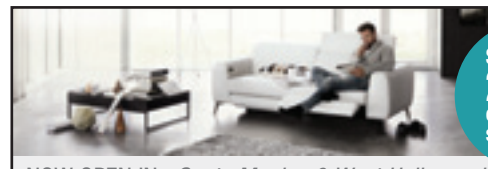
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THE VICTORY LAP ISSUE

District studies following kid intuition

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS A 4-year-old boy is picking up purple puff balls and slamming them down on his paper. He shifts them around in a way that seems completely erratic. Then he draws circles around them and counts all five.

There's madness to his method but — when this method is guided by teachers rather than squashed — he's able to solve problems.

The boy — featured in a clip shown at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education meeting Thursday — is one of many pre-schoolers excelling through a process called cognitively guided instruction, UCLA professor and Santa Monica resident Dr. Megan Franke said.

Students at the end of kindergarten and first grade can actually solve fewer problems than when they started the year, she said.

"[C]hildren actually have an amazing set of intuitive notions about how to solve problems," Franke said. "When they come to school they learn really quickly that there's only one way to solve problems."

The kids end up abandoning their innate and informal strategies and trying to memorize everything, she said. It leads to good

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Local expert on trash says search for mystery plane tough

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

INDIAN OCEAN Officials believe they're narrowing down the search for the debris from missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, but all they've found is trash.

Santa Monica resident Marcus Eriksen has sailed through the area and he's not surprised

The plane went missing on March 8 triggering an international search for the passengers and an explanation. Authorities believe the flight crashed into the southern Indian Ocean.

Eriksen has sailed through all five of the world's gyres — large rotating ocean currents — and seen the massive trash patches they draw in, including the ones that are hampering searchers.

"We saw lots of old fishing nets and buoys and bottles and bags and crates and buckets," he said. "There's a background of all kinds of trash already out there. I knew if they are trying to search for an airplane on the edge of the Indian Ocean gyre they are going to spot other stuff."

In 2009, Eriksen was so disturbed by the floating and submerged trash piles that he founded 5 Gyres, a nonprofit organization that educates the masses about the problem. Today he leads expeditions through the gyres, documenting the impact of plastics, to raise money and awareness.

Several national television networks have asked Eriksen to weigh in on the

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Photo courtesy 5 Gyres

EXAMPLE Anna Cummins and her husband Marcus Eriksen are experts on ocean trash.

PCH lane to close for a year

BY KNOWLES ADKISSON
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU The first of two long-term construction projects on Pacific Coast Highway begins later this month, with potentially major effects on traffic for motorists in Malibu, Santa Monica and all points in between.

Starting Tuesday, April 15, one southbound lane of PCH will be closed for one year along a 900-foot stretch south of Chautauqua Boulevard while workers complete a city of Los Angeles project to expand sewer capacity to handle polluted urban runoff during dry weather.

In September, the California Incline in Santa Monica will also close for one year to undergo stabilization work, and nearby Moomat Ahiko Way will undergo a brief repaving process.

APRIL 15 SEWER PROJECT

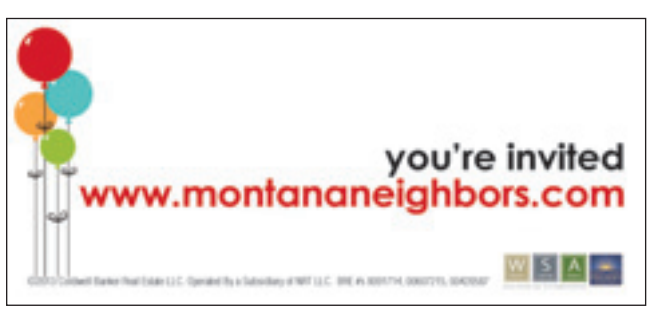
Formally called the Coastal Interceptor Relief Sewer (CIRS) project, the nearly $9 million project will see roadwork practically around the clock.

The closure will begin just south of Chautauqua Boulevard, and stretch 900 feet south to the Annenberg Community Beach House.

Work will be done Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and nights from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. On Saturday, work will be performed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Work will not be done during the day on Sunday.

The CIRS project will be paid for out of Proposition O funds. Prop O is a $500-mil-

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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.

