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GETTING READY

Brandon Wise *brandon@smdp.com*

The Pico Neighborhood Library, located at Virginia Avenue Park, will have a 25,000-item collection, plenty of computers and a Spanish-language section.

Gearing up for the library of the future

Pico Neighborhood branch could open later this month

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK Soon, possibly this month, the first new neighborhood library in the city in more than 50 years will open at Virginia Avenue Park.

The Pico Branch of the library is undergoing the finishing touches and filling out its 25,000-item collection. City librarians hope to see the space soft open later this month with an official opening ceremony scheduled for June 28.

The library, built at a cost of over $11 million, will reflect not only the diverse Pico Neighborhood but also the campus on which it sits and the technology of the digital era, said Branch Manager Cecilia Tovar.

The new library will integrate with the

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Hobie Alter, who revolutionized surfing, dies

BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) Two words — surfboards and Hobie — were all but synonymous in the early 1960s, when teenagers who saw movies such as "Gidget" and "Beach Party" rushed to the shores of Southern California to try a mesmerizing new water sport.

The lightweight, maneuverable boards built by a surfer dude known as Hobie carried people into the pastime that for decades had remained all but invisible outside California and Hawaii.

Hobart Laidlaw Alter (it's unlikely many

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Campaign underway to prohibit pony rides

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET Some residents are calling for a ban on pony rides and petting zoos in the city by the sea. No, this is not the Daily Press' April Fools' Day edition.

Marcy Winograd, a resident and former congressional candidate, says that keeping the ponies tethered to a turnstile and forcing them to ride in circles is cruel and inhumane.

"We do not want to pray on the most vulnerable population, children, by teaching them that it's OK to abuse animals," she said. "I'm sorry but when you have ponies walking for hours around in circles, tethered to a pole, next to loud music and lots of commotion, that, in my opinion, is abuse."

Placed on MoveOn.org on Sunday, the petition already garnered more than 120 digital signatures as of Tuesday afternoon.

For Winograd, the push to halt pony rides comes partially as a result of recently introduced legislature to end whale shows in California.

Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) announced the bill last month in the wake of the popular documentary "Blackfish," which details the alleged poor treatment of orcas at SeaWorld.

"The time was right," Winograd said. "This is in the forefront in the minds of people from Santa Monica. I'm really very pleased that he's introduced that legislation. I think it will attract attention to the need to recognize the rights of animals and to end animal abuse."

She hopes to bring Bloom on board though she has yet to reach out to him because the petition is still in the grassroots stage.

Tawni Angel, of Tawni's Ponies, which

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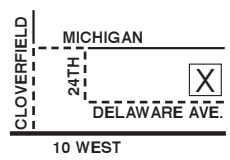
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Salsa aerobics
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Come experience an exhilarating aerobic dance workout with a Latin flair, and learn some muy caliente Latin dance moves while toning muscles and burning calories. All levels welcome. Drop-in registration is available for $20, but call ahead as slots may have already been filled. For more information call (310) 458-8300.

Mindful meditation
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Teens in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend this special workshop on mindfulness, which can help ease stress, manage negative emotions, calm racing minds, and improve sleep by training the brain to focus on the present moment. Facilitator Samantha Snowden completed a certificate in Mindfulness Facilitation from the UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center (MARC) where she now works with families and youth as a mindfulness teacher on the UCLA campus. For more information, visit the Main Library Youth Services Desk, or call (310) 458-8621. This event is free.

Planning Commission
City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
Come out and learn more about the Draft Zoning Ordinance. This is the 11th hearing on the law that will dictate how land is used throughout the city. Learn more about parking and traffic circulation, as well as what property owners will have to do to reduce car trips by their tenants. For more information visit www.smgov.net or call the Planning Division at (310) 458-8341.

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Free concert
The Edye
1310 11th St., 11:15 a.m.
The Santa Monica College Music Department is pleased to present three spring concerts in April. The first is the SMC Strings Program Concert, directed by Dr. Martine Verhoeven. The program features a light concert of delightful musical selections performed by SMC string students. Cost: free. Complimentary tickets are available at the SMC Music Office in Room 211 of the Performing Arts Center. For more information, go to www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or call (310) 434-3005 or (310) 434-4323.

You've got mail
Main Library, Second Floor
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Learn how to use e-mail and create your own free e-mail account. Seating is first come, first served. Beginner Level. For more information or questions, visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608.

School board meeting
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Offices
1651 16th St., 5:30 p.m.
The SMMUSD Board of Education will hold a meeting to discuss public education. Senior staff members will give their reports, as will representatives from Grant and John Muir Elementary schools and Lincoln Middle School. For more information go to www.smmusd.org or call (310) 450-8338.

Landmarks Commission
Ken Edwards Center
1527 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
The Landmarks Commission will meet to discuss protecting several homes and office buildings, including the old Fifth Street Post Office. For more information visit www.smgov.net or call the Planning Division at (310) 458-8341.

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

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Drivers better put their phones down when behind the wheel.

Throughout the month of April the Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Section will focus on drivers who are talking or texting on cell phones.

Every month traffic officers focus on different driving behaviors that are the primary causes of traffic collisions.

A driver of any age caught holding a cell phone in their hand while using the speaker phone, or who are seen with the phone up to their ear, will be cited.

Juveniles are not allowed to use cell phones at all while driving, with or without and ear piece, police said.

This includes texting, composing e-mails or instant messaging.

Scrolling for a name or phone number in a cell phone, or entering a phone number does not constitute texting.

The Santa Monica Police Department asks everyone to drive responsibly, watch the road and avoid being distracted by pulling to the side of the road before using any handheld device.

For more information, contact the Traffic Enforcement Unit at (310) 458-8950.

The California law on handheld cellphones went into effect in 2008. It was one of the first in the nation. The ban on texting followed in 2009, police said.

– KEVIN HERRERA

COLORADO AVE

Day of service

Volunteers from The Rotary Club Santa Monica will gather at Saint Anne's School Saturday, April 5, for the second annual Rotary Day of Service to continue their "Legacy of Service" in the Santa Monica community.

Rotarians will arrive with gardening gloves, garden tools, paint, paintbrushes and rollers to plant, paint, and beautify Saint Anne's School. Activities begin at 8:30 a.m. and will run until approximately 2:30 p.m. The school is located at 2015 Colorado Ave. in Santa Monica.

"The idea is to develop an annual hands-on project that meets a real world need in Santa Monica, as well as raise the visibility of the work of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica," said Tom Woods, event organizer and rotarian.

"This project will especially benefit the students of Saint Anne's," said Woods. It's a lift to their self-esteem and pride when they can go to a beautiful place to learn."

The Santa Monica Rotary Club was officially chartered as Rotary Club number 1086 in 1922.

Rotary International is a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary Club members belonging to 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

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REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE: Plastic pollution found on a beach in the Bay of Bengal by researchers with the 5 Gyres Institute.

Not your typical vacation

Winner of contest earns expedition to Atlantic garbage patch

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN The 5 Gyres Institute, the group leading legislation banning cosmetics containing tiny plastic beads, has launched an online video contest for those who want to experience a high seas "plastic garbage patch" firsthand.

One winner will be chosen to join 5 Gyre's sailing expedition to study plastic pollution density in the north Atlantic Ocean this spring.

The expedition will traverse the northeast Atlantic and its north Atlantic and Viking Gyres.

A gyre is a vast ocean whirlpool where plastic pollution accumulates. The trip departs June 7, 2014 from Bermuda and ends June 29 in Iceland. To enter, contestants must submit a 30 to 45 second video describing why they should be chosen and what they'll do with the knowledge learned from the expedition to solve plastic pollution in their community.

"The video doesn't need to be fancy, just a quick and sincere appeal to gather online votes," said Stiv Wilson, 5 Gyres' policy director. "Whoever gets the most votes wins a spot on the expedition plus airfare to Bermuda and back from Iceland. That's a prize worth $10,000."

