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City Hall names business tax delinquents

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writers

CITY HALL What does a barber shop, investment firm, party planner, and film production company have in common?

They all failed to pay City Hall's business license tax, at least according to a list released by finance officials this week.

Last year, City Council gave the OK for the finance department to compile and release a list of tax delinquents.

"If a list were published today," city officials wrote back in November, "there would be 20 businesses delinquent with total outstanding delinquent taxes due of more than $310,000."

City Hall plans to publish these delinquencies every year.

To make the list the business has to owe more than $5,000 and be at least one fiscal year overdue in their payment.

"A business is placed on the list only after repeated attempts to collect the debt, or bring the business into compliance, have

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Kuehl, Shriver secure endorsements in supervisor race

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Former State Sen. Sheila Kuehl has secured the support of the Teamsters while former Santa Monica Mayor Bobby Shriver, her chief rival in the race for county supervisor, has been endorsed by former Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg.

The Teamsters Joint Council 42 endorsed Kuehl because of her track record of "standing up for working men and women," said Randy Cammack, president of Joint Council 42, the parent organization for 22 Teamster local unions with membership of over 200,000 workers and retirees. It is the largest Teamsters Council in the country.

"I am so proud to have the support of Teamsters Joint Council 42," said Kuehl. "The Teamsters' have a long history of fighting for fair wages and working conditions and I look forward to working with them on the many issues facing the county of Los Angeles."

Kuehl, who served for eight years in the California State Senate and six years in the State Assembly, also received this week the endorsement of Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse.

Currently, Kuehl serves as founding director of the Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College.

During her time in office, Kuehl authored 171 bills that were signed into law, including legislation to establish paid family leave, establish the rights contained in Roe vs. Wade in California statute, overhaul the child support services system; establish nurse to patient ratios in every hospital; and prohibit discrimination on the basis of gen-

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SHARK! Photo courtesy Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
A number of leopard sharks were spotted near the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday.

Small quake jiggles shore northwest of Malibu

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALIBU, Calif. A small earthquake has jiggled the coast northwest of Malibu.

The Southern California Seismic Network says the 10:08 a.m. Thursday temblor had a magnitude of 3.1 and was centered just northwest of Leo Carrillo State Beach. The quake occurred at a depth of 7 miles.

The area is largely undeveloped wilderness, with steep slopes and canyons of the Santa Monica Mountains rising from Pacific Coast Highway.

Businesses, Expo prepare for train noise

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

COLORADO AVE Trains make noise. Businesses like silence.

When IMAX, a film projection company known for its larger than life nature films, announced it would amicably leave Santa Monica for a brand new place in Playa Vista, one of the many reasons was the coming Expo Light Rail Line.

"That train is going to be noisy," CEO of IMAX Entertainment Greg Foster told the Daily Press earlier this year. "We do a lot of picture and sound work on the movies we do so that's not going to work."

It should be noted that IMAX also found a more suitable and affordable office for its expanding company, but the train's rumble weighed on the company officials' minds.

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Escaped inmate caught in Santa Monica

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MONICA Authorities have recaptured an inmate who escaped last month from a Los Angeles jail.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department says police arrested Christopher Lee Brown without incident Wednesday night.

Spokesman Lt. David Oliva says the 37-year-old inmate was seen outside a community center near the intersection of Pico and Lincoln boulevards in Santa Monica.

Brown escaped from the Twin Towers Correctional Facility by posing as another inmate on March 12.

He had been sentenced to more than four years in prison for stealing laptop computers from the Alhambra office of a hospital chain.

Oliva says that Brown is now facing an escape charge.

The department's release did not mention a $20,000 reward offered recently for information leading to Brown's capture.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, April 4, 2014

Fun with hats
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave., 6 p.m.
Millinery is the art of making hats by hand. Bring your own style to this age-old art. Instructor Corina Haywood brings a hands-on, experiential approach to both her work and teaching. While passing down tricks of the trade, she mixes a sense of the past with a playful approach to materials, encouraging students to find their own design aesthetic and create a piece they'll love to wear. For more information, visit corinahaywood.com.

Spring is here
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
"Spring Awakening" is a rock musical adaptation of Frank Wedekind's 1891 expressionist play about the trials and tribulations, and the exhilaration of the teen years. It's Germany, 1891. The beautiful young Wendla explores her body and asks her mother where babies come from. Elsewhere, the brilliant and fearless young Melchior defends his buddy Moritz — a boy so traumatized by puberty he can't concentrate on anything. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

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.

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Ditch that dirty oil
O'Reilly Auto Parts
2018 Lincoln Blvd., 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Changing your oil? Need a filter? Get a free filter and recycle your waste oil and parts at the same time. Free used motor oil recycling containers also available. For more information, call (310) 458-2223.

Sweet story
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir comes to life in this Theatre for Young Audiences stage adaptation of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," which features the songs from the classic family film "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Tax time
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 12 p.m. — 4 p.m.
VITA from UCLA provides free tax assistance for filing both federal and state income taxes. All the volunteers are IRS certified and can assist with both e-filing and paper filing. The primary aim of the program is to provide income tax return assistance to seniors and those needing assistance. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Book comes to life
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave.,
2 p.m. — 5 p.m.
In this hands-on workshop, puppeteer and filmmaker Yulya Dukhovney shares cutting, collage, and assemblage techniques to create miniature scenes from the novel "Into the Beautiful North." Ages 13 and up. Space is limited and registration is required. This workshop is part of The Big Read, a community reading initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in partnership with Arts Midwest. This year's book is "Into the Beautiful North," by Luis Alberto Urrea. For more information, call (310) 586-6488.

Early summer
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
In their first collaboration since the internationally acclaimed "War Horse," Bristol Old Vic's Artistic Director Tom Morris and Cape Town's Handspring Puppet Company reunite for an inventive new take on Shakespeare's romantic comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This production runs through April 19. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM BEACH

Be careful where you swim

Because of current rainfall, the county health officer is cautioning residents who are planning to visit beaches to be careful of swimming, surfing, and playing in ocean waters around discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers. Bacteria, debris, trash, and other public health hazards from city streets and mountain areas are likely to enter ocean waters though these outlets.

Areas of the beach apart from discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers are exempted from this advisory.

This advisory will be in effect until at least Saturday, April 5, at 7 a.m. This advisory may be extended depending on further rainfall.

"Fortunately, discharging storm drains, creeks, and rivers only comprise a small portion of the beach, and therefore, anybody who wants to go to the beach will be able to enjoy their outing," said Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, public health director and health officer. "We do advise swimmers and surfers to stay away from the storm drains, creeks and rivers as there is the possibility that bacteria or chemicals from debris and trash may contaminate the water near and around these areas, and some individuals may become ill."

Recorded information on beach conditions is available 24-hours a day on the county's beach closure hotline: (800) 525-5662. Information is also available online at publichealth.lacounty.gov/beach.

– DAILY PRESS

MAIN LIBRARY

Teens can earn volunteer credit in a snap

Local teens can get up to two hours of volunteer credit between April 7 and April 30 just by submitting their photographs of Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica Public Library wants to see the bay city through the eyes of teens and are encouraging youth to take photos that mean something to them.

In addition to the volunteer credit, photos submitted may be added and featured in the library's new local history website SHARE Santa Monica.

The credit is available to students in grades 8 to 12. Photos must be taken in Santa Monica between April 7 and April 18. No photos of people though.

The submission deadline is April 30. Photos must be submitted via e-mail to reference@smgov.net. Include the first and last name (for volunteer credit only; names will not be published), grade, school, date picture was taken and the location, and include a short description of the pic.

Teens will earn 15 minutes of library volunteer credit for each photo submitted.

Limit eight images per teen (two hours total volunteer credit).

Questions? Call (310) 434-2608 or e-mail reference@smgov.net.

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SM PIER

Wake up with the waves

Kids and their parents can enjoy free concerts and activities, including singing, dancing, dress-up and face painting, beginning April 5 through May 24 on the Santa Monica Pier as part of the Wake Up With the Waves series, now in its eighth year.

Series co-founder Michael Cladis is back to host the series, partnering with local co-producer KC Mancebo at Clamorhouse Kids to bring a lineup of children's entertainers.

"Either kids can hang out in front of the TV on Saturday morning, or they can get active, involved, and maybe even inspired," said S. Jay Farrand, pier administrator. "It's a great way to start the day with some fresh-air, and then you've got all the family fun of the pier afterwards. Saturday (equals) planned."