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Picking through treasure
Santa Monica Airport
3100-3000 Airport Ave.,
8 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Find lost treasures at the Antique and Collectibles Market. You can uncover anything from vintage furniture to hard-to-find works of art. For more information, visit santamonicaairportantiquemarket.com.

Puppet party
Third Street Promenade and Wilshire Boulevard
10:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The L.A. Puppetfest is hosting a puppet-making event on the promenade in advance of a parade down the popular shopping district. For more information, call (310) 384-8099.

Fighting cancer
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
Rene Hubert, Ph.D., discusses his work researching cancer at Agensys, a biotech company born and raised in Santa Monica. The company was founded in 1996 by UCLA clinicians and basic science researchers with the focus of developing biotherapeutics to treat cancer. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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AG candidate: Death penalty for corrupt lawmakers

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A Republican candidate for California attorney general said Friday that state lawmakers who are found guilty of crimes that endanger the lives of others should face the death penalty.

Phil Wyman, who spent 17 years in the state Legislature, said he was motivated by the case of Democratic Sen. Leland Yee. Yee faces federal charges that include an attempt to coordinate an international gun-running scheme from the Philippines.

Wyman also criticized Democratic Attorney General Kamala Harris for being "silent as a mouse" on the corruption cases that have marred the state Senate this year. A campaign spokesman for Harris declined comment.

Wyman said in a news release and subsequent telephone interview that the "most egregious" abusers of their public office, if convicted, should be able to choose their method of death — public hanging, firing squad or lethal injection — as a deterrent to others.

"If they know that it's gun-running and they know it's going into a terrorist organization in the Philippines, that person earns the death penalty, and especially if they're in elected office," Wyman said in the interview.

Prosecutors would not have to prove that deaths occurred, he said; an officeholder promoting the potential for violence would be enough.

California law currently allows lethal injections for murders committed with aggravating circumstances, such as multiple slayings or murder-for-hire. Wyman would make an exception for corrupt politicians.

"Firing squad, at least that's a bit more macho than getting some other cocktail. Let that person choose. That person's been at the pinnacle of power. If he wants to be executed by firing squad, let him," he said in the interview. "I want to discourage and teach the new generation about values — that nobody is above the law."

Wyman served in the state Senate from 1993 to 1994 and in the Assembly from 1978 to 1992 and again from 2000 to 2002.

A spokesman for Yee did not return a

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YAY!

Ray Solano *editor@smdp.com*

Students at Will Rogers Learning Community took part in a jog-a-thon Friday to raise money for the school's Parent Teacher Association.

Even the healthy locked out of 2014 policies now

CONNIE CASS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Americans thinking about buying health insurance on their own later this year, or maybe switching to a different insurer, are probably out of luck. The policies are going off the market as a little-noticed consequence of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

With limited exceptions, insurance companies have stopped selling until next year the sorts of individual plans that used to be available year-round. That locks out many of the young and healthy as well as the sick and injured, even those who can afford to buy without government subsidies.

"Now they're stuck," said Bonnie Milani, an independent insurance broker in Los Angeles, who says she warned her customers last year that the change was coming. "It just closes everything down."

The next wide-open chance to sign up comes in November, when enrollment for 2015 begins in the government-run insurance marketplaces created by the health care law. Companies are following that schedule even for the plans they sell outside the federal and state exchanges.

The health care law allows insurers to keep selling all year. But it also creates the

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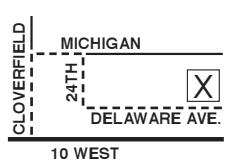
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Drones the way to go

Editor:

In a recent blog post, Frank Gruber, among his arguments for SMO closure, wrote:

"There's no question that the most appealing uses of the airport are the Angel's Flight medical flights. But given that there are other airports nearby, and given the benefits of the great park that replace[s] the airport, are they sufficient reason to keep the airport open?"

It is true that this, as far as I can see, is the only plausible argument left in support of Santa Monica Airport's continued existence. But even this argument has flaws. Now don't get me wrong, the fact that these pilots donate their time and aircraft to ferrying people and organs around is worthy of nothing but praise, but this is the year 2014 and we have to take a fresh look even at this.