Not a pleasure cruise, the voyage is a "hard-core sailing adventure" aboard 5 Gyre's partner vessel, the Sea Dragon, a working ship where crew will be expected to participate in every aspect of the expedition, Wilson noted. This will include participating in plastic research, ship navigation and handling, and sharing of all onboard duties such as cooking and cleaning. No sailing experience is required but participants must be able to swim at least 200 meters.

The Viking Gyre Crew Search Video Contest runs through April 22, Earth Day. Contestants, who must be 18 years of age or older and able to join the expedition on the given dates, may enter at http://5gyres.org/viking-contest/

5 Gyres completed the first global survey of plastic marine pollution, finding evidence of plastic across all five subtropical gyres. Just this year, its research on microplastic exfoliating beads in facial scrubs and other cosmetics led to the introduction of legislation in New York and California to ban products containing the particles. These act as sponges for toxic pollutants and can be ingested by fish and other animals to enter the food chain.

A single cosmetic product can contain as many as 350,000 polyethylene or polypropylene microbeads. Responding to 5 Gyres, major cosmetic companies, including Procter & Gamble Co. and Johnson & Johnson, have pledged to phase out the use of the plastic microbeads from their products.

In 2011, 5 Gyres completed the first global survey of plastic marine pollution, finding evidence of plastic across all five subtropical "gyres," oceanic current systems where plastic waste accumulates.

In addition to contaminating precious marine ecosystems, plastic waste threatens wildlife, and poses risks to human health as toxic chemicals from plastic enter the food chain we depend on. Utilizing scientific findings, 5 Gyres engages corporate partners, policymakers, and the general public to reduce plastic pollution by improving product design, recovery systems, and individual responsibility for plastic waste.

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Preservation persevering

Editor:

This is truly an auspicious time for historic preservation in Santa Monica. This past weekend, an 1890s "shotgun" house was moved to a new home adjacent to the Third Street Historic District, becoming part of a cluster of notable historic structures. Although designated a city landmark, and likely the last of what were many such structures in early 20th century Ocean Park, the house was slated for destruction just over a decade ago. Only the persistence of dedicated community members, working each step of the way with City Hall, and the generosity of individuals, businesses, and foundations have ensured that the shotgun house would survive and be rehabilitated to enjoy a new life as the Preservation Resource Center for Santa Monica.

In addition, the Los Angeles Conservancy recently praised Santa Monica as one of the few southern California communities with a landmark ordinance and other basic protections for historic places. We are indeed fortunate that these policies are in place, but we cannot be complacent. Many residents have little understanding of the benefits and methods of preservation. Much remains to be done to ensure that the objectives of the Historic Preservation Element of the General Plan are realized, that the new zoning ordinance is preservation-friendly, that owners and buyers of historic properties receive incentives for their preservation and that the provisions of the State Historic Building Code are known and applied.

I encourage you to join with the Santa Monica Conservancy in celebrating our successes and recommitting to the historic preservation principles and practices that can contribute so much to the unique character of our city.

Carol Lemlein
President, Santa Monica Conservancy
www.smconservancy.org

Sharing a few laughs

Editor:

Since moving to west Los Angeles about five years ago, I have faithfully read the Santa Monica Daily Press for the latest Westside and Santa Monica news. Living east of your circulation area, I check the online edition six days a week (thank you for posting it online).

Those of us who care about the area are most appreciative of the daily updates and stories you cover.

But the recent April Fools' Day edition is priceless. I laughed out loud reading the paper, and the attention to detail is amazing. Congratulations to your entire staff for a most entertaining edition (which, I'm sure, some folks took very seriously).

Harvey Kern
Westwood





Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

You'll be missed, Mr. Ed

THIS WON'T BE THE FIRST COLUMN OF mine that Santa Monica Daily Press Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera has been uncomfortable with. But it probably will be the last.

He'll be uncomfortable with this one because it mentions him, and even worse, says nice things about him. I don't think he always likes being in the spotlight, but with his job that's hard to avoid.

It will probably be the last of my columns he has misgivings about, because he's leaving the paper April 4, to take a position with Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (I'm not announcing this, it's been public knowledge for a few days.)

Oh, I can hear the howls already. "We knew it!" exults the rabid, no-growth, my-way-or-the-highway crowd. He never was on our side. And now he's showing his true colors.

To which I say, I know Herrera pretty well and I know he's someone who loves Santa Monica and wants to see it thrive and prosper and remain dear in our hearts into the 21st century. Same as me. And you. We all just have slightly different roadmaps. Probably not radically different visions.

He's a really smart guy, and certainly an informed one about Santa Monica, smart and informed enough to understand that putting up a line of skyscrapers on Ocean Avenue and building out to the sidewalk and up to the sky in the rest of Downtown would kill the golden goose, and make his new job promoting our Downtown much tougher than it is today. Notice he didn't take a job in Miami Beach, or even Newport Beach.

Why has he been uncomfortable with some of the things I've written in the past? Is it because I'm a couple of steps to the left of Lennon and he's a devout capitalist? Nope, it's because he has tried mightily, I believe, to achieve a balance in the paper, from things he can control like coverage, headlines, editorials and photos, to things only somewhat controllable (columnists), to those beyond his control (advertising, available space, deadlines). But never wanted to stifle a columnist's unique point of view, because he understands it's that informed diversity of expression that makes a newspaper much more valuable to its community.

So when I got on my soapbox and wrote (and wrote and wrote) about "Chain Reaction," or said not-so-nice things about developers or our City Council, stepping on toes, Herrera never said no. He sighed, I'm sure, when he received my latest column and thought, Oh man, not ANOTHER piece about (fill in the blank, cause du jour). Not just from me but taken together with news stories, features, other columnists, letter writers, advertisers, angry voicemail leavers. How do you please everyone? You can't.

I remember him letting me know that the column I wrote, the third one on police violence (as a national, L.A., but not Santa Monica problem) was sure to result in an uncomfortable conversation he'd have with someone in our local department as to "why the SMDP has such an anti-police bias." He told me, you write your one column and skip away but I have to live with all these people. Or something like that.

But he never pulled a column, or threatened to, or even once asked me to change a sentence or a word, even when he knew he'd have personal hell to pay.

Because Kevin Herrera is a consummate journalist, and the best editor I have ever worked under. Ever. I don't say that lightly, and it's backed by decades of experience. (And obviously I don't say it to kiss his now-departing behind.)

Herrera and I disagree on more than a few things, but we respect each other as journalists. We know each other's backgrounds, and shared passion for our off-beat avocation. We've talked shop a lot. I won't bore you with my resume (it bores me, for being too long in the wrong places) but let's just say that while there are no Pulitzers on my mantle, I'm more than a casual or self-taught observer. (Many columnists have knowledge of their subject matter, but no degree or experience in journalism.)

So I feel my observations should carry a bit more weight than, say, those of the haters whose very slings and arrows reveal how very little they know about the profession and its crazy demands. (You do know that three people, sometimes two, put together this paper, six days a week? That's amazing.)

In case you're wondering, I haven't been offered the job, nor have I applied for it. I know too much about it to want to.

Even if I had never worked with him, I would be sad about Herrera's departure, hopeful about the future of a paper he had a lot to do with making great, and thankful that we had him for eight years.

Three things I'm passionate about: music, journalism and social justice. I am very grateful to the SMDP for giving me space each week, to sometimes delve into these issues and also to shine a light on some of the many fascinating people, places and events that make Santa Monica a unique and fantastic place to live. And to Herrera for not messing much with my column.

The prime responsibility for the paper of course lies with owner-publisher Ross Furukawa, a visionary, a surfer, and a stand-up guy who knows enough to hire a pro like Herrera and then leave him alone. (OK, now I am drifting into butt bussing territory.) But it's been Herrera who dealt with the day to day, and has been the truly fair and balanced, demanding, exacting, principled, totally knowledgeable editor for the two years plus I've been writing "Curious City," and "thanks" is just not enough for what I see as his extraordinary contribution to the community, and for offering me a small piece of that each week.

Freedom of information is important. More important than most people realize. It's in our Constitution, in the Bill of Rights, for Federalists' sakes! So it's important, I feel, to recognize someone like Kevin Herrera, whose conscientious devotion to his very important but sometimes overlooked job has been exemplary, and has made Santa Monica a better city, for being better informed.

