the FBI of a cover up.

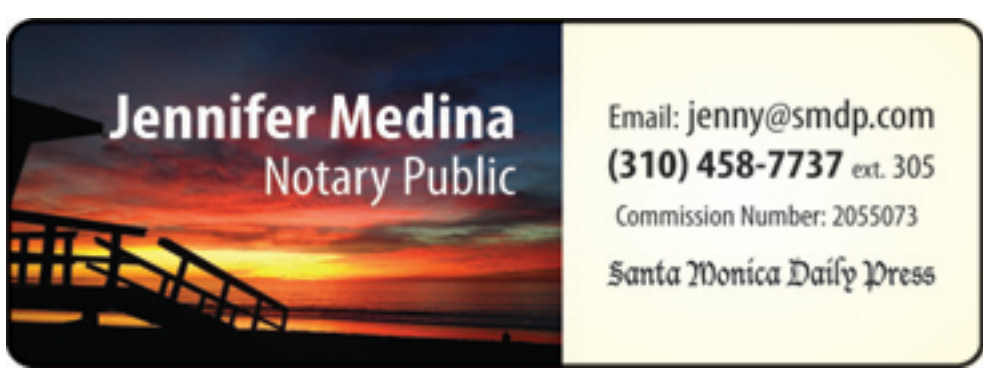
"Several armed FBI agents were questioning my son, then were suddenly frightened when he flipped over a table, and to protect themselves the FBI agents emptied nearly a whole clip into him?"Abdul-Baki Todashev told The Associated Press in Russia. "Who could believe this?"

Tsarnaev and his brother, Dzhokhar, have roots in the turbulent Russian regions of Dagestan and Chechnya, which have become recruiting grounds for Islamic extremists. Investigators have said the brothers carried out the bombings in retaliation for the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dzhokhar awaits trial in the bombings.

Hassan Shibly, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Tampa, said Ashton's investigative focus was narrow. He said the council's probe would look at a pattern of civil rights abuses before Todashev was shot.

Todashev's live-in girlfriend and other friends been deported since the shooting.

Howard Simon, executive director of the ACLU of Florida, said he welcomed the new information about the shooting since it had been shrouded in secrecy, but he said the report didn't answer why Todashev was killed instead of subdued with nonlethal force.





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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **62.6°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
SSW swell continues; new WNW swell shows; larger sets for combo magnets out west; rising Westerly flow problematic

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
SSW swell fades; WNW swell eases; watching winds

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Fading WNW swell; Leftover SSW swell - potentially cleaner conditions

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Trace WNW/SSW swells - New WNW and S swells may start to show in the PM...stay tuned

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 19, 2014**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 6
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 18

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

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

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

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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Dodgers top spender, ending Yankees' 15-year streak

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Zack Greinke and the Los Angeles Dodgers have knocked Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees off baseball's payroll perch, part of an offseason spending spree that has the average salary approaching $4 million for the first time.

The Dodgers are ending the Yankees' 15-year streak as baseball's biggest spenders and as of Tuesday had a projected payroll of $235 million, according to study of all major league contracts by The Associated Press.

New York, which last failed to top the payroll rankings in 1998, was a distant second at $204 million. After that, it was another huge gap to Philadelphia at $180 million, followed by Boston at $163 million and Detroit at $162 million.

Houston is last at $45 million, up from $27 million at the start of last year, and Miami at $48 million remains 29th.

Some large-market teams are among the smaller spenders, with the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs projected at $89 million, ranked 22nd and 23rd.

Rodriguez, who holds the record for the largest deal in baseball history at $275 million over 10 years, is suspended for the season for violations of baseball's drug agreement and labor contract. Because of the ban, he will earn only $3,868,852 of his $25 million salary — 21 days pay for the 183-day season.