This year's lineup features former Ray Charles back-up singers, Grammy winners, nationally touring bands, and a band that Michelle Obama invited to play the White House as part of her initiative to get kids moving, organizers said.

All concerts are held from 10 a.m. to noon on the Santa Monica Pier. For more information, call (310) 458-8900 or visit wakeupwiththewaves.com

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Growing demand for housing pushing up rents

ALEX VEIGA
AP Real Estate Writer

These are good times for U.S. landlords. For many tenants, not so much.

With demand for apartments surging, rents are projected to rise for a fifth straight year. Even a pickup in apartment construction is unlikely to provide much relief anytime soon.

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CRASH!

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

Samohi's Lucas Montanari checks Downey's Manny Flores on Wednesday at home. Samohi went on to win, 8-7, improving its record to 2-5 overall and 1-2 in league play.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Protect the ponies

Editor:

Re: "Campaign underway to prohibit pony rides," April 2.

I agree with Marcy Winograd.

The sight of ponies being tied up and going around in circles in the hot sun at the Sunday market is horrendous.

I've spoken to the folks who are in charge many times and have always been told that the ponies take time out and are not unhappy.

In Santa Monica we are blessed with an ocean beach where we can watch all that is beautiful in nature – the seagulls, pelicans and dolphins, too. We can go to Will Rogers State Park and be with the horses in the meadows there.

Hopefully the new petition will put an end to this weekly, very public abusive treatment of these vulnerable, gentle creatures.

Britt Allcroft
Santa Monica

Lack of a plan

Editor:

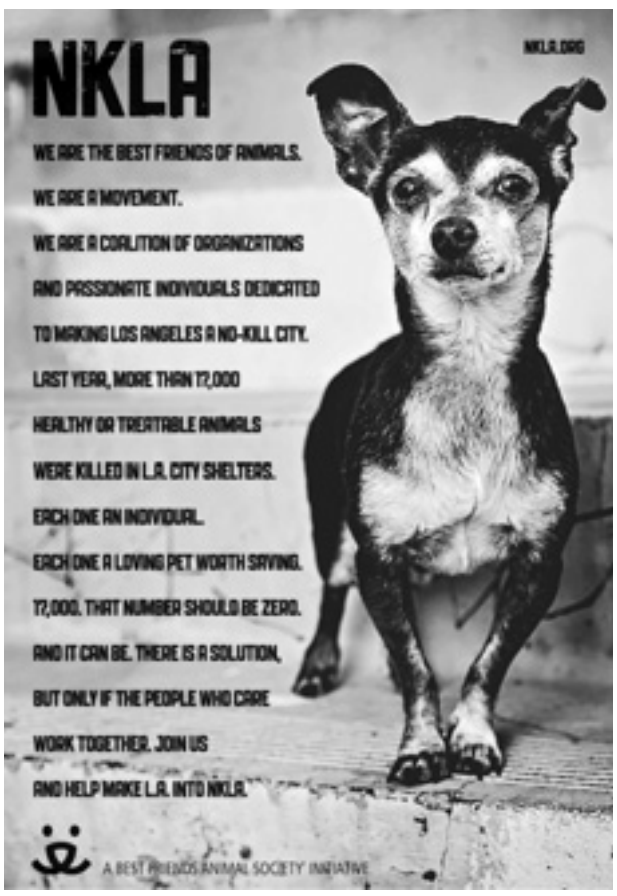
Let me introduce myself. I have been a resident of Santa Monica for over 30 years and as an architect, urban designer, and city planner have practiced in this city for more than 40 years.

In the last several years I have been completely dismayed by the total lack of planning that I see manifested in the nature, size and location of development projects in this city. Residential and commercial mixed-use projects which neglect the need for public open space. An Expo Line whose right-of-way is certain to bifurcate the city and radically complicate traffic already burdened in Downtown. Seemingly random bike lanes striped on residential streets reducing the vehicular access and endangering both the bikers and the drivers.

Perhaps worst of all is the political cronyism of city officials, elected and appointed, who see no need to discuss and or heed the input of the many design professionals who call this city their home and who have often offered to provide their advice gratis to them. I have witnessed this firsthand, most recently as an applicant for membership on the reconstituted Santa Monica Pier Board.

We definitely are in need of a change before it is too late to save any semblance of the quality of life that this city once represented.

Samuel M. Tolkin
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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The United States of Amnesia

LAST NIGHT, AT THE AERO THEATRE THERE was a showing of a compelling and emotionally moving documentary on the remarkable life of Gore Vidal, "The United States of Amnesia." (A term Vidal coined.) I doubt the dashing Vidal drank Dos Equis beer but, after watching the documentary, he might have been "The Most Interesting Man in the World."

With a patrician manner and biting wit, Vidal was an essayist, novelist (25 books) screenwriter, playwright and social critic. He consistently lamented America's evolution from a republic to an empire and attacked decadence in the political ruling class to which he was born.

His overbearing father, Eugene, was an Olympic decathlete, captain of the West Point football team, and FDR's "Director of Air Commerce." (As seen in the film, Gore, age 10, flies a plane, saying dutifully to his father upon landing, "It was easier than riding a bike.")

His socialite mother, Nina Gore, was the daughter of U.S. Sen. Thomas Gore, who was blind from youth. Vidal spent much time in the Senate as his grandfather's personal page. Vidal's cousin is Al Gore; and Jackie Kennedy and he shared the same stepfather. (Other than that Vidal didn't know anybody.)

Actually he knew everybody. A remarkable variety of the most influential people in the world spent time with Vidal and Howard Austen, with whom he lived for 53 years, at his mountain top villa, which overlooked the Mediterranean in the Amalfi Coast village of Ravello, Italy. (The list includes Hillary Clinton, Mick Jagger, Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Sting, Leonard Bernstein, Rudolf Nureyev, Lauren Bacall, and Johnny Carson, to name but a few.)

An alcoholic, Nina didn't admire writers and thought less of homosexuals so, as Vidal grew up, their relationship was doomed. Vidal was once asked if he could change one thing is his life what would it be. "My mother," he quipped. "Whose mother would you have wanted?" the interviewer continued. "I'd have taken Whistler's mother," Vidal responded. (Curiously, Johnny Carson's mother was also affectionless and one wonders if he and Vidal bonded over that.)

My first vivid recollection of Vidal came during the tumultuous and nightmarish Democratic Convention in Chicago in 1968 at the height of the anti-Vietnam war movement. As portrayed in the film, Vidal, an outspoken opponent of the war, debated the hawkish William F. Buckley, who was pro-war, on ABC's convention coverage.

At one point the back and forth got so heated and personal that it very nearly turned into a brawl. Buckley made a reference to Nazis and Vidal said, "The only crypto-Nazi I can think of is yourself." Buckley came unglued. Despicably, he called Vidal a "queer," adding, "And I'll sock you in your God damned face." (A year later, on Buckley's "Firing Line" TV show, he threatened to "smash you in the face" to Noam Chomsky. That's OK, Groucho Marx once told Buckley, "You blush as much as a young girl.")

In looking back the Buckley-Vidal blowup sounds like intellectual WWE, but it was a memorable moment in a highly volatile and serious time in American history. Apparently, Paul Newman angrily confronted Buckley for "revealing someone's private life!" Vidal describes Newman's fury as something to behold.



Photo courtesy Amnesia; LLC

MAN OF CONVICTION: Vidal railed against corporatocracy, American empire and its wars.

Unfailingly outspoken, Vidal had feuds with Truman Capote and Norman Mailer, the latter, as in the documentary, on the Dick Cavett Show in 1971. I was watching that night when the well-lubricated Mailer seemingly bordered on violence. When Mailer attacked Cavett's "question sheet," Cavett suggested Mailer could "Fold it five ways and put it where the moon don't shine."

After his service in WWII, Vidal was a best-selling author at 21. But his career was nearly torpedoed by the "N.Y. Times" book critic Orville Prescott, who refused to review Vidal's books following his best-selling "The City and the Pillar" with its explicitly homosexual theme. (How embarrassing now for the Times.)

Vidal ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1960 from conservative Dutchess County, New York but did surprisingly well. After celebrated Broadway hits, "Visit to a Small Planet," and "The Best Man," and movies, "Suddenly Last Summer" and "Ben Hur," he settled in Rome to write the novel "Julian" (1964), a huge best-seller. "Washington, D.C." (1967), was the first of his seven-volume American historical series, written over the next 33 years. (Prodigious is to put it mildly.)