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Welcome to Corruptifornia

HEY, NEW JERSEY AND CHICAGO, YOU have nothing on California. For several years, the Golden State has tried to be number one among all states in tax burden — and, of course, we are very close to that prize. But now we seem to be striving for a new number one title: The most corrupt state in America.

By now, few people in California haven't heard about the latest in corruption scandals emanating from the California Legislature. In a nutshell, liberal San Francisco Democrat Leland Yee has been indicted on multiple counts of conspiracy, money laundering and arms dealing. (The latter charge is particularly ironic given the fact that Yee had recently won an award from the Brady Campaign for his work in support of gun control).

Just a couple of short weeks ago, this column noted how, in a perverse way, the systemic corruption in the Capitol had actually provided a silver-lining benefit to taxpayers. With the suspension of two other California senators, Ron Calderon and Rod Wright, liberal Democrats in the upper house had lost their two-thirds supermajority and thus had lost both the ability to impose tax hikes and propose constitutional amendments which could weaken or repeal Proposition 13. The indictment and subsequent suspension of State Sen. Yee is a further blow to the left's agenda of fleecing taxpayers even more.

But while taxpayers may cheer the damage done to our anti-taxpayer adversaries, we can't help but be concerned about the collateral damage this corruption might inflict on political engagement by citizens. It is true that, as fiscal conservatives, we preach a healthy distrust of government and that certainly won't change anytime soon. But we also recognize that if we had the kind of government which more closely reflected what our Founding Fathers intended, we wouldn't have nearly the depth of cynicism and disgust on the part of voters.

The sad fact is that corruption leads to less engagement and that leads to more bad government, including endemic corruption. And, by the way, this isn't just happening at the state level. Ask the citizens of the City of Bell whether they believe they should have been paying closer attention to what was happening just down the street at City Hall.

Senate leader Darrell Steinberg, in the wake of the Yee indictment, gave a self-serving speech on the floor of the Senate defending the integrity of the institution and actually called for public financing of campaigns. (As if giving taxpayer dollars to ethically challenged politicians would cure the problem). Steinberg did get one thing right, though. He said that there is no ethics training in the world that would stop someone from dealing in weapons if they were predisposed to engage in such blatantly illegal activity.

> **"THE SAD FACT IS THAT CORRUPTION LEADS TO LESS ENGAGEMENT AND THAT LEADS TO MORE BAD GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ENDEMIC CORRUPTION."**

The better answer, of course, is to scale back the size of big government in California. Government that tries to do too much creates opportunities for influence peddling and other mischief. It would do California a world of good to return our Legislature to a part-time institution where our elected officials would be forced to spend more time among the people they purport to represent.

California voters were told decades ago that having a full time Legislature would bring a degree of professionalism to government that would be the envy of America. Moreover, our political class has so thoroughly manipulated the system that we also have the highest paid legislators in the country. (By the way, all three of the corrupt senators who have been suspended are still drawing their hefty paychecks).

We respectfully submit that California's experiment in big government has been an abysmal failure. It is time to return to a part-time Legislature with part-time salaries with no additional benefits (they should have real jobs) so that the sullied reputation of the California Legislature can begin a long needed decontamination process.

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

Making plans for SMO

The City Council last week voted to explore curtailing operations at Santa Monica Airport.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What should become of the controversial airport? Some say a park, others fear more development. What says you?

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Sierra snowpack survey forebodes tough summer

BY SCOTT SMITH
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. The Sierra snowpack in drought-stricken California measured at 32 percent of normal Tuesday at a time of year when it's supposed to be at its peak, the state's Department of Water Resources announced.

Even the storms now dousing California are expected spell little relief this coming summer for farmers and many communities already facing restrictions, said Mark Cowin, the department's director.

"We can hope that conditions improve," he said. "But time is running out, and conservation is the only tool we have against nature's whim."

State surveyors traveled up the High Sierra on Tuesday to take their monthly measurements of the snowpack. They went up with low expectations for what they would find despite falling snow and weather hitting Northern California.

Rain fell in San Francisco on Monday afternoon, bringing with it lightning that struck several planes and damaged at least one home in nearby Sausalito. More lightning and thunder were expected on Tuesday.

By Monday evening, snow also began blanketing the Sierra Nevada in a system that is expected to deliver up to a foot by early Wednesday. Two school districts in El Dorado canceled class on Tuesday, KCRA-TV reported. Forecasters for the National Weather Service said some places at high elevations may get 2 feet of fresh snow.

Yet those closely monitoring California's drought aren't impressed and hold little hope that the snowpack surveyors will report back any good news.

"Expect it to be really, really abnormally low," said Peter Gleick, president of the Oakland-based Pacific Institute. He spoke in a conference call Monday with reporters in anticipation of the state releasing its official snowpack figures.

California is in its third consecutive dry year, and in January Gov. Jerry Brown declared a drought emergency. Before the recent storms, California's snow-water content was estimated to be at 25 percent of normal.

The California Department of Water Resources measures the snowpack monthly during the wet season. The Sierra Nevada snowpack is important because it stores water that melts in the spring as runoff. Communities and farmers depend on it during California's hot, dry summers.

The April 1 survey is critical because it marks the peak of the snowpack. There's just one month remaining of the rainy season.

Some farmers in the parched Central Valley have been told they will receive no irrigation water from California's two vast systems of reservoirs and canals this summer, and many have left fields unplanted. Updated estimates on irrigation water from state and federal officials for farmers won't be ready for days or weeks.

Nancy Vogel, a spokeswoman for California's Department of Water Resources, said the state water levels remain in flux, given the current wet weather. Another weaker system is forecast to hit California late Thursday and into Friday.

"It'll take some time to quantify the results of the storms," she said. "Hopefully, it'll still be snowing."





SHUTOUT

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Samohi's Sara Garcia goes after a pitch Tuesday during an Ocean League game against Inglewood at Memorial Park. The Vikings won 22-0 in five innings. With the win Samohi's record improves to 1-0 in league play and 2-3 overall.

Court: Private e-mail exempt from open records law

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Calif. A California appeals court has ruled that private text messages, emails and other electronic communications sent and received by public officials on their own devices are not public records regardless of the topic.

The 6th District Court of Appeal in San Jose ruled last week that the state's Public Records Act doesn't extend to officials' private devices.

The California Supreme Court is expected to be asked to step in and settle this long-simmering debate.

State laws do require the communications of elected officials and other officials involving public issues to be retained and turned over upon request.

Since the coming of email, activists and others in the state have been battling at all levels of government over whether public issues discussed on private devices with personal accounts are covered by the Public Records Act. Similar legal battles and political debates have sprung up across the country as well.

The March 27 ruling reverses a lower court decision in favor of environmental activist Ted Smith, who sought access to messages sent on private devices through private accounts of the San Jose mayor and City Council members