As we have all seen in the news, once the FAA gets out of its bureaucratic logjam, the use of drones to deliver packages directly to people's houses is already in the works. How much more important and how much faster would it be to deliver organs and blood by drone? The era of drone delivery of critical human organs direct to the hospitals that need them will be here in less than a couple of years — far sooner than all this squabbling over SMO will be sorted out.

A drone can deliver direct to the hospital itself, it would not get to SMO and then get stuck in gridlock trying to get the vital organ out of Santa Monica to UCLA, USC, or wherever else it is going.

A drone is quieter, it uses less fuel, causes less pollution, can fly immediately any hour of the day or night. The list of benefits is considerable, so we can be quite sure that within a couple of years that is how all organs will be delivered. Nothing else makes any sense in this day and age.

That just leaves the issue of flying financially distressed patients themselves. If it is an emergency situation, other organizations deal with that, and Angel's Flights specifically excludes emergency uses. Patients are required to be ambulatory and be "medically stable." So we are actually talking about people who are in what we might call a time-critical situation, not an emergency. Flights are limited to less than 1,000 miles (because of the aircraft types involved). Also on the Angel's Flight West website it states:

"We require at least one week to coordinate the flight once complete paperwork is received."

So, if it takes a week or more to arrange, then of course, if it is important, the fastest way to get there is by a commercial flight if you can afford it, but some people may not be able to afford it and I suppose that is the niche that the service fills.

But let's be honest, if it takes a week or more to organize a flight, then adding 10 minutes to the flight time by going to Van Nuys is not a big deal.

So we can see that when we examine this argument, while on the surface we are empathetic, the reality just doesn't justify keeping SMO open. Keep up the good work though, just do it from a nearby airport that makes more sense.

Let us all thank the amazing pilot volunteers of Angel's Flight and similar for everything they have done, but the drones have got the organ/blood thing, and we can all plainly see that using your great work as a justification to keep SMO open makes absolutely no sense whatsoever.

John Fairweather
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I have a feeling that many statisticians and math whizzes entered the contest and lost. They had all kinds of systems, using algorithms and even understanding what algorithms are, they still lost. Why? Because they didn't feed their machines the right information.

Maybe they should have looked at a different set of statistics.

I'm going to use the "point system" of picking Monday night's winner of the NCAA championship:

It always seems like the winner's colors are either red and white or blue and white. So give Wisconsin, Kentucky, and UCONN one point each.

I hate to pick on the Gators, but deduct one point from Florida for having a coach whose son plays on the team. It gets too complicated and unpleasant to watch. (Do the words "Bob Knight" mean anything to you?) While we're at it, I'm going to deduct another point from Florida for Billy Donovan naming his son Billy Donovan. So far, Florida is at minus-2.

In the recruitment battle, as a demonstration of how far coaches go to get kids to play for their team, I award two points for every player who doesn't come from the United States. The University of Connecticut wins this one because of the players that it has attracted from Connecticut's close neighbors, Jamaica, Ghana, and Germany. (Nice try, Wisconsin, but Germantown doesn't count).

I have to award five points to the coach who is hated more than any other coach every year — John Calipari. They wouldn't hate him if he were a loser.

As everyone knows, sentimentality is worth 12 to 16 points in big games. It seems that everyone is excited for Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan for finally getting to the Final Four. He teared up after beating Arizona, saying the game was dedicated to his late father, Butch. I'm tempted to deduct points because of people who have names like Bo and Butch, but I can't let my emotions get in the way of science. Wisconsin gets the sentimentality bonus of five points.

Experience counts. Therefore, the "They've Done It Before" points go to Calipari and Donovan. Two each. College coaching is a killer profession, so I have to award Billy Donovan five big points for being the coach who looks like he's in the best shape. Donovan and Ryan tie for Haircut That Is Only Seen On Coaches, earning their teams three points. UCONN gets one point for having the shortest player in the tournament whose name is Long.

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So according to these calculations, UCONN should be cutting down the net Monday night.

Unless, of course, I should have awarded points for having the most players who are 6'8", having the heaviest player in the Final Four, having the best shooting seven footer, or for a coach having a wife named Ellen.

Enjoy the games.

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The Q Line

Making plans for SMO

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

This past week, Q-line asked:

What should become of the controversial airport? Some say a park, some fear more development. What says you?