Vidal always stayed true to his political views. Even in Ravello's village issues he sided with the leftists. But with Howard Austen's death in 2003 and his own failing health, sadly, Vidal had to leave his beloved Ravello and return to Hollywood. (Vidal referred to this period as the "Cedar Sinai years.").

On July 31, 2012, the elegant and acerbic Gore died at age 86. He was buried next to Howard in their plot at the serene Rock Creek Cemetery. Vidal had described it as "The prettiest place in Washington, D.C." He would have known.

Directed by Nicholas D. Wrathall and produced by Theodore James, "The United States of Amnesia" (89 min.) will screen free at the Hammer Museum in Westwood, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m. as tickets are first come. Q&A with Jodie Evans, Vidal's longtime friend, follows the screening. The film will be in theaters in L.A. starting June 6 at the Nuart.

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1.2 million enroll in California health plans

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California's health exchange announced Thursday that enrollment in private insurance plans had exceeded 1.2 million by an initial deadline earlier this week, although officials acknowledged they have more work ahead to reduce the number of people who remain uninsured.

Researchers at the University of California at Berkeley's Center for Labor Research and Education projected there would still be between 3.7 million and 4.5 million uninsured after the initial enrollment period. The estimates include people living in California without legal permission and who therefore do not qualify for coverage under the federal Affordable Care Act.

They estimated that 5.4 million Californians were uninsured at some point in the year before the federal health care overhaul took effect.

"We do have something to celebrate, but it's really a starting line," Covered California Executive Director Peter Lee said in a call with reporters.

The state's preliminary figure of more than 1.2 million nearly met the Obama administration's original target of 1.3 million. Covered California has since extended the deadline for two weeks for applicants who say they attempted to start the process before midnight Monday but were thwarted by technical problems.

Exchange officials disputed the projection for California enrollment that the White House has been using all along, including this week when President Barack Obama hailed the 7.1 million enrollees nationwide. Instead, Lee said the state had set a lower bar, originally projecting 830,000 enrollees by the deadline.

Covered California serves as the main portal for finding individual health coverage in California. Monday was the initial deadline for people to access subsidized insurance in the private market, but lower-income people can apply year-round for Medicaid, the safety net program known as Medi-Cal in California.

Toby Douglas, director of the state's Department of Health Care Services, has estimated that more than 1.5 million people who initially sought insurance through the exchange have been determined to be likely eligible for Medi-Cal or were transitioned from other programs.

About half the states, including California, opted to expand Medicaid eligibility under the federal health care law.

Edison bosses sell $18M in stock after rate deal

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Two top executives at Edison International pocketed $17.7 million by selling company stock when it climbed to its highest price since 2007, after Edison reached a major settlement involving the defunct San Onofre nuclear power plant in Southern California, regulatory filings show.

On March 31, Chairman Ted Craver exercised stock options held since 2005 and made nearly $9.7 million after selling 172,644 shares for an average of $56 each, according to federal regulatory filings Wednesday.

On the same day, Chief Financial Officer James Scilacci sold 143,438 shares for an average of $56, totaling just over $8 million. He exercised options that were granted in 2005 and 2009.

On March 27, Edison, the majority owner of San Onofre, announced a proposed agreement with minority owner San Diego Gas & Electric Co. and consumer advocates to end a long-running dispute over who gets the bill for the shuttered nuclear plant, which was closed permanently last year.

If approved by state regulators, customers of the two utilities would get an estimated $1.4 billion in refunds and other savings.

Edison's share price climbed from $53.89 on March 27 to $56.61 on March 31, a gain of about 5 percent and the highest price since 2007.

The stock sales were reported, as required, to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Edison spokesman Charles Coleman declined to comment on the timing of the sales.

A company statement said Craver's stock options did not expire until 2015. He continues to hold 221,903 shares in a trust. Scilacci retains about 40,000 shares, most of it held indirectly in a retirement savings plan, the filings showed. The stock options he exercised last week did not expire until 2015 and 2019.

Edison closed the seaside plant for good in June but it hadn't produced electricity since January 2012, after a small radiation leak led to the discovery of extensive damage to tubing that carried radioactive water. The problems at San Onfore, located between Los Angeles and San Diego, centered on steam generators that were installed during a $670 million overhaul in 2009 and 2010.

After the plant was shut down, tests found some generator tubes were so badly eroded that they could fail and possibly release radiation, a stunning finding inside the nearly new equipment.

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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LOS ANGELES

West Coast lawmakers seek funding for quake alert

Two dozen U.S. lawmakers from California, Washington and Oregon are calling for funding of an earthquake warning system designed to give residents a few seconds of notice of imminent shaking after a quake occurs.

An alert system exists in Japan, Mexico and several other quake-prone countries.

The West Coast representatives sent a letter Thursday to the Appropriations Committee calling for $16 million a year to build, operate and maintain an alert system.

The move comes days after a magnitude-5.1 quake rattled the greater Los Angeles region. The shaking caused scattered damage, but no serious injuries.

The U.S. Geological Survey has partnered with three universities to test a prototype warning system. The system can't predict earthquakes and people at the epicenter won't get any warning, but those farther away could benefit.

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VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.

U.S. defense weather satellite launched

A U.S. military weather satellite was successfully launched into orbit early Thursday, the Air Force said.

A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket carrying the 19th Defense Meteorological Satellite Program spacecraft blasted off at 7:46 a.m. PDT and quickly rose into the cold, clear sky above the launch site on the Pacific coast about 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

About 18 minutes later, the satellite successfully separated from the upper-stage rocket.

The satellite will circle the Earth in a polar orbit at an altitude of about 525 miles (847 kilometers).

The satellite, with two primary sensors provided by Northrop Grumman Corp., was built by Lockheed Martin Corp. The company said signals from the satellite were confirmed shortly after launch.

The satellite had been waiting to be boosted into space since the 1990s because its predecessors lasted longer than expected. During the interim it received technology upgrades. The last launch in the program was in October 2009.

DMSP satellites have been the primary provider of terrestrial and space weather information to the U.S. military for 50 years, the Air Force said.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Marshals take custody of Brown for Washington case

Chris Brown has been taken into custody by U.S. marshals and will be transported to Washington, D.C., for an upcoming misdemeanor assault trial, an official said Thursday.

Brown, 24, was turned over to marshals Wednesday at a Los Angeles jail, marshals' spokeswoman Laura Vega said. She declined to say when the Grammy winner would be sent to Washington.

The singer and his bodyguard are accused of hitting a man outside a Washington hotel in October.

Brown remains under court supervision in Los Angeles for a felony assault case filed after his 2009 attack on then-girlfriend Rihanna.

He has been held without bail in the city since mid-March, when he was discharged from court-ordered rehab for violating the rules of the facility.

He could not be moved to Washington until federal prosecutors — who handle all serious criminal cases in the nation's capital — obtained a court order there.

The order authorized the transfer of Brown by federal marshals for the trial set to begin later this month.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James R. Brandlin ruled Thursday that having Brown go on trial in Washington was the most efficient way to handle his legal troubles,

"It is the most expeditious and convenient method for all parties," Brandlin wrote in his ruling.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos had been trying to block Brown's transfer in the custody of marshals, arguing it would deprive him of a chance to properly prepare for the trial.

Brandlin rejected that argument and canceled a hearing scheduled for Thursday on the motion by Geragos, who wrote in an email that the Marshals Service took Brown into custody just hours after the lawyer filed the motion.

Geragos has sought the dismissal of the misdemeanor assault case, and a hearing on that request is scheduled for Monday in Washington.

If convicted in the Washington case, Brown could face additional penalties, including time behind bars, under the terms of a court order in the Rihanna case.

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SACRAMENTO

Assembly Democrats denounce government outsourcing

A Democratic resolution denouncing outsourcing of government functions to private contractors has passed the Assembly after prompting a spirited partisan debate about the role of government.

The nonbinding resolution by Democratic Assemblyman Jimmy Gomez of Los Angeles passed the Assembly 42-22 Thursday.

Acting at the urging of public employee unions, Democrats say government contractors pay low wages and shroud the spending of taxpayer money in secrecy. Republican lawmakers say the ideas behind the resolution, HR29, undermine competition and encourage government waste.