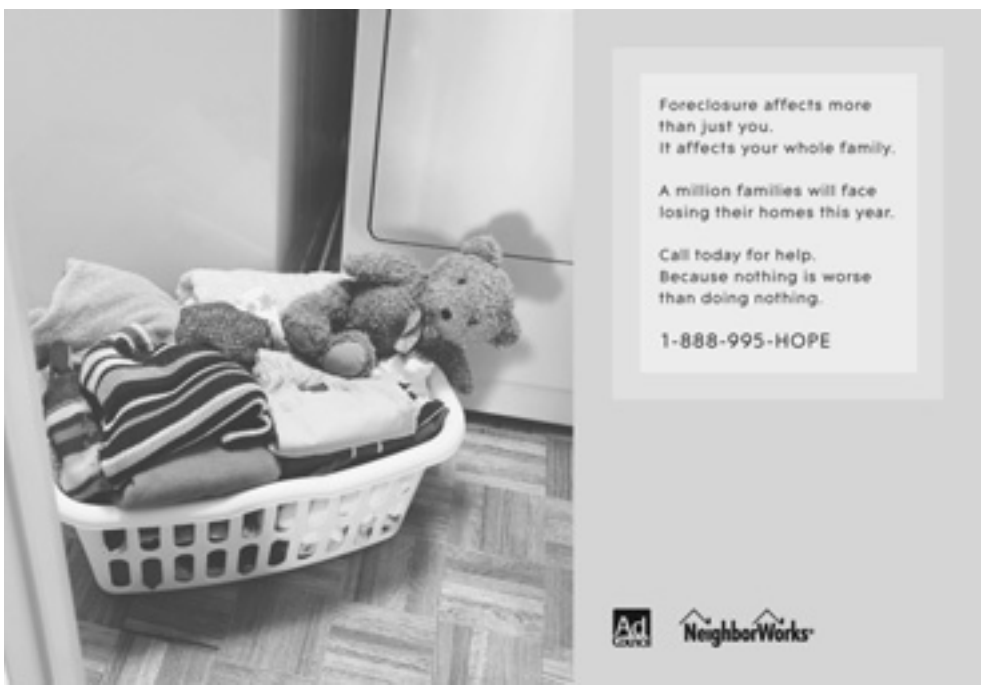
Smith's attorney James McManis said he will ask the state Supreme Court to review the case. If the high court refuses to take it, the appeals court ruling will stand.

"It's a huge way for public officials to get around the Public Records Act," McManis said.

Several news companies and free speech organizations filed friend of the court briefs in support of the environmentalist's lawsuit seeking the records.

The League of California Cities supported San Jose's position and hailed the ruling Tuesday.

Spokeswoman Eva Spiegel said that beyond the legal issues, cities having to turn over messages from private devices would face significant administrative challenges in complying with records requests.





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operates regularly at the Main Street Farmers' Market, did not respond to requests for comment.

Farmers' Market officials plan to have a response to the petition later this week, said supervisor Laura Avery.

"Tawni has been at this for many years and has a lot of experience," Avery said.

One group offered pony rides at the Brentwood Country Mart, which falls under Santa Monica's jurisdiction, until about two years ago, said Josh Weisman, an asset manager at JS Rosenfield, which owns the country mart.

"We got rid of it because it was taking up too much parking," he said. "It wasn't a political decision. We still get calls about it. Some people were sad that it's gone, but our restaurants needed the parking space."

Winograd, who is "working toward becoming a vegetarian," says that for Santa Monica to ban the exploitation of animals is a no-brainer. She has not yet reached out to city officials because she is waiting for the support to grow.

"The fact that there are many of us that find it repugnant should resonate with City Hall," she said. "We have a beautiful city. We have a green city. We have a city that has embraced the Sustainability Bill of Rights which recognizes the rights of nature. Animals are part of nature. They have some rights."

Santa Monica is no stranger to bans involving animals. In 2009 the City Council banned the controversial veterinary procedure of clipping the claws of cats. Proponents argued that declawing is not only physically painful, but leaves cats more vulnerable to abandonment and relinquishment because of the behavioral changes that take place following the procedure, including urinating and defecating outside of litter boxes and biting because clawing is no longer a viable defense mechanism.

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LIBRARY
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Virginia Avenue Park youth programs, which are already strong in the area, bolstering the goal of achieving literacy.

"At least half if not 60 percent of the focus is on childrens' programs and children at the library," said Susan Annett, principal librarian for public and branch services.

The library is already running a kid's book club through Virginia Avenue Park, said Carla Fantozzi, who is in charge of the park programs. They hope to link up with the library for reading programs at their summer camps.

The branch collection will lean more toward popular rather than research material, which is plentiful at the Main Library, Annett said.

There will be a Spanish collection and also a section of large print for those with poor eyesight.

But city librarians also recognize that libraries are changing along with the digital world. Library experts are focused on creating workspaces and integrating with technology, Tovar said.

The Pico branch will have a library bar where the public can sit and work, she said.

"People can come with their own devices and laptops," she said. "It kind of gives that sense of a cafe, like that Starbucks kind of feeling."

The collection will include e-books and DVDs. Twenty public computers will be available at the branch and online databases — rather than rows of encyclopedias — will serve as reference material.

Tovar is planning programming that will teach residents how to use their new devices or search those online databases.

"The Internet will give you the most popular answer," she said. "You still need to know what you're looking for and how to find the right information. I think the databases offer a lot and librarians can definitely help with that."

"One of the goals of our classes is to lead people to the authoritative source rather than, say, Googling your medical question," Annett continued. "I think a lot of us do that, including myself, but the Mayo Clinic has a wonderful database. Of course they should always contact their doctors but it can help formulate the questions that they might have to ask their doctors."

Technology is making things easier for librarians as well. The Pico branch will have an electronic book-sorter. Self checkout will be a central feature. Residents can pay their fines online.

Before taking over the Pico library, Tovar was the branch manager in Arizona near the border of Mexico. There were more farm workers and people crossing the border using that library, she said.

"I think the approach is a little different," she said. "Here the communities are more diverse. But the goal is the same idea. We all want to increase literacy and inform people."

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users of his gear knew his last name or even if he had one) toiled in a small beachfront shop in Dana Point, cranking out those boards by the thousands.

Hobie surfboards eventually became the linchpin of a multimillion-dollar, worldwide empire that, by the time its unassuming namesake died last week, had grown to include catamarans, skateboards, beach wear and more.

Hobie died Saturday at his Palm Desert home after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 80.

The man who revolutionized surfing with a cheap, lightweight, easily maneuverable board might have stayed out of the limelight for most of his life, but the boards and catamarans he created did not.

"The basic surfboard structure for 90 percent of the surfboards around the world remains the foam core that he developed, and that was 50 years ago," Steve Pezman, publisher of Surfer's Journal and a longtime friend of Hobie, said Monday.

When Hobie built his first surfboard, about the time he graduated from high school in 1950, the old-fashioned, heavy wooden ones that had limited the sport to the strongest and most determined athletes were beginning to give way to lighter balsa wood boards. But balsa wood was hard to come by.

A few years after Hobie moved his board-building operation out of his parents Laguna Beach garage in 1954, he and his friend Gordon "Grubby" Clark decided they could build a better board using a polyurethane foam core.

It took a year of trial and error, but they prevailed: The result was a board that was easy to shape, so light a child could carry it to the ocean, and so maneuverable a good surfer could do all sorts of stunts on it.

Soon Hobie was working with a small staff, producing 250 boards a week and struggling to keep up with demand.

His timing had been fortuitous.

"Gidget," the film based on author Frederick Kohner's surfing-obsessed teenage daughter and her goofy friends, had arrived in theaters in 1959, sending millions on a quest to ride the wild surf — preferably on a reasonably priced surfboard.

Soon the Hobie board, which retailed for a little more than $100, and its distinctive logo were ubiquitous. The latter could be found painted on surfers' cars, sketched into wet beach sands, even carved into schoolroom desks.

As surfing spread around the world, Hobie moved on to sailing.



Photo courtesy Jim Heath/Hobie Designs Inc

LEGEND: Hobie Alter got his feet wet in the surfing business by making longboards out of balsa wood in his family's Laguna Beach garage in the 1950s.

He had been a first-rate surfer, competing in Hawaii's Makaha International Surfing Championships in 1958 and 1959, and by the mid-1960s he was living in a beachfront home where he discovered it was impossible to launch a heavy sailboat from anywhere but a marina.

So he invented the lightweight Hobie Cat, a craft small enough to be strapped onto the roof of a car and light enough to be carried down to the beach and launched from the sand.

"Some people have described it as the great democratizing of yachting," Pezman said. "This was something you could wheel down to the beach and set out on it. It was affordable to blue-collar workers."

So it was fitting, perhaps, that the man who created it was always a blue-collar guy at heart.

The son of a second-generation orange grower, Hobie decided soon after high school that he did not want a job that required hard-soled shoes, a coat and tie, or hours that would take him away from things like surfing. His favored style of dress was jeans and a T-shirt, the latter sometimes covered by a ratty old sweater.

"I'm making money producing things that give me pleasure, doing exactly what I want to do," he told the Los Angeles Times in 1977. "I guess I'm really lucky that way."