Here are your responses:

"EVEN THOUGH I LIVE UNDER THE FLIGHT path on Fourth Street, I don't have an axe to grind with the airport, and I suspect most Santa Monicans don't either. A vote by the residents on this issue makes sense to me. Both pro and con airport factions are small local groups, loaded with self-interest, shouting loudly for the most grease on their squeaky wheels. They both claim they have a majority of residents behind them, which can't be true. Let's better inform the debate with a proper gauge of resident support or non-support, especially since the city will be spending so much cash in this fight."

"PICTURE THIS: A SPLASHY RESIDENTIAL complex. Airport hangars converted into pet-friendly, smoke-free lofts. The preferred residential address for Silicon Beach worker-ant sophisticates. Call it "The Landing." (Alt: "The Strip.") With all the amenities tomorrow's Santa Monica startup set demands: Dog-washing stations (no homeless allowed), using recycled water from sparkling showers at the outdoor fitness center. Do you like the new Shores in Marina del Rey and "Playa del Oro West" near LAX? Here too, landlords could take a sample of each resident's dog's DNA. This way if they leave behind doggy-do, a quick test reveals ID of the culprit. (Heck, take a sample of each resident and see who left empty bottles on the rooftop terrace or gas on at the fire pits.) Add EV charging stations and "Donald Douglas Memorial Court" for hip and trendy bocce, just because. Tech-tailored, Eastern-blocked, second-generation redevelopment for 6,000. Low-income units for 40. Sure, it's complex. But you know we can do this! Meet you at the landing, in beautiful downtown Cloverstan."

"TO START, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR SAFETY, sanity and health, the jets and helicopter schools need to leave immediately! I'm willing to consider possibly having a small area for some single-engine planes or helicopters to remain only for disaster/emergency use. However, it would be a great benefit for the area to be converted to a park with an educational nature center included!"

"JUST KEEP JACKING UP THE RENTS until the aviation businesses can't afford to stay, and move elsewhere. Raise landing fees higher and higher until they leave. Charge double for touch-and-go landings. If all the rich pilots love the airport enough, they'll pay. Either they leave, or the airport will make enough money to make it worth it."

"SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ISN'T "UP FOR grabs." It is a fully functioning part of America's airway system and it must stay that way. The city should begin trying to make it the best small airport in the country and quit trying to gridlock the whole Westside with development."

"I SAY A PARK, WITH BALL FIELDS AND children playing soccer and baseball, sounds that resound, and will for a long time, with joy that will echo for generations."

"HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF SANTA Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) is expanding their voter base by building more low-income rental housing, not providing home ownership opportunities for residents. SMRR is proposing a ballot measure for the November elections that will increase a tax in Santa Monica to fund low-income rental housing projects. Once that passes, if the airport closes it will be impossible to stop SMRR from turning the airport into one big social service center. SMRR will build hundreds of low-income rental housing units and give money to Step Up on Second to expand housing for the mentally ill from all over southern California. And the Ocean Park Community Center will get money for more shelters for Los Angeles County's homeless."

"BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT NOISE overhead on certain days we are unable to sit out on our deck. Large jets fly directly over our house, one after another, the noise is deafening. You have to stop talking. Often we have to keep our windows closed and use the AC. I can smell and taste the jet fuel in my upstairs bedroom. This kind of activity should be moved to a non-residential area. Why should my freedoms in my own home be restricted by a flight school's business or a CEO that doesn't want to hassle LAX?"

"TO MAINTAIN EMERGENCY ACCESS IN times of disaster, I'd like to see the airport turned into a park that preserves the current footprint of the runway, but in grass instead of asphalt. It'd be a great way to honor the airport's history, create a beautiful open space that all could enjoy, and the grass runway would be suitable for use by military transport planes (or helicopters) if ever the need should arise."

"THE AIRPORT IS IMPORTANT TO THE local community for so many reasons and should be preserved. The efforts of a few to close it haven't really resonated among the local populace."

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U.S. finally regains the jobs lost in the recession

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON The U.S. economy has reached a milestone: It has finally regained all the private-sector jobs it lost during the Great Recession.

Yet it took a painfully slow six years, and unemployment remains stubbornly high at 6.7 percent.

The comeback figures were contained in a government report Friday that showed a solid if unspectacular month of job growth in March.