The resolution is sponsored by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and is backed by other unions.

The League of California Cities and other opponents say it commits lawmakers to votes on other bills relating to contracting. The resolution says anti-outsourcing legislation will be introduced.

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CRIME WATCH

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Trio arrested with lots of pot

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, AT 9:35 P.M.,

Santa Monica Police officers traveling on Lincoln Boulevard saw a driver make an unsafe lane change, causing another driver to brake suddenly. Officers pulled the driver over and noticed in the back seat a large package of marijuana. The seatback was down and officers could see into the trunk where they said there were more packages containing the drug. Police pulled the vehicle's three occupants out and had a K-9 confirm the presence of marijuana. The driver and passengers allegedly admitted they just purchased the pot from someone in a truck. The driver said he was heading home, but couldn't find the on-ramp to Interstate 10. All three suspects were arrested, the vehicle was impounded and the drugs confiscated. The suspects were identified as Ricardo Gonzalez, 49, of Encino, Calif.; Doan Meshell Engel, 41, of Encino, Calif.; and Tamra Joan Hathaway, 48, of St. Paul, Minn. Bail was set at $100,000 for each suspect.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, AT 11 P.M.,

Officers were investigating a hit-and-run traffic collision at the corner of Fifth Street and Wilshire Boulevard when they saw two women, one of whom was stumbling. Officers stopped them for questioning and felt one was drunk. Concerned for their safety, an officer called for a taxi to pick them up and take them home. As they were waiting for the cab, however, officers working the Third Street Promenade broadcasted over the radio a report of two women who allegedly left the Monsoon restaurant without paying their bill. The description of the suspects matched the two women waiting for the cab. Officers continued questioning them. The one who was allegedly drunk became agitated, clenched her fist and began kicking officers, police said. She also pulled an officer's hair. She was eventually handcuffed and booked for assault, being drunk in public and resisting arrest. She was identified as Clene Evonne Clark, 31, of Valley Village, Calif. Her bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, AT 4:25 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue — Bloomingdale's — regarding a report of embezzlement. When officers arrived, they spoke with store security who said two employees were under investigation for purchasing high-priced items and then issuing returns to their credit cards without actually giving the merchandise back. The estimated loss was $140,000. Both suspects were taken into custody and booked for conspiracy. They were identified as Jason Mercer, 30, and Maria Elena Quiros, 49; both from Pacific Palisades. No bail information was provided by police.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, AT 1:35 P.M.,

Officers spotted a suspicious man driving in and out of several parking structures in Downtown at a high rate of speed. They saw the man allegedly make an unsafe lane change as he turned onto the eastbound Interstate 10 on-ramp. Officers conducted a traffic stop and learned that the driver did not have a valid license. He then dropped a screwdriver out of a bag he had with him while reaching for his ID card. Officers determined that the suspect was on probation and searched the car. During their search, officers said they found an envelope that contained roughly 150 concert tickets. The tickets were reported stolen from a car parked in one of the Downtown structures. The driver was taken into custody for burglary, receiving stolen property, driving with a suspended license and a probation violation. He was identified as Dominique Jason Phillips, 24, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, AT 5:50 P.M.,

Officers and a park ranger went to Douglas Park, located at 2439 Wilshire Blvd., to investigate a report of vandalism. When they arrived they spoke with witnesses who said the suspect shattered one of the windows of a city-owned building at the park. Officers spotted the suspect a short distance away and detained him. The suspect said he was upset that his friend did not get into a rehab center so he punched the window, which cut his hand. After taking him into custody for vandalism, officers searched him and said they found .04 grams of methamphetamine in one of his pockets. The suspect was booked for vandalism and drug possession. He was identified as Daniel Hammell, 53, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,571.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, AT 2:45 P.M.,

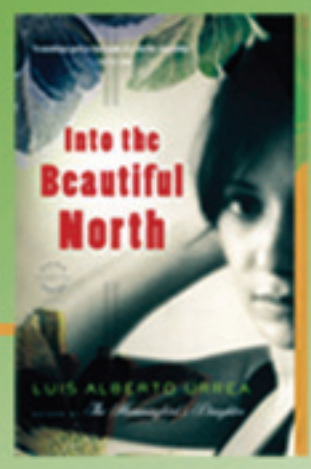
An officer on bike patrol responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade regarding an assault. Witnesses told the officer that the suspect kicked and then pushed a Downtown ambassador. The suspect was located a short time later at the corner of Ocean and California avenues and placed under arrest for assault. While in custody the man allegedly admitted to the crime, saying he attacked the ambassador because his walkie-talkie was making too much noise and interrupting the music he was playing on his guitar. The suspect was identified as Anthony Vito Iovino, 47, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $20,000.

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TAX
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been unsuccessful," finance officials explained in a release. "Businesses are also notified that they will be included on the list, providing a final opportunity to resolve the matter and avoid being placed on the list."

There were 18 companies that made the cut and the Daily Press attempted to reach every one.

Quinn Studios, a production and post-production company on Ocean Park Boulevard whose website boasts work on films like "Twilight" and "Transformers" was on the list.

The company President Valentina Castellani was livid in her response to the Daily Press.

"We are totally fine," she said. "We will pay our business tax."

As of last check with City Hall the payment had not come in.

Several groups including marketing company Lightdale LLC, real estate management company Prelos Incorporated, technology company RackElastic Inc, and Elizabeth Gibbons LCSW, had telephone lines that were dead or e-mail addresses that bounced.

"We make multiple attempts to contact them and if the letters don't get returned, we presume that they're operating," said Salvador Valles. "If we have any doubts at all that they're operating we won't put them on the list. Not to say that we don't make mistakes, we are human."

Businesses that have closed are still responsible for taxes due during periods when they were operating. City Hall contracts with a collection agency, Valles said, and even if the company has closed the collection agency will find the owners and try to secure payment.

Messages and e-mails were left for balloon delivery service Balloon Celebrations, iPhone case maker Doria International Inc, Law Office of Max Gorby, Palisades Investment Partners LLC, Pico Barber Shop #2, and hairstylist Jennifer Wheale.

NALA Investments declined to comment for this story.

A representative from Intent Productions US Inc, a party planning service, said he was not aware that he was delinquent and that he'd "take care of that."

Attorney Nicholas Spirtos said that he hasn't been practicing in Santa Monica for over four years. He did keep an address after he'd left the city, he said.

Valles said they were under the impression he is still operating in Santa Monica because on his website Spirtos calls himself a Santa Monica attorney and lists his address in the city.

"If the case is that he no longer operates here, all he has to do is provide proof of that and we'll take him off the list," Valles said.

A representative from RSF LA, a commercial real estate brokerage, said that there was some issue that was under dispute but could not elaborate. Calls to founder Michael Preiss were not returned by press time.

Gaby Alban of Conexion Inc, a marketing firm that specializes in the Latino market, said that a series of medical issues left her strapped for time to pay the taxes. Additionally, in the past they've been confused with another company of a very similar name and she was waiting to make sure that they were taxing the correct Conexion.

Alban broke her back in May of last year. It isn't even that she doesn't have the money, she said, it's just that after dozens of visits to the doctor it fell by the wayside.

Alban has every intent of paying the tax, she said. She attempted to pay City Hall by press time but, she said, they needed some more information which she will attempt to have to them by Monday.

"I do not take this delinquency lightly and I will do everything in my power to (get the info by Monday to bring) our company back into good standing in the Santa Monica business community ASAP," she wrote in an e-mail.

Two companies, Strome Investment Management and Clouds, a home decor company, were included on the list but have since submitted payments, Valles said.

Those who pay up will be removed from the list within five business days.

"We're doing this because we want an equitable situation," Valles said. "If 'Company A' pays taxes it's only fair that 'Company B' pays its taxes as well."

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ELECTION
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der and disability in the workplace and sexual orientation in education.

Hertzberg's endorsement of Shriver could prove to be critical as he tries to make inroads into the San Fernando Valley, which will be a key to victory for any candidate in the race for the Third District, which encompasses the communities of Malibu, Santa Monica, Brentwood, West Hollywood, Northridge and Agoura Hills. Hertzberg, who is running for State Senate, represented the area for six years in the Assembly.

Both Shriver and Kuehl are from Santa Monica and have strong name recognition on the Westside. Kuehl recently earned the support of L.A. City Councilman Bob Blumenfield, who represents the valley.