Mostly noted for surfing and sailing, Hobie was memorialized on Huntington Beach's Surfing Walk of Fame in 1997 and enshrined in the National Sailing Hall of Fame in 2011.

He was also an avid skier and golfer. Pezman visited him a while back and found Hobie in his garage, working on a gadget he could use to improve his golf swing.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Paula; sons Hobie Jr. and Jeff; sisters Carolyn and Lillian; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.


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American spy's release in play for Mideast peace

BY LARA JAKES
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON Every president since Ronald Reagan has refused to release Jonathan Pollard from prison. A CIA director once threatened to resign when Bill Clinton briefly considered freeing the convicted spy as part of Mideast peace talks. But now, in a gamble to extend negotiations that appear on the brink of collapse, the Obama administration is bringing the U.S. closer than it has been in years to granting Pollard an early release.

If Pollard's freedom leads eventually to a final peace settlement, it could mark a major victory for U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who has toiled to achieve an agreement between the Israelis and Palestinians after decades of distrust and violence. But if Pollard is freed and the talks fail, it could be a costly embarrassment.

Releasing Pollard now, just to keep Israeli-Palestinian negotiations going, "portrays a weakness on our part and a certain amount of desperation," says Aaron Miller, who was part of the U.S. negotiating team at two rounds of peace talks during the Clinton administration. "It guarantees almost nothing."

The White House insisted Tuesday that President Barack Obama has not decided on whether to release Pollard, a former U.S. Navy analyst who was sentenced to life in prison nearly 30 years ago for selling classified military documents to the Israeli government. Kerry, asked about prospects for Pollard's release, told reporters at a NATO meeting in Brussels, "There is no agreement, at this point in time, regarding anyone or any specific steps."

"There are a lot of different possibilities in play," Kerry said. He added: "All I can tell you is that we are continuing, even now as I am standing up here speaking, to be engaged with both parties to find the best way forward."

But Kerry abruptly canceled plans to meet Wednesday with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, an indication that the talks are flailing as they approach an end-of-April deadline for a decision on whether to continue.

Israel has for years pushed for Pollard to be freed, and gave him citizenship in the late 1990s. His release now could be used to give Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu political cover from fallout at home in exchange for concessions that could be made to the Palestinians to keep the talks going.

People briefed on the matter said those concessions could include Israel freeing Palestinian prisoners who are considered terrorists by many Israelis. The conditions also might require Israel to freeze construction in settlements in disputed territory and to continue in the negotiations, according to two people, both of whom spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the sensitive diplomacy by name. Palestinian leaders have balked at proposals that would have them relinquish much of Jerusalem and recognize Israel as a Jewish state

Though Pollard is serving a life sentence, he becomes eligible for parole in November 2015. But the U.S. government could object to letting him go.

Pollard has been serving his sentence at a medium-security prison in Butner, N.C., where inmates are awakened at 6 a.m. and spend their days performing various jobs. They have limited telephone access and are granted supervised recreation time. He is believed to be in poor health.

For the most part, U.S. military and intelligence officials have strongly opposed Pollard's release, although the Pentagon, four former secretaries of defense and the CIA either didn't respond to messages seeking comment or declined to comment for this story.

Abbe Lowell, a Washington lawyer who has represented clients charged under the Espionage Act, said the facts of Pollard's case could have supported a shorter sentence, and he said that Pollard "has now served longer than anyone in similar circumstances."

"If the president wants to address this issue — whether because the time has come anyway or as part of a larger Middle East peace initiative — he has the absolute power to do so as the head of the government by commuting Mr. Pollard's sentence to time served," Lowell said in an e-mail.

The documents Pollard smuggled out of a Navy facility included classified information about U.S. weapons and military capabilities. They also detailed radar-jamming techniques and electronic capabilities of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and other moderate Arab governments, and included information about intelligence gathering in the United States by China. The Israeli government paid Pollard $45,000 for the documents, reimbursed him for three trips to Europe and Israel, and lavished expensive jewelry on his wife.

In a 1986 court statement that was made public in December 2012, then-Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Pollard had done "irrevocable" damage to the U.S. He said Pollard had provided the Israelis with more than 800 U.S. classified publications and more than 1,000 classified messages and cables.

"The defendant has substantially harmed the United States, and in my view, his crimes demand severe punishment," Weinberger wrote. The court statement was part of a declassified CIA assessment of national security damage caused by Pollard's disclosures.

During 1998 negotiations for a land-for-peace deal brokered at Wye River, Md., CIA Director George Tenet told Clinton he would resign if Pollard were freed as part of the talks. That apparently is the closest the U.S. had come to considering his release.

"I was shocked to hear Pollard's name arise in the middle of these negotiations," Tenet wrote in a memoir. "We were there to broker peace, not to pardon people who had sold out their country."

But over the years, some former U.S. officials have softened. Former secretaries of state Henry Kissinger and George Schultz and former CIA Director R. James Woolsey have called for Pollard's release, as has Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Even so, McCain said Tuesday that linking Pollard's release to the Mideast peace negotiations "smacks of desperate diplomacy." He joined a chorus of Obama administration critics who said Pollard should be freed either on the merits of his parole application or on humanitarian grounds — not as a carrot to keep talks afloat.

Even Democrats were skeptical. "It's hard for me to see how that would jump-start the Mideast peace talks," said Senate intelligence Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein. "It's one thing after an agreement. It's a totally other thing before an agreement."

Elliott Abrams, a senior Mideast adviser to President George W. Bush, said it was logical that Pollard's freedom would be given more consideration now, when he is close to parole eligibility. But Abrams said "it's a very bad idea" and warned that it would amount to injecting politics into a foreign policy process.

The U.S. initially hoped to secure a peace agreement by the end of April. When it became clear several months ago that neither side was anywhere close to an agreement Kerry said he aimed to reach a framework by then to serve as the basis for continuing negotiations. But even that benchmark appeared elusive as Israeli and Palestinian leaders failed to agree on what the framework would include.

Abrams said he believes Pollard should be released, but he said it appears it is being considered now only to keep Abbas from walking away in anger as a result of Israel failing to release more prisoners.

"It's diplomatic malpractice in my view," Abrams said. "You're going to keep Abbas at the table for a few more months. What are we going to give him next year to keep him at the table?"

Missed the health care deadline? It's not too late

BY CONNIE CASS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON It's not too late to get covered. A few routes remain open for those who missed the health care law's big enrollment deadline.

Millions may be eligible for a second chance to sign up for subsidized insurance this year. And people who get coverage after the deadline can still avoid, or at least reduce, the fine for going uninsured.

Here are five options for those still without insurance:

1) Take advantage of the grace period

This special break was created for anyone who began enrolling in an insurance marketplace by Monday's deadline but didn't finish. That includes people stymied by website outages or overwhelmed phone lines, missing information on applications, and other problems or confusion.

Those who started an application on HealthCare.gov by March 31 should log on and finish it as soon as possible. Federal officials say they will take what time is necessary to work through cases pending.

People applying online will have until April 15 to finish, administration spokesman Aaron Albright said Tuesday. Paper applications will be accepted until April 7.

Consumers will have to attest that they had tried to enroll by March 31.

Rules vary in the 14 states running their own insurance marketplaces.

For most people, going through a marketplace opens the door to lower costs. Those who use the grace period will get coverage starting May 1 and won't owe a fine.

2) Use a special enrollment period

The government also is offering special extensions for a host of problems that might have prevented people from signing up through a marketplace: Natural disasters. Domestic abuse. A serious illness. Mistakes by application counselors. Errors by insurance companies.

To seek a "special enrollment period," contact the federal call center, at 1-800-318-2596, or your state marketplace and explain what went wrong. It's on the honor system. If the extension is approved, that brings another 60 days to enroll.

Also, at any time during the year, certain life events — such as changing jobs, getting married or divorced, or becoming a parent — open a 60-day window to sign up for marketplace coverage.