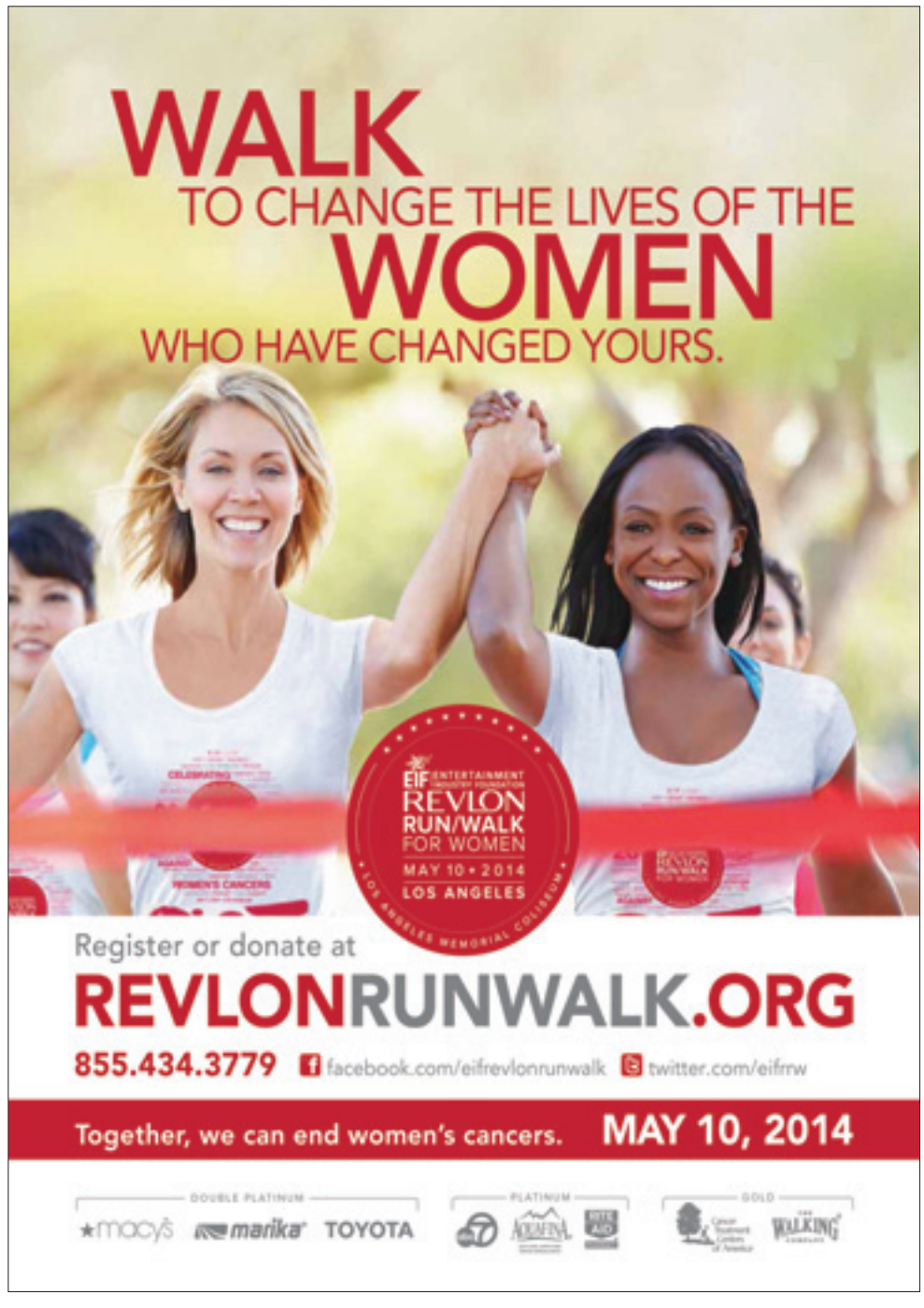
Greinke would have become the highest-paid player, even if Rodriguez was getting all his cash. The pitcher has a $24 million salary in the second season of his $147 million, six-year contract, and because he can opt out of the deal after the 2015 season, baseball's accounting rules call for his $12 million signing bonus to be prorated over the first three seasons.

"We've got great ownership and a great fan base, and we need to do what we can to win games," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said last week in Sydney, where Los Angeles swept its opening, two-game series against Arizona.

"I don't think the guys worry about it. I know we don't worry about it," Colletti said. "We're expected to win, and that's how we go about it. Money doesn't mean you win. Money just means you have a chance to get the best players."

As of Tuesday, the average salary projected to be between $3.95 million and $4 million, with the final figure depending on how many players are put on the disabled list by the time opening-day rosters are finalized at 3 p.m. Sunday. That translates to a rise of 8 to 10 percent from last year's opening average of $3.65 million and would be the largest increase since 2006 or possibly even 2001.

"I'm not surprised. With the type of revenues clubs are enjoying these days, the average salaries are going to go up," New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said.



MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Synecdoche, New York (R) 2hrs 4min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

Divergent (PG-13) 2hr 19min
12:05pm, 3:25pm, 6:45pm, 10:10pm

Tyler Perry's Single Moms Club (PG-13) 1hr 41min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 10:00pm

Non-Stop (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

300: Rise of an Empire (R) 1hr 42min
4:30pm, 10:10pm

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R) 1hr 42min
1:45pm, 7:10pm

Need for Speed (PG-13) 2hr 10min
3:30pm, 10:15pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) 1hr 30min
11:45am, 4:45pm, 9:55pm

Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
2:20pm, 7:20pm

Divergent (PG-13) 2hr 19min
11:00am, 12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

Muppets Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 52min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Lego Movie (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:50pm

Grand Budapest Hotel (R) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 2:30pm, 4:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 10:40pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Blood Ties (R) 2hrs 24min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Face of Love (PG-13) 1hr 32min
3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm

Enemy (R) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Tim's Vermeer (PG-13) 1hr 20min
1:00pm, 10:10pm

Particle Fever (NR) 1hr 37min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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A LATE DINNER TONIGHT, TAURUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You'll feel optimistic about a situation, yet you might not be sure as to which direction you should head in. The unexpected tosses a new factor into the mix, which you'll feel is a good thing. Go with the flow and the moment. All's well that ends well. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Tension builds as you set out to deal with many different options. Is it possible that you are receiving too much good news in your life? You could be overwhelmed by all the opportunities coming your way. Trust in your ability to make the right choice. Tonight: A late dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by what is happening, yet you will remain positive. You will make the correct choice, and financial gain will be the incentive that guides you. An offer from a friend could throw off your plans. Tonight: Try something spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You have more to offer someone than you realize. The way this person approaches you at the present time might clue you in. Learning to establish suitable boundaries could be a very positive step. Tonight: Listen to what someone whispers in your ear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, as you likely won't have much choice anyway. Someone might want to demonstrate his or her worth. Do not interfere. Your ability to get past a problem will allow you to have more bounce in your step. Tonight: Allow more flex.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to enjoy your work makes many other signs either jealous or worried about you. In either case, use that ability to clear as much as you can off your plate. Tonight: Consider taking Friday off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You know which path is the right one for you to follow, but perhaps you are feeling anxious about taking the first step. Be careful not to push someone too hard, as he or she might decide to say "enough" and head for the hills! Tonight: Add more fun to the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your ability to visualize what you desire and to do what you feel is necessary will be clear. It will take action to proceed in the right direction. Tonight: Home feels like your castle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You see life with greater clarity and openness. How you handle a personal matter could change, as you seem to be establishing who you are on a new level. Maintain a sense of humor when a partner teases you a bit about your new attitude. Tonight: Visit and catch up on news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You could be taken aback by an opportunity to see a loved one in a new light. This person suddenly might be so cheerful that you won't know which way to head. Try to catch some of his or her optimism if you can! Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You seem to be on cruise control no matter what you do. Move important matters along quickly, as you don't often have extra free time, like you do now. Some of you just might decide to do your taxes! Tonight: Make sure that you choose an activity you enjoy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are a sign that experiences many intuitive hunches. Right now, you could be acting on an emotional level, especially around a child or new friend. The odds are that you will land well. Agitate less, and act more often. Tonight: Tap into your creativity.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

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

This year you remain optimistic, even when others can't seem to smile. Your sense of direction and high energy will allow you to make a difference. In the summer, your creativity seems to soar, and those around you will learn to count on your ingenuity. If you are single, the summer and a period of time afterward could be very pleasing and memorable. You will have many choices, and the type of person you choose will determine the type of relationship you'll have. If you are attached, the two of you frequently will be found doing your own thing together. You are in a period where you enjoy each other's company even more. AQUARIUS is a loyal friend.