"I am supporting Bobby Shriver because he will be a tireless advocate for the San Fernando Valley," said Hertzberg. "I know Bobby will make sure the valley gets its fair share from L.A. County and I look forward to working with him in the years to come."

Shriver also secured the endorsement of the L.A. County Young Democrats and the L.A. JOBS Political Action Committee, sponsored by the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce because of his background in business and finance. Shriver co-founded (RED) an organization that partners with the private sector and has raised over $240 million to fight poverty and disease.

The primary election is scheduled for June 3. Other candidates running include West Hollywood City Councilman John Duran and former Malibu Mayor Pamela Conley Ulich

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WORKING IT: Virgin Produced is among the businesses impacted by noise related to construction of the Expo Light Rail Line along Colorado Avenue. So far, they say it isn't a bother.

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Samantha Bricker, chief operating officer of the Exposition Construction Authority, said that they've had no reported noise issues from neighbors of the first phase of the project, which has been up and running from Downtown Los Angeles to Culver City since June of 2012.

Expo did extensive sound testing on the IMAX property, Bricker said.

They're working hard, she said, using all kinds of tools to prevent noise from disturbing those working or living along the second phase of the line.

The company in charge of determining environmental impacts performs noise tests along the line, she said. When the construction is complete they'll compare the average ambient sound on each property with the sound of the train to make sure the neighborhood isn't getting louder.

Along Colorado Avenue, where the train will run in the middle of the street, the noise will be less dramatic than it is for homes and businesses (like IMAX) that are right next to the tracks, she said.

"Noise from the train comes at the wheel level," she said. "It's electric so it's not like a train that's carrying a whole lot of weight. It's almost like a car going along with the traffic. For some of those businesses it will sound like the noise of cars going along Colorado."

Virgin Produced, the entertainment arm of billionaire Richard Branson's Virgin Group, recently moved to Colorado Avenue but company officials haven't been bothered by construction noise.

"The Expo Authority and the contractor seem to be working closely with our neighbors to address any concerns," said CEO Jason Felts. "We expected disruption during construction, but we are a brand built on innovation and disruption so it suits us just fine. We can't wait to have the light rail outside our door."

The Writers Junction, a shared workspace for Los Angeles writers, was there before the work started.

"Quiet is a very important part of the space but we and the members understand," Jacqueline Fauni, program coordinator, said of the construction. "There have been those days when it's been particularly loud and we've just learned to deal with it."

As for the train, they are equally unconcerned.

"I hadn't thought of it until now but we don't really have plans to move," she said. "We're hoping for the best."

Expo is trying to make it the best, Bricker said. They use sound walls, which block noises, and other things with fun names like ballast mats and floating slabs.

A ballast mat is a rubber mat that goes between the ground and the tracks. It dampers low and moderate noise and vibrations anticipated from the trains, Bricker said.

With floating slabs, the concrete on which the tracks are fixed is supported by rubber mats or springs. This provides noise and vibration damping.

The first phase of the construction, which runs next to schools and on bridges, used a lot of sound walls.

As the process goes on they've been adding each tool when necessary. Just last month they asked for another floating slab to be added to the project.

"It's not one-size-fits-all," Bricker said.

They've worked with several post-production companies along the coming train line, she said, and haven't heard many complaints.

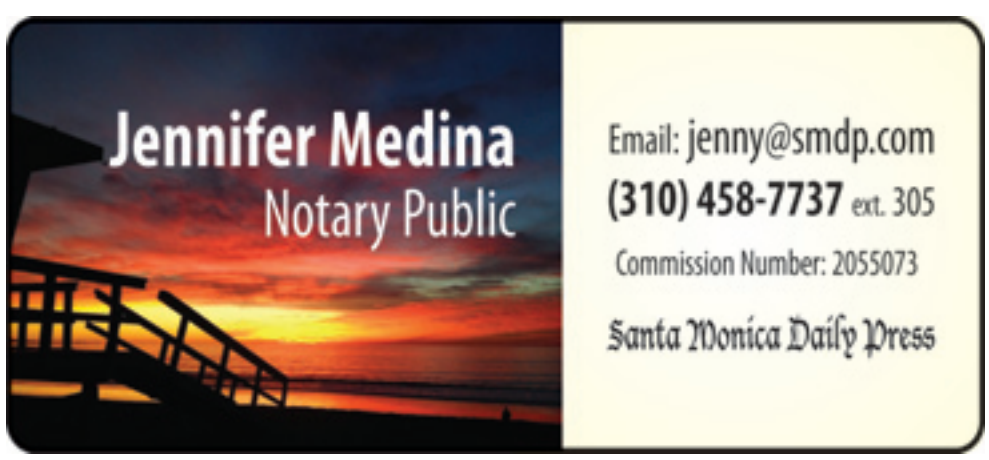
As for construction, Bricker said that the work is on-schedule to be finished by the end of next year.

"Construction is painful," she said. "(City Hall) wants us to work during the day to avoid complaints from residents about night work. But that's harder for businesses. It's a tradeoff. Santa Monica has worked very well with us. The community has been great."

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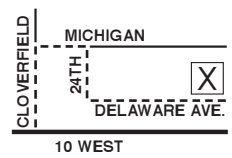


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RENTS
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That bodes well for building owners and their investors. Yet the landlord-friendly trends will likely further strain the finances of many renters.

A 6 percent rise in apartment rents between 2000 and 2012 has been exacerbated by a 13 percent drop in income among renters nationally over the same period, according to a report from Apartment List, a rental housing website, which used inflation-adjusted figures.

"That's what we call the affordability gap," says John Kobs, Apartment List's chief executive. "I don't see that improving in the near future."

Demand for rental housing has grown as the U.S. economy has strengthened since the end of the Great Recession nearly five years ago. Steady job growth has made it possible for more people to move out on their own and rent their own apartments. Yet rising home prices are preventing many from buying.

A combination of rising rents and sluggish pay gains will likely continue to weigh on the U.S. economy, which relies primarily on consumer spending.

The trend is straining the finances of tenants like Michael Strane.

The geologist recently decided to move from Pasadena, Calif., to the L.A. suburb of Whittier, where asking rents jumped an average of nearly 14 percent last year, according to real estate data provider Zillow.

The location of Strane's new apartment cut his two-hour commute to work in half. But he'll be paying $1,045 a month, $200 more than he paid before.

"I'm actually paying more than I really feel comfortable paying right now," says Strane, 39.

RENTAL BOOM

Rental demand has risen in much of the United States since the housing market collapsed in 2007. A cascade of foreclosures forced many people out of their homes and into apartment leases. At the same time, construction of apartments was stalled until the last couple of years because many builders couldn't get loans during the credit crisis.

Add to that several recent trends, from rising mortgage rates to stagnant pay, which have combined to discourage many people from buying homes. It's resulted in fewer places to lease and a bump up in rents.

The national vacancy rate for apartments shrank from 8 percent to 4.1 percent from 2009 to 2013, according to commercial real estate data provider Reis Inc.

As a result, landlords were able to raise rents in many markets. The average national effective rent rose 12 percent to $1,083 during those years, according to Reis, which tracked data for apartments in buildings with 40 units or more. Effective rent is what a tenant pays after factoring in landlord concessions, such as a free month at move-in.

Over the same period, the median price of an existing U.S. home has risen about 14 percent, according to data from the National Association of Realtors.

Among major U.S. markets, rents rose the most in Seattle in 2013, up 7.1 percent from the year before, according to Reis. The second-biggest increase, 5.6 percent, was in San Francisco. Nationwide, effective rent rose 3.2 percent last year compared with 2012. Rents rose even as the nation added about 127,000 apartments, the most since 2009, according to Reis. The addition of those apartments hasn't been enough to absorb the surging demand for rentals.

The Picerne Group is among the apartment complex owners with buildings under construction. The company, which owns properties in California, Arizona, Nevada and Colorado, expects to break ground soon on luxury rental buildings in the Southern California cities of Cerritos and Ontario. The buildings, which have nearly 500 units combined, are due to open next year, says Brad Perozzi, managing director of the company, based in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

"We definitely see demand improving, especially the younger demographic coming out of college and being in their prime renter years," Perozzi says. "Even though the single-family home market is coming back, it's still somewhat cumbersome to obtain a mortgage and come up with a down payment."

Jaswinder Bolina knows something about that.