3) Sign up for medicaid

Those who qualify can still enroll in Medicaid — there's no deadline. Eligibility is based on income and varies from state to state. About half the states expanded their Medicaid programs. The main beneficiaries of the change are adults earning up to about $16,100 per year, with no children living at home. Previously, Medicaid was limited mostly to poor children and their parents and people with disabilities.

4) Buy insurance outside the marketplaces

Buyers can always go directly to an insurance company, but it may be expensive. Plans bought outside the marketplaces don't come with government subsidies that hold down the cost for people with low or middle incomes. But they do include the law's consumer protections. For example, insurers can't turn down customers because of preexisting medical conditions.

Even after the deadline, buying a plan that meets the law's essential coverage standard reduces the penalty owed, which is based on the number of months without coverage.

The fine for going uninsured all year is the greater of two formulas: about 1 percent of household income above the tax-filing threshold of $10,150 or $95 per adult and $47.50 per child under 18, up to $285 per family. It's due to the IRS in April 2015.

5) Get ready for next time

Open enrollment for 2015 is coming later this year. It's scheduled to begin Nov. 15 and run just three months. That's another chance to get covered or switch into a plan with subsidies.

Supporters of the law are calling on President Barack Obama to make things easier next time around.

The advocacy group Families USA suggested a bunch of improvements Tuesday, including more face-to-face sign-ups, coordinating enrollment with tax-filing season so people better understand the fines, and improving coordination with Medicaid programs.

Something to think about: The uninsured penalty next year rises to 2 percent of income or $325 per adult and $162.50 per child.

Ryan unveils House GOP budget claiming balance

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan unveiled an updated Republican budget plan Tuesday that would slash $5.1 trillion in federal spending over the coming decade and promises to balance the government's books with wide-ranging cuts in programs like food stamps and government-paid health care for the poor and working class.

Ryan's plan would also cut Pell Grants for low-income students and pensions for federal workers. The proposal would reprise a voucher-like Medicare program for future retirees that would be the basis for GOP claims that the measure would drive down government debt over the long term. It also relies on scorekeeping help from the Congressional Budget Office, reflecting the beneficial effects of deficit cuts on long-term economic growth and tax revenues.

The plan should skate through the Budget Committee on Wednesday but faces challenges on the floor next week since it endorses a bipartisan pact — negotiated by Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Budget Committee Chairwoman Patty Murray, D-Wash., in December — to increase agency operating budgets this year and next.

Many conservatives who opposed the pact last year would have to reverse course and embrace them as part of the GOP budget. Democrats who helped pass the Ryan-Murray pact in December will oppose the GOP plan.

The legislation promises to serve more as a political and policy statement by House Republicans than a realistic attempt to engage President Barack Obama and Democrats, who control the Senate, in any serious effort to further cut the deficit. Election-year politics are in play, for starters, as are entrenched differences over spending and taxes. Senate Democrats have already announced they will not advance a budget this year, but Ryan pitched his budget as a party-defining document on where Republicans would take the nation if they return to power.

"It is not just enough for us to be an opposition party," Ryan said. "We need to be a proposition party. We need to be the alternative party. And we need to show the country the right way forward to get this economy growing, to get our budget, our fiscal house in order."

At issue is the arcane congressional budget process, which employs a non-binding measure known as a budget resolution to set forth goals for future taxes, spending and deficits. But follow-up legislation is usually limited to one-year appropriations bills rather than more difficult measures to deal with the government's long-term fiscal challenges, which are fueled by spiraling health care costs and the retirement of the baby boom generation.

Ryan's budget brings back a now-familiar list of spending cuts to promise balance, including $2.1 trillion over 10 years in health care subsidies and coverage under the Affordable Care Act, $732 billion in cuts to Medicaid and other health care programs, and almost $1 trillion in cuts to other benefit programs like food stamps, Pell Grants and farm subsidies. While repealing the benefits of "Obamacare," Ryan would preserve its tax increases and cuts to providers, including cuts to private insurers under the Medicare Advantage program. Republicans have attacked Democrats for the Medicare cuts used to finance the new health care law.

The measure also promises deep, probably unrealistic cuts to domestic programs like education, health research and grants to local governments that are funded each year through annual appropriations bills.

As in the past, Ryan has steered clear of cuts to Social Security, and he promises steady increases for veterans and restoration of looming defense cuts. But he faced a more challenging task to promise to balance the budget by decade's end than he did last year because the CBO projects lagging revenue estimates.

Steep cuts to Medicaid, which Ryan proposes to turn into a block grant program managed by the states, could drive millions of people from the program, including seniors in nursing homes and children from low-income households. Ryan proposes to cut projected costs of Medicaid by 17 percent over the decade. It also contains sharp, unexplained cuts to a category including refundable income and child tax credits for the working poor and Supplemental Security Income for the elderly, disable and very poor.

"This dog-eat-dog budget is nothing short of an assault on Americans struggling to stay afloat economically," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.

Ryan's budget claims balance by 2024, but relies on $74 billion in savings in that year from the macroeconomic effects of cutting deficits, which the CBO says would have a long-term positive effect because it would free up savings and investment capital. Democrats are sure to seize on the maneuver as phony math; without these projections, Ryan's budget plan would fall almost $70 billion short of balance.

Van Hollen noted that Ryan's plan only achieves balance by claiming $2 trillion in Obamacare cuts and revenues over the decade — even as Republicans promise to repeal the law in its entirety.

"They've reduced the deficit by getting rid of the things that help people in the Affordable Care Act but they claim balance by keeping all of the revenues and the Medicare savings," Van Hollen said.

It also reprises a failed strategy from last year to cut domestic agency operating budgets and shift the money to the Pentagon after the Ryan-Murray deal expires next year. When Republicans tried that last year, the House was unable to pass the follow-up spending bills implementing the cuts.

Earlier versions of Ryan's plan have passed the House three times since the GOP seized control of the chamber following the 2010 midterm elections. This year's version may prove more controversial because it begins to implement cuts to future Medicare beneficiaries. Under the plan, people who enroll in Medicare in 2024 would be given a subsidy — dubbed "premium support" by Republicans, derided as a voucher system by Democrats — with which they would purchase health insurance on the open market.

Republicans say the system is required to prevent the budget from spiraling out of control as more and more baby boomers retire and the present system collapses and that the redesigned Medicare program would offer seniors more choices and curb costs. Critics, however, say the Medicare subsidies won't keep up with inflation and will require sharply higher out-of-pocket costs for future seniors.

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Mattingly: Kershaw's recovery to take some time

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO Reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw won't be ready to come off the disabled list when he's eligible to be activated on April 14, Los Angeles Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said Tuesday.

"This thing is going to take some time," Mattingly said before the Dodgers played the San Diego Padres.

The Dodgers said that after consultation with Dr. Neal ElAttrache and a review of an MRI scan, Kershaw will be placed on a rehab that includes a submaximal throwing program for the next two to three weeks. He will then be re-evaluated by ElAttrache to determine when he can start throwing at increased velocity.

Kershaw will likely have to make a rehab start before he can return, Mattingly said.

Kershaw was placed on the DL on Sunday with a swollen muscle in his left upper back. He already had been scratched from his scheduled start on Sunday after an MRI revealed the problem.

Mattingly says Kershaw was supposed to have thrown before Tuesday's game but didn't because it was cool and damp.

Also Tuesday, Mattingly said outfielder Matt Kemp is close to coming off the disabled list, but he'll have to prove that he's not afraid to slide into a base or stop quickly while rounding a base.

Kemp is rehabbing from ankle surgery.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **61.8°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Potential new WNW swell eases; modest SSW swell continues

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** ankle to waist
Very Small mid period swell from the south holding during the day.
Light west-southwest winds with a slight chop, Increasing later.

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** ankle to waist
Very Small mid period swell from the south holding during the day. Breezy west-northwest winds, whitecapping conditions with moderate choppy seas all day.

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** ankle to waist
Very Small mid period swell from the west-northwest holding during the day. Light and variable north-northeast winds, Increasing later and switching to the northwest.