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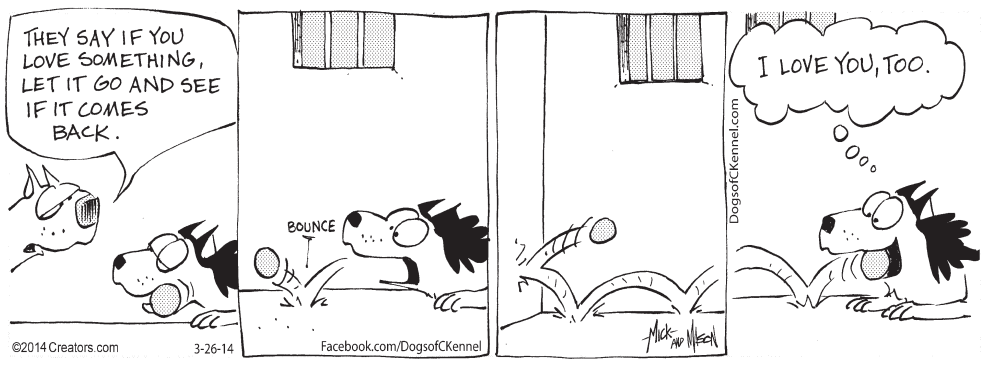
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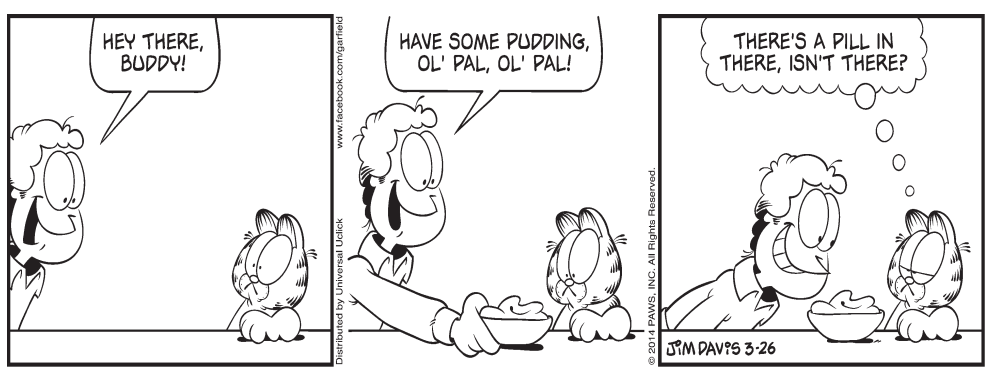
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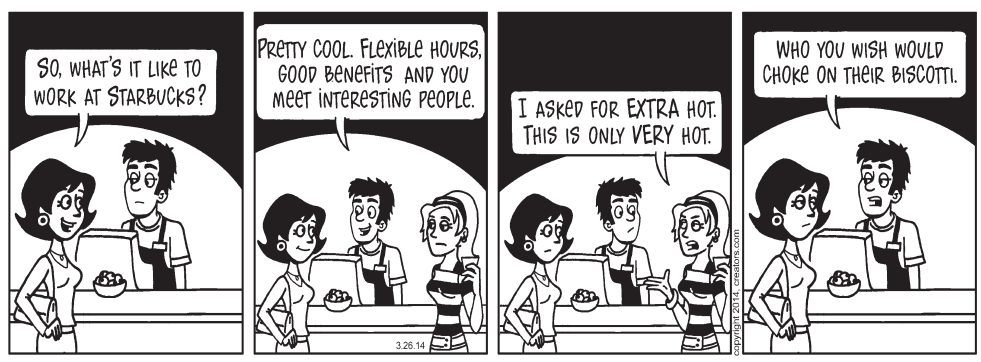
Dogs of C-Kennel By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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 ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