An assistant professor of English at a the University of Miami, Bolina couldn't afford to pay the roughly $2,000 rent for his two-bedroom, two-bath apartment in an upscale area of Miami and still save enough money for a 20 percent down payment on a condo.

Ultimately, his parents pitched in, helping him buy a $340,000 condo that he expects to close on in May.

"It could have taken me 10 years to save enough for a down payment because property values have rebounded out here to the point where I'm priced out of the market," Bolina says.

CHASING LOWER RENTS

Rising rents in San Francisco compelled Marc Caswell to move to Los Angeles in September. He and his girlfriend couldn't get past the cost of renting a two-bedroom apartment in the San Francisco Bay area, where such housing listed recently on Zillow.com for an average asking rent of $4,100 — more than double what the couple hoped to pay.

"In a year or two, there would have been no money put away," says Caswell, who works for an environmental nonprofit.

The couple, who earn a combined salary of about $120,000, now pay $2,000 a month for a two-bedroom apartment in Los Angeles, the 12th-most-expensive rental market last year.

Even with more buildings under construction, rising demand will push rents up in many markets. Reis expects a stronger job market to enable more people to start renting their own places instead of living with roommates or parents. As a result, the firm predicts that effective apartment rents will increase 3.3 percent this year to an average of $1,118 nationally.

GOOD FOR INVESTORS

Higher demand and rising rents, unwelcome as they are for tenants, will produce more income for owners such as apartment REITS. These real estate investment trusts operate buildings they acquire or build.

Steadfast Income REIT, based in Irvine, Calif., is counting on rental growth and demand to continue rising in Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, Oklahoma and the seven other states where it's invested $1.6 billion to buy buildings with a total of about 16,000 units.

The company has avoided coastal markets, where apartment buildings for sale tend to command high prices, making it harder to turn a profit without charging rents that could price out many tenants. Steadfast likes to buy buildings where it can make money while serving tenants who earn between $45,000 and $75,000. On average, it charges $950 in rent, says Ella Neyland, Steadfast's president.

Steadfast has 40 percent of its holdings in Texas, where an energy boom is creating jobs faster than the national average. Those jobs are luring people to cities like San Antonio and Houston and driving up demand for rentals.

"Every single day I have some apartment home in my portfolio that's up for renewal," Neyland says. "As the market improves, I increase the rents."

U.S. stocks slip, but hold close to an all-time high

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK The stock market held close to its all-time high on Thursday amid optimism that the economy is set to strengthen.

Stocks are on course for their best weekly gain in seven weeks after investors got more encouraging news on the economy. A survey showed that U.S. service firms increased their business more quickly last month as new orders rose. Separate reports earlier in the week had shown manufacturing strengthening, hiring picking up, and sales of cars and trucks rising.

The news came ahead of the government's monthly jobs report, which will be published Friday. Investors expect to see a strong pickup in hiring. Economists are forecasting that the U.S. economy added 200,000 jobs in March, according to FactSet. That would be the biggest gain in hiring since November.

"If you have a decent economy, a modestly growing economy, that's supportive of corporate earnings and stocks can continue to benefit from that," said John Fox, director of research at Fenimore Asset Management.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.13 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,888.77. The index closed at an all-time high of 1,890 a day earlier after rising for four straight days. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 0.45 point, or less than 0.1 percent, to 16,572.55. The Nasdaq composite fell 38.72 points, or 0.9 percent, to 4,237.74.

Stocks started the day higher after getting a lift from a report on the U.S. service sector, a broad category of businesses that includes banks, transportation and construction.

The Institute for Supply Management's non-manufacturing index rose to 53.1 in March, up from 51.6 in February, indicating that growth in the service sector is picking up. The survey also showed hiring picking up.

However, by midmorning stocks started to drift lower. Investors seemed unwilling to place big bets on the market before Friday's key jobs report.

"Going into the employment report, a lot of people aren't anxious to open new positions," said J.J. Kinahan, chief strategist with TD Ameritrade. "They don't want to be taken by surprise."

Barnes & Noble was among the day's big losers.

The stock fell $2.99, or 13.5 percent, to $19.12 after Liberty Media said it was cutting its stake in the company. Liberty Media, the investment company controlled by billionaire John Malone, gave Barnes & Noble a lifeline in 2011 when it bought a 17 percent stake in the company.

Biotechnology stocks also fell.

After surging at the start of the year, biotech stocks have become volatile amid concerns about the cost of the drugs that they're developing. The S&P's index of biotechnology stocks fell 1.6 percent, paring its gains for the year to about 1.2 percent. The index had been up as much as 13 percent by the end of February.

Google's stock split took effect Thursday.

The technology company's new Class C non-voting shares rose $2.74, or 0.5 percent, to $569.74. Its Class A shares, which retained voting rights, rose $3.40, or 0.6 percent, to $571.50. The Class A shares, which have been traded since the company went public nearly a decade ago, now trade under the ticker symbol "GOOGL." The Class C shares inherited the "GOOG" ticker symbol.

In government bond trading, bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.79 percent from 2.80 percent on Wednesday. The price of oil rose 67 cents, or 0.7 percent, to $100.29 a barrel. Gold fell $6.20, or 0.5 percent, to $1,284.60 an ounce

Among other stocks making big moves:

— Anadarko Petroleum jumped $12.55, or 14.5 percent, to $99.02 after the company announced that it had reached a $5.15 billion deal to settle claims arising from the 2009 bankruptcy of paints materials maker Tronox. A U.S. bankruptcy court judge said in December that Anadarko Petroleum may be liable for between $5 billion and more than $14 billion in the legal battle.







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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **56.5°**

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Leftover WNW swell; small SSW swell

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Long period SW swell slowly fills in an top of old SSW swell

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Long period SW fills in some more; Minimal NW energy

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Modest SW swell continues; long period NW swell fills in but mainly passes by

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 26, 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 -- 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 Alisa 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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Dodgers finally back home in first place

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES After opening the season in Australia and San Diego, the Dodgers are finally coming home.

They host the rival San Francisco Giants on Friday, when Hyun-Jin Ryu will make his third start in five games. He replaces scheduled starter Clayton Kershaw, who's on the disabled list for the first time in his career with a strained muscle and is likely to be sidelined for a month or longer.

Los Angeles fans attending the sold out game will get their first up-close look at baseball's highest-paid team, with the Dodgers' $234 million payroll moving them ahead of the second-place New York Yankees.

"The guys are ready to go out there and show them that we can play," second baseman Dee Gordon said. "Big rivals, LA crowd, and I'm happy. It's going to be good."

The Dodgers are coming home leading the NL West with a 4-1 record. The Giants are in second place at 2-1 and will start Ryan Vogelsong.

The Dodgers have been all over the place since leaving spring training in Arizona.

They opened the season last month in Sydney, where they won two games against the Arizona Diamondbacks. Five days after returning home, they played the three-game Freeway Series exhibition against the Angels. Last Sunday, they opened the North American schedule with a loss at San Diego. After taking Monday off, they finished the series with two wins over the Padres before taking Thursday off.

First baseman Adrian Gonzalez said the players were thrown off a bit by all the travel.

"It's just getting your body adjusted again and getting your sleep pattern right. There's definitely a sense of fighting yourself a little bit," he said. "That's why it's so awesome to come back with two victories. You definitely need that adjustment period back."

Dodgers slugger Matt Kemp is expected to make his season debut after rehabbing from left ankle and shoulder operations. He's eager to return after being limited to 279 games over the last two seasons because of injuries.

Kemp will need time to regain his hitting touch, but his presence could bolster an offense that has struggled out of the gate. Andre Ethier, Gonzalez and Hanley Ramirez are a combined 8 for 55 (.145), and yet the team has won four out of five.

Kemp's return makes things interesting for manager Don Mattingly, who will juggle playing time for outfielders Kemp, Carl Crawford, Ethier and Yasiel Puig. The Cuban defector, runner-up last year for rookie of the year, is hitting .250 to start his first full season in the majors.

Reliever Brian Wilson has joined Kershaw on the DL with nerve irritation in his right elbow, the same one he's had two Tommy John surgeries on. That leaves Mattingly in need of someone else to pitch the eighth as the setup man for closer Kenley Jansen.

While the Dodgers' offense has yet to fully come alive, their starting pitching has been strong. Free agent acquisition Dan Haren beat the Padres 5-1 on Wednesday in his first start. In five games, the rotation has a combined 0.91 ERA, with 30 strikeouts and seven walks.