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 -- 6
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 26 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 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 Lechusa and Las 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.	B	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	D	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (broach 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).	A	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.	D	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
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.	B	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 DBW 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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1:15pm, 7:00pm

Sabotage (R) 1hr 49min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R) 1hr 42min
4:00pm, 10:30pm

Divergent (PG-13) 2hr 19min
1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:20pm, 9:30pm

Non-Stop (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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

Noah (PG-13) 2hrs 18min
11:00am, 12:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm

Need for Speed (PG-13) 2hr 10min
5:00pm, 10:30pm
Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Divergent (PG-13) 2hr 19min
11:40am, 3:15pm, 6:45pm, 10:10pm

Bad Words (R) 1hr 29min
11:20am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Muppets Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Grand Budapest Hotel (R) 1hr 40min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:45pm

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Le Week-end (R) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Unknown Known (PG-13) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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DON'T BREAK UP WITH HER YET, CANCER

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have reason to want to change directions, and you will act in, what others will believe to be, an unanticipated way. Little do they know how well thought out many of your ideas are. Tonight: Buy a new item on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You'll feel as if you are empowered and can turn a situation around. The problem is that one person, who has been more than difficult for a while, could try to stand in your way. Open up to some more innovative ideas, and you might find a solution. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ Pull back a little, and try not to initiate any new projects or ideas right now. If you make the first move, the results are likely to be irritating at best. You might decide to toy with a situation from which you have nothing to lose. Tonight: Say "yes" to a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Push comes to shove very easily. Even if you have second thoughts about a loved one, it might not be the right time to have a discussion. You still will want to be present, but just observe rather than act. Tonight: Time to let off some steam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Consider reaching out to someone at a distance, as you might not trust what you are hearing. Get as many perspectives as possible, and then imagine the situation from others' standpoint. Tonight: Where there is music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Deal with one person at a time. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening, but try to stay organized and take notes. In the long run, this meticulous attitude will pay off. A partner seems to be everywhere but present. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to understand what is going with a partner or close loved one. You seem to lose your temper easily with this person. Detach, and you might discover what the best course of action will be. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Reach out to a close friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself, and understand what is happening. If you follow your sixth sense, you will be successful. Your creativity also is likely to flourish. Good news could come from a distance. Tonight: Use your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You will be more tuned in to the moment than you originally might have thought possible. Allow your ingenuity to guide you. You like to be logical, so you could feel insecure working on only an emotional level. Tonight: Have a good time wherever you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Listen to news and decide what you plan to do with it. You can point your energy and interest in nearly any direction. Use your intuition to guide conversations. Tonight: Only what you enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might be firmly set on responding in a certain way to a specific situation. You could be more protective than you realize about a domestic matter or a family member. Ask yourself whether it would hurt to hear a different perspective. Tonight: Order in from a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could have mixed feelings about a child or loved one, or perhaps just about what you want from life in general. You might be overwhelmed by what you need to do. An unexpected cost could concern you. Trust in your abilities to handle this issue. Tonight: All fun and games.

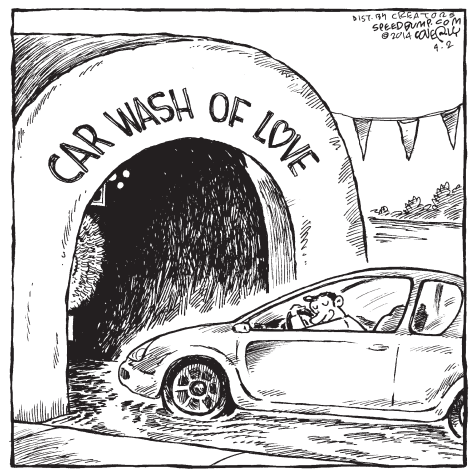
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you have a lot going for you. Others easily succumb to your charm. Never underestimate your potential, as you will be in a period where you could make a dream a reality. Friends inspire you and support you with some very wild ideas. If you are single, your Romeo or Juliet could appear at the most unexpected moment. The relationship will flourish naturally. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy living together even more than you have in the past. You even might decide to meet one of your mutually desired goals this year. TAURUS knows you much better than you think.

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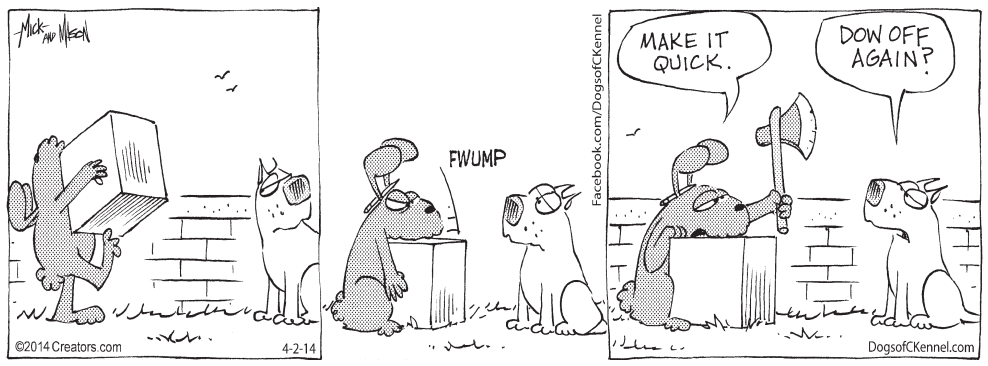
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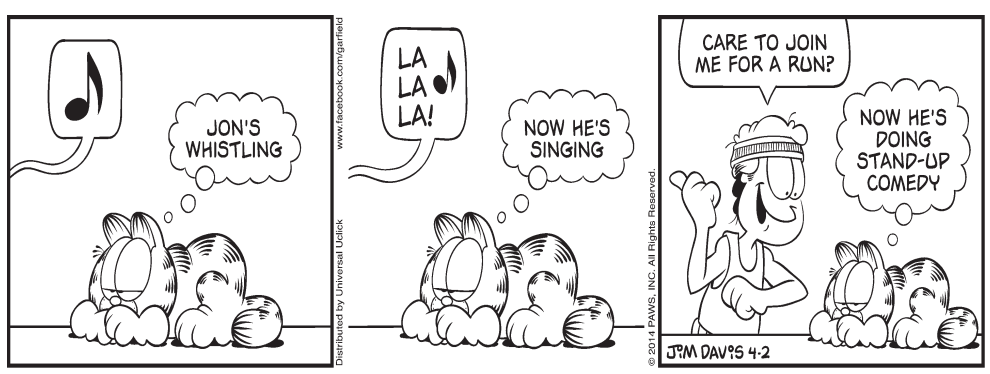
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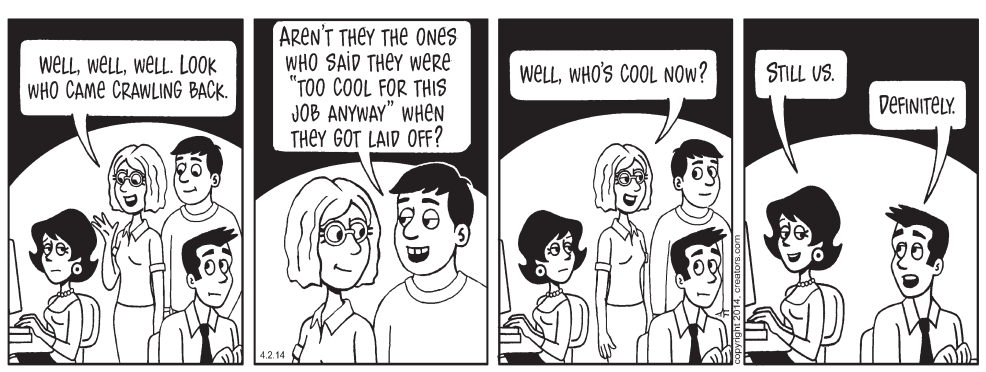
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

		4	3	5	6	9		
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		8	2	3	4	1		

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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