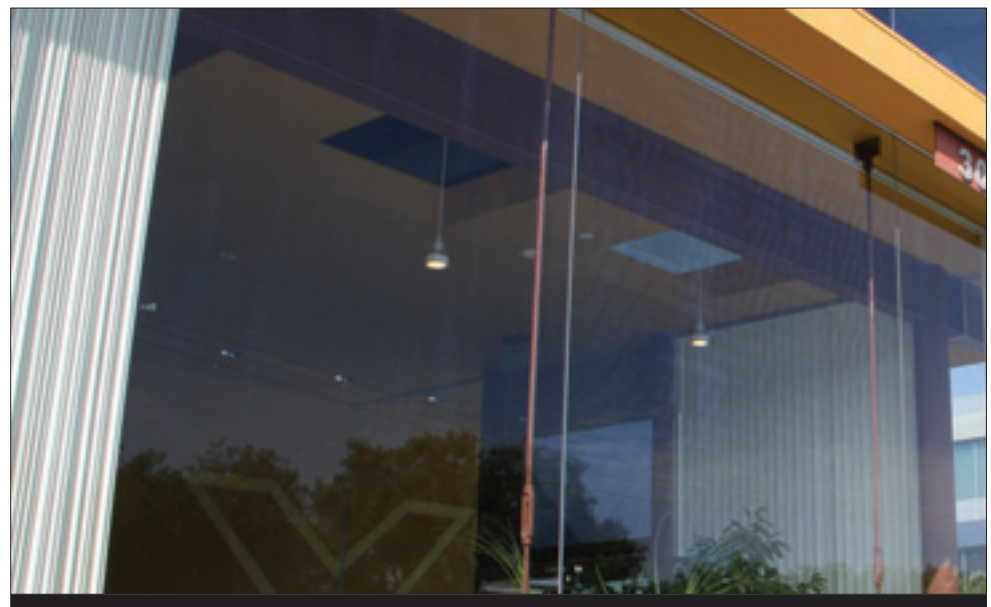
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 South Seas sights
7 Uncertain
11 Became depleted
12 Foot part
13 Tours setting
14 Brutish sort
15 One always working out
17 Mealtime protectors
20 Ready for sleep
23 Fuss
24 Notorious box opener
26 Hot brew
27 Bible boat
28 Radius setting
29 Mythical monsters
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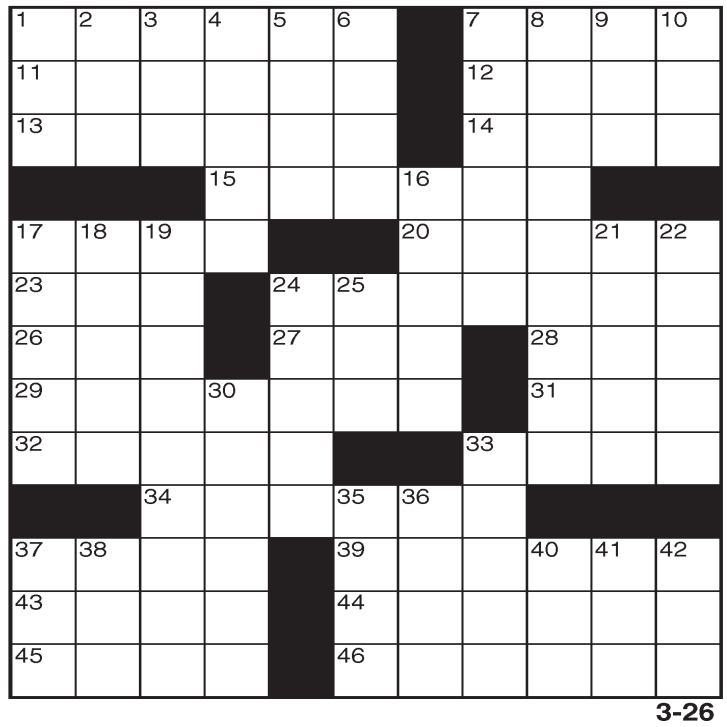
DOWN

1 Sandy's sound
2 Paver's goo
3 "Not — dare!"
4 Has yearnings
5 Sister of Linus
6 Goblet part
7 Vacation spot
8 Bed's bottom end
9 Winter bug
10 To date
16 Skating spots
17 Soak in the tub
18 Perfect
19 Lumber measure
21 Misplayed
22 Muffles
24 Skating category
25 Verb for you
30 Folks
33 Green hue
35 Pert talk
36 "Got it"
37 Place for the pampered
38 Hauler's unit
40 — Moines
41 Pitcher's stat
42 Make darts, say

W	A	S	T	E	■	S	A	N	T	A
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Yesterday's answer

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 3/22
13 28 31 55 58
Power#: 15
Jackpot: $40M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/21
2 23 30 35 53
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: $20M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/22
8 30 35 38 41
Mega#: 27
Jackpot: $38M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/25
3 8 23 26 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/25
MIDDAY: 6 6 9
EVENING: 8 5 0

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/25
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 0 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:42.58

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Security and law enforcement agencies are looking beyond traditional biometric identification techniques (such as the accurate but obtrusive fingerprint and iris scans and unobtrusive yet questionably accurate facial-recognition) and, based on recent laboratory research, are now considering earwax and underarm odors. Work by Philadelphia's Monell Chemical Senses Center shows that ear secretions may reveal personal identity, ethnicity, health status and sexual orientation, among other information, and researchers at the Polytechnic University of Madrid (Spain) said their work demonstrates that recognizable patterns in body odor remain stable even through disease and diet change (although admitting that even the best odor technology is far inferior to a dog's nose).