"It's nice winning four of five games, and we haven't had a home game yet," Haren said. "I've only been in the Dodgers' clubhouse for two days, really, so it will be nice having a homestand. We've had so many off days and the schedule is crazy. The home opener should be fun, exciting, too."

Dodger fans that aren't at Friday's opener may have a hard time seeing the game. The team's new SportsNetLA TV channel is available in just 30 percent of Los Angeles homes, and those who don't have Time Warner can't get it unless their cable provider has agreed to pay to carry the games.

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The Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call — New Orleans (R) 2hrs 2min
Birdy (R) 2hrs
7:30pm
Discussion between films with director Werner Herzog and actor Nicolas Cage.

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

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) 1hr 30min
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Sabotage (R) 1hr 49min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Divergent (PG-13) 2hr 19min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

Bad Words (R) 1hr 29min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
10:40am, 11:40am, 1:40pm, 2:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 8:30pm, 11:00pm

Captain America: The Winter Soldier in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
9:45am, 12:50pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Noah (PG-13) 2hrs 18min
11:00am, 12:45pm, 4:10pm, 7:25pm, 10:50pm

300: Rise of an Empire 3D (R) 1hr 42min
5:30pm, 11:30pm

Divergent (PG-13) 2hr 19min
9:45am, 1:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:55pm, 11:05pm

Muppets Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Grand Budapest Hotel (R) 1hr 40min
10:00am, 2:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

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

Le Week-end (R) 1hr 33min
4:30pm

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

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

TIME TO FROLIC TONIGHT, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Return calls and make important decisions that surround your plans. Someone you look up to could cause a problem. Realize what is happening: The other party feels threatened and does not want to be dominated. Listen carefully to a suggestion. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A lot has been happening, and you keep gaining new insights. Use some of your intuitive ability with your interactions. Listen to feedback that is heading in your direction, and focus on the risks of taking action. You will make an excellent decision if you do. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You're likely to attract someone who has a different point of view and a creative, unique approach. Go along with this person's suggestion. You have thought so much about a project that you easily could be blindsided and not see the obvious. Tonight: Start the weekend in style.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Know when to kick back and not push so hard. A partner and/or an associate could become unusually controlling. You know when to say "enough." Recognize your limits, and let others clearly know your boundaries. Tonight: Make it private.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have an opportunity to make a popular decision. Do not hesitate, and move forward. Keep others posted -- that is, if you want to continue this kind of support and interaction. You are more direct and fiery than you realize. Tonight: Go with tradition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Pressure seems to build quickly, and it could put you in an uncomfortable situation. Be aware of what others think, especially someone you need to answer to. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Confirm plans. You might need to make a long-distance call or two. Someone might not be as responsive as you would like. Is this a pattern? You might want to resolve the issue or perhaps make an adjustment to your plans. Tonight: Opt for something new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ A partner might be demanding, as he or she seems to need a lot from you. It's up to you to decide whether this is manipulation. Express your irritation without upsetting the applecart. Tonight: A close encounter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others do whatever they need to do to get your attention. You could be shocked by what goes on. Be careful with your funds, as someone you deal with might not be on the up and up. Tonight: So many invitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Pace yourself, and establish some much-needed boundaries. What you do with a situation could impress others. Realize that you don't need to start a disagreement -- you just need to support yourself in what you want. Be sensitive to the alternatives. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Be playful and forthright in what you do. Somehow, you will need to open up to the lighter side of life. You hear so many problems from so many people that you could start to feel down. Listen to what someone is sharing with you. Tonight: Time to frolic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You'll want to accomplish more; however, a loved one could be very distracting. Listen to news with an open mind and a more caring attitude. Do not fall prey to someone's manipulation. Honor a change. Tonight: Say "yes" to being out and about.

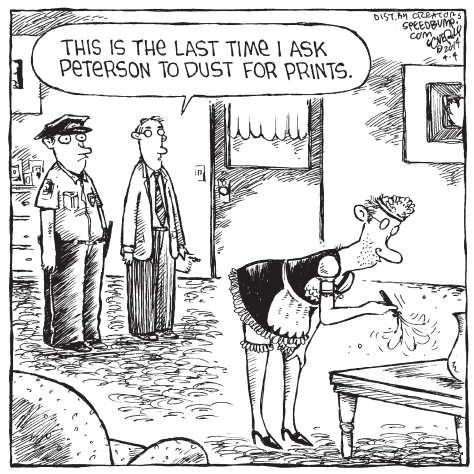
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you are full of surprises. You will receive your fair share of them, too. Sometimes you feel as though a friend, relative or boss expects you to respond to him or her at the drop of a hat. You could feel manipulated as a result. Try working through this issue together. If you are single, you could attract someone who is a lot like you. Being too similar could become irritating, though, and as a result, you might decide to move on. If you are attached, you often find your sweetie putting on war paint. Learn to air out problems when they begin, and both of you will be happier. GEMINI makes you laugh.

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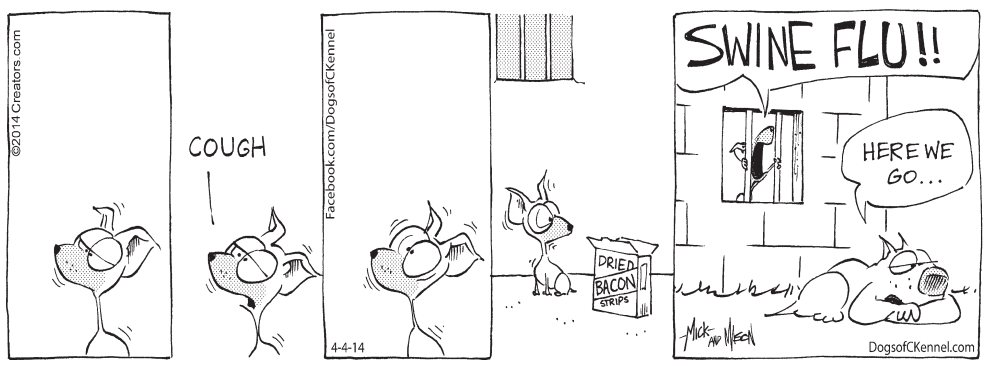
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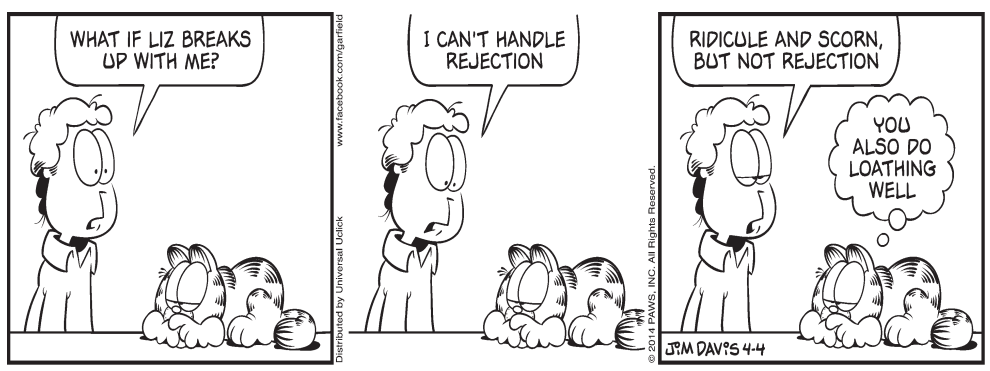
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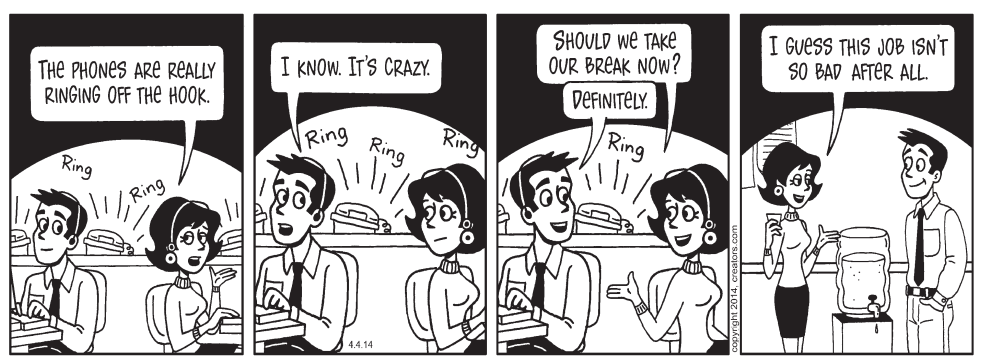
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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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