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Storage sites
6 Disfigure
10 Gauge setting
11 Findable fellow in kid's books
12 Suggest
13 Notions
14 Kitchen herb
15 Prague people
16 Seventh Greek letter
17 — man (unanimously)
18 Tofu source
19 Become insufficient
22 Rose of baseball
23 Extinct bird
26 Brief period
29 Part of RSVP
32 One or more
33 Summer, in Paris
34 Marigold color
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39 Recital piece
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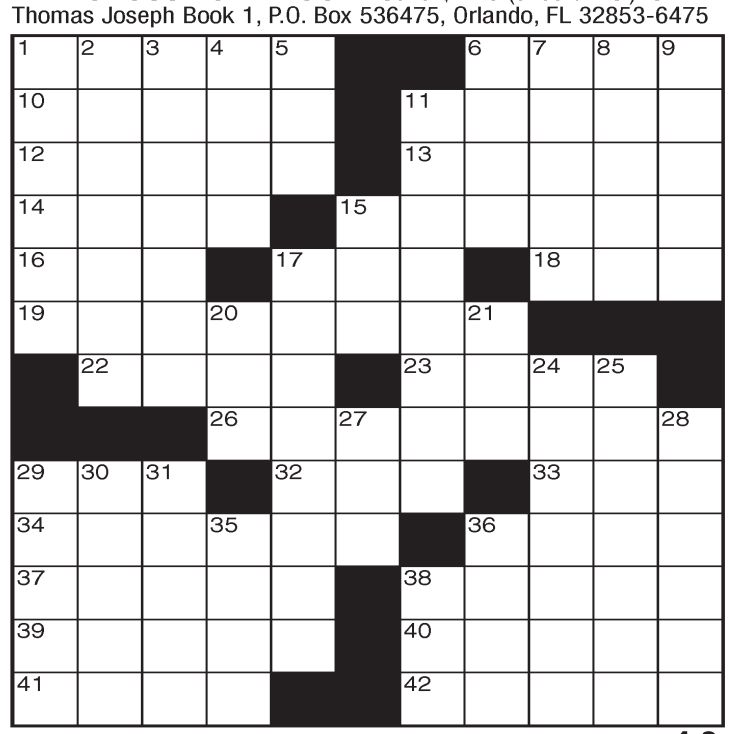
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1 Web spinner
2 Chew the scenery
3 Board the jet
4 Secluded place
5 Crafty
6 Put together
7 Guinness and Baldwin
8 Pocatello's state
9 Like some tree trunks
11 Hogwarts study
15 Pigeon call
17 Dutch government setting
20 Ave. intersectors
21 Young one
24 Create
25 External
27 Early hour
28 Like some boxes
29 Quite serious
30 Seething
31 Basketball shot
35 Tacit approvals
36 "The Phantom Tollbooth" boy
38 Charter

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Pastor Allen Parker conducts services in the nude, for the nude, according to a February report on WWBT-TV (Richmond, Va.). Parker's White Tail Chapel is located on a similarly named nudist resort in Ivor, Va., and even in winter, when disrobing visitors are scarce, the chapel is open for congregants. (In summertime, when naked people abound, the chapel's services are often standing-room-only.) Baring the body to Christ is hardly unusual, Parker reminded, since that's the way we all come into the world.

■ (1) Among the filings published in November by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was Google's 2012 application covering a throat tattoo -- actually a mobile skin "microphone" with lie-detecting capability, presumably to encourage truthfulness from people as they speak. The application explains how to couple an electronic skin tattoo to a mobile device, using "flexible substrate." (2) Among the "secrets" revealed recently on a BBC television special on South America's beauty-queen obsession was one by Ms. Wi May Nava, first runner-up for Miss Venezuela 2013. Nava had a patch of plastic mesh sewn onto her tongue to create so much pain when she ate that she was forced to stick to liquids.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1980 - United States President Jimmy Carter signs the Crude Oil Windfall Profits Tax Act in an effort to help the U.S. economy rebound.

1982 - Falklands War: Argentina invades the Falkland Islands.

1989 - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev arrives in Havana, Cuba to meet with Fidel Castro in an attempt to mend strained relations.

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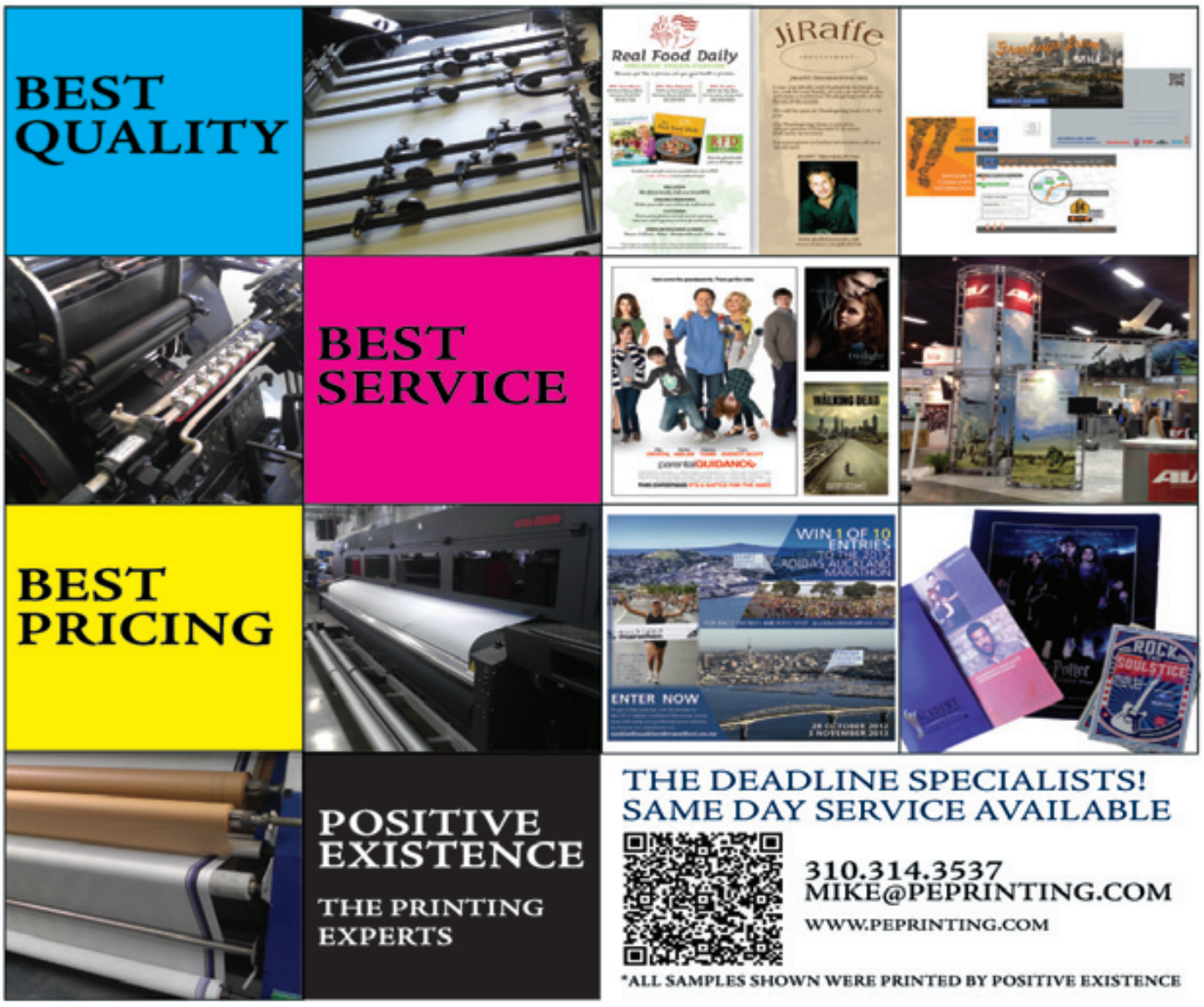
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014036965 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 02/11/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SOUL 2 SOUL HEALING. 6550 W. 82ND STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: LISA FISCHER-CARR 6550 W. 82ND STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)02/01/2014. /s/: LISA FISCHER-CARR. LISA FISCHER-CARR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 02/11/2014. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 03/12/2014, 03/19/2014, 03/26/2014, 04/02/2014.

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