■ Farming continues to be a noble but grueling existence for rural residents of China, who work for the equivalent of only about $1,300 a year, but in one village (Jianshe, in southwest Sichuan province), farmers have established a co-operative capitalist model, and in January officials delivered residents their annual dividend in cold cash -- the equivalent of about $2.1 million to split among 438 households. Authorities unloaded banknotes in stacks that constituted a 7-foot-high wall of money, requiring villagers to pull 24-hour shifts to guard it.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1991 – Local self-government was revived in three decades in South Korea.

1995 – The Schengen Treaty comes into effect.

1997 – Thirty-nine bodies are found in the Heaven's Gate cult suicides.

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1.
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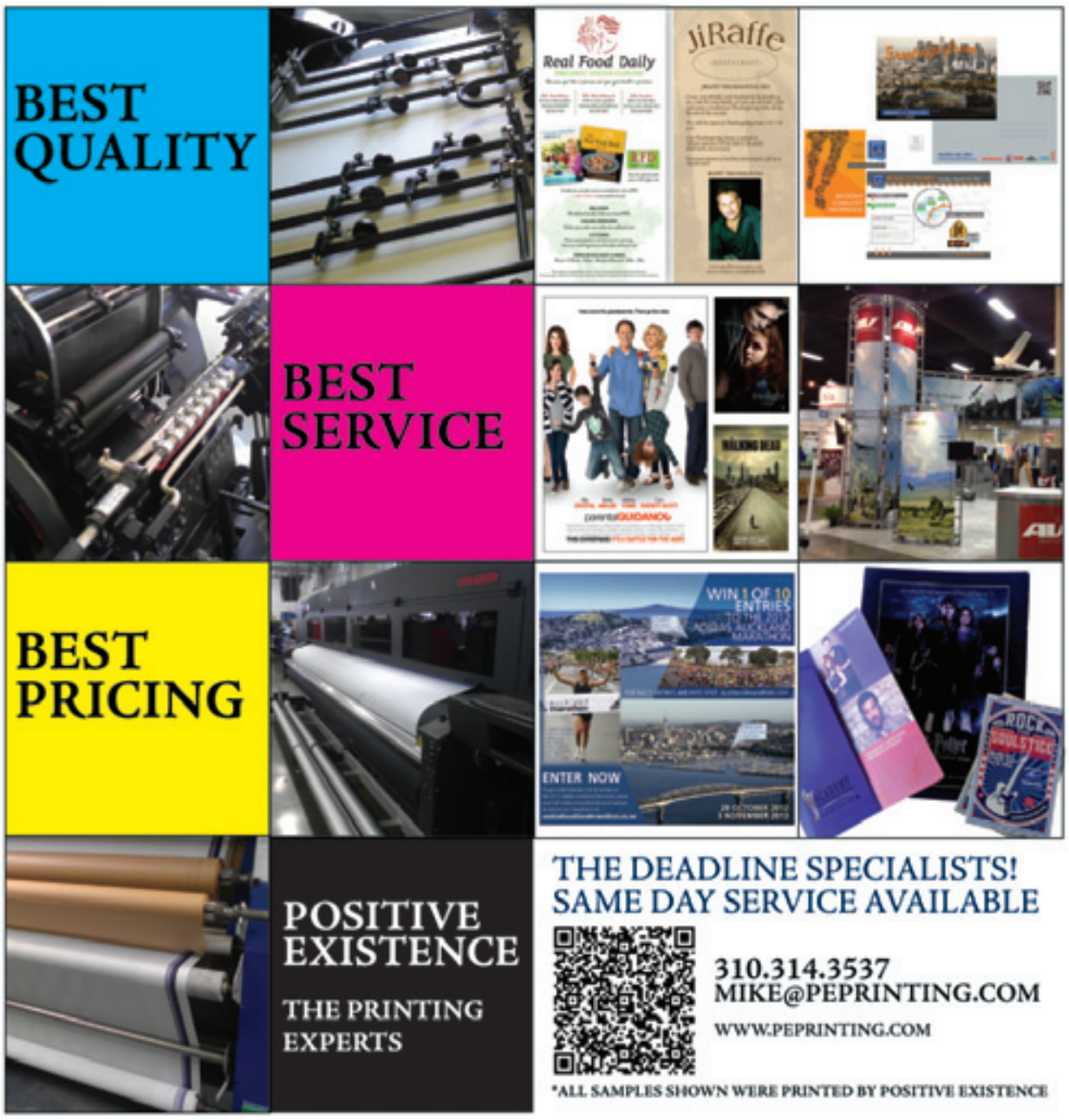
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