1	2	7	9	8	6	5	4	3
6	3	4	1	7	5	2	8	9
5	8	9	4	3	2	6	7	1
9	7	2	3	6	4	1	5	8
4	6	3	8	5	1	9	2	7
8	1	5	7	2	9	3	6	4
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7	4	6	5	9	3	8	1	2
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 T-shirt choice
6 Floats on the breeze
11 Football's Long
12 Knucklehead
13 Skilled
14 "M" star
15 Scottish river
16 Blue
18 Shoebox letters
19 Caribou's cousin
20 Flamenco cry
21 Stole stuff
22 Roil
24 Chamois' home
25 In particular
27 Lowly chessman
29 Senate victim
32 French friend
33 Spoil
34 One, for Juan
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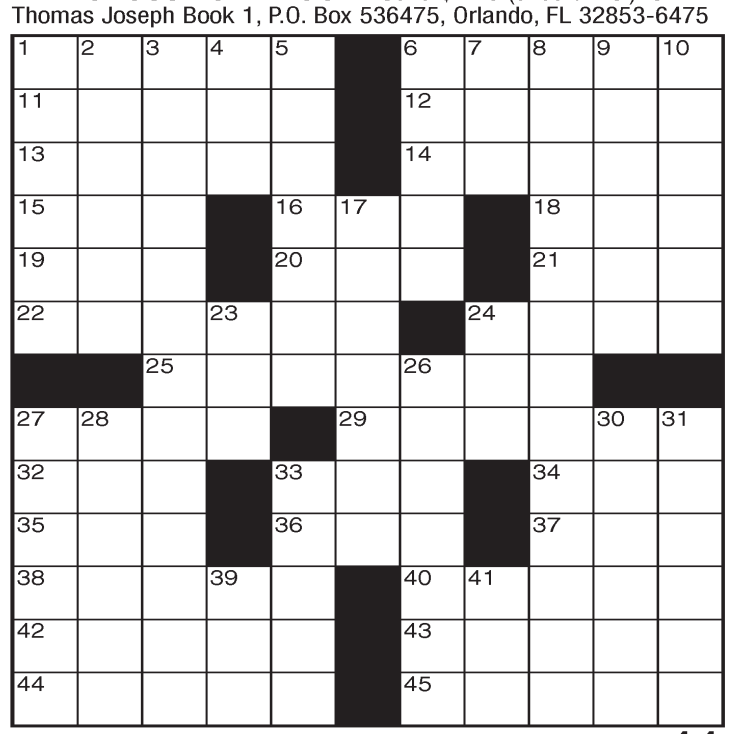
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1 Some eyewear
2 Early Ford
3 Maeve Binchy book
4 Gloss spot
5 Releases
6 Dorian Gray's creator
7 Hoopla
8 Maeve Binchy book
9 Reduced to shreds
10 Takes the helm
17 Llamas' cousins
23 Director Howard
24 Saloon supply
26 Speaks to brusquely
27 Picked up stealthily
28 One-celled creature
30 Sprinkle with oil
31 Perches
33 Fountain orders
39 Verb for you
41 Conceit

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/1
10 23 68 74 75
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: $30M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 4/2
7 8 23 37 42
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: $44M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/3
5 7 10 12 27

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/3
MIDDAY: 0 2 8
EVENING: 8 3 0

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 4/3
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In 2010, News of the Weird reported on the enthusiastically obese Donna Simpson, who ate meals in front of her webcam so that "chub chasers" could watch her (pay-per-view) growing larger before their eyes. Now comes a South Korean, Ms. Park Seo-yeon, 34, not at all overweight, also on pay-per-view, breaking bread with friend-challenged people desperate to avoid eating alone, however forced the circumstances. Reuters reported that Park's "gastronomic voyeurism" earns her, some months, the equivalent of more than $9,000 for her series of two-to-three-hour meals, featuring real-time chatting.

■ Among the websites whose stunning visual sophistication lies in stark contrast to their marginal importance in the world is "Carpets for Airports," apparently still the go-to site for viewing and judging air terminal floor coverings around the world. Singapore's carpet consists of an indescribably erratic, "psychologically terrifying" design, while Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport's is "muted" and "calming" -- appropriate for the nervous traveler about to experience an Andes mountains take-off. The least ambitious of all, so far, is Denver's "featureless" non-pattern -- settled on in 2001 after religious fundamentalists objected to the evolution-enabled images on its original carpeting.

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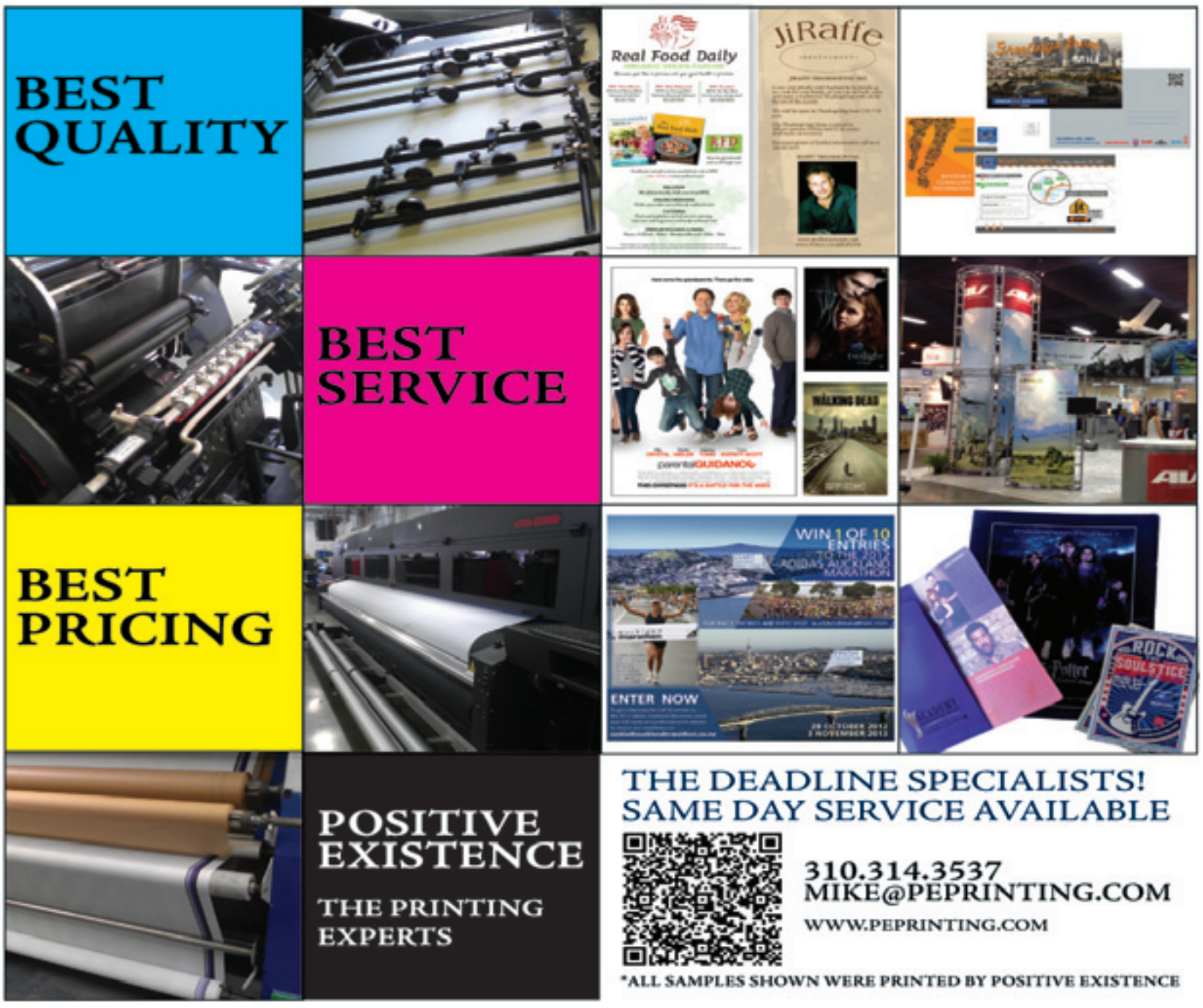
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