Businesses and nonprofits shed 8.8 million jobs during the 2007-09 recession; they have since hired 8.9 million. But because the population has grown since the big downturn, the economy is still millions of jobs short of where it should be by now.

Also, government jobs are still 535,000 below the level they were at when the recession began in December 2007. That's why the overall economy still has 422,000 fewer jobs than it did then.

As a result, most analysts were hardly celebrating the milestone.

Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute, called it a "pretty meaningless benchmark economically."

"The potential labor force is growing all the time, so the private sector should have added millions of jobs over the last six-plus years," she said.

U.S. employers did add a seasonally adjusted 192,000 jobs in March, just below February's 197,000, which was revised higher. March's figure nearly matched last year's average monthly gain, suggesting that the economy has recovered from the hiring slowdown caused by severe weather in December and January.

"We're seeing sustained improvement," said Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West. "But we're not really that much stronger than we were last year. And we need more improvement for a stronger economy to come into fruition."

The March figures did signal that stronger gains could lie ahead: More Americans without jobs are starting to look for one, and paychecks are growing.

Most economists expect job growth to pick up a bit to a monthly pace of 225,000 or more. One reason: Americans have reduced their debts and benefited from rising home prices and a rising stock market. Better household finances should translate into more spending.

And a major drag on growth — federal spending cuts and tax increases — will fade this year, most likely boosting the economy. Budget battles and government shutdowns that have eroded business and consumer confidence since the recession ended are unlikely this year.

"Enough repair has happened in damaged sectors and there's enough calm ... so we can have a real recovery," said Ethan Harris, global economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Greater business confidence has been good for companies such as Advanced Technology Services, a Peoria, Ill.-based firm that maintains machine tools, robotics and computer systems for industrial companies such as Caterpillar, Honeywell and Honda.

The company has about 120 openings for factory floor technicians, network engineers and information technology professionals. It has 2,700 employees in the U.S. and 300 more in Mexico and Britain.

Jeff Owens, president of ATS, said his clients appear more confident about economic growth and more willing to invest in machinery. He is seeing solid growth in the auto, food processing and oil and gas drilling equipment industries.

"The economy is better than it was a year or two ago," Owens said. "We're seeing that people are more comfortable with executing their strategic plans."

The U.S. unemployment rate has been stuck at 6.7 percent since December, but that partly reflects a positive trend: More Americans, particularly younger people, are either working or looking for work.

So far this year, about 1.3 million people have started looking for jobs, and most have found them. Last year, by contrast, the number of people either working or looking for work had shrunk by roughly 500,000.

That's a welcome change from the pattern that had prevailed since the recession: The proportion of Americans working or looking for work fell to a 35-year low in December. Many of the unemployed had become discouraged and stopped hunting for jobs.

In addition, many younger people stayed in school to avoid the job market. And some older Americans probably retired earlier than they would have otherwise.

For most of the past four years, the number of Americans who found jobs barely kept up with population growth. Now it's growing slightly faster. As a result, the percentage of Americans 16 or older who were working reached 58.9 percent in March — the highest point since 2009.

Another positive sign in the report: Americans worked more hours last month. The average work week rose to 34.5 hours last month, up from 34.3 in February.

More hiring plus a longer workweek means bigger paychecks for more Americans. That should help fuel more consumer spending and economic growth in the months ahead.

Still, for individual workers, average hourly pay slipped a penny to $24.30. Average hourly wages have risen 2.1 percent in the past year, faster than the 1.1 percent inflation rate. But in a healthy economy, hourly wages typically grow about 3.5 percent a year.

One thing holding back overall pay is the quality of jobs. Most of those added last month were in low-paying industries.

Temporary help agencies added 28,500 positions. Hotels and restaurants added 33,100, and retailers 21,300.

Higher-paying positions didn't fare as well. Manufacturers shed 1,000 jobs, the first such drop since July. And professional and technical services, which include accountants, engineers and information technology workers, added just 10,400.

Freezing cold and heavy snowstorms this winter closed factories, slowed home sales and kept consumers away from shopping malls. As a result, many economists expect growth slowed to a 1.5 percent to 2 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year from 2.6 percent in the fourth quarter.

But steady hiring, greater business and consumer confidence and fewer government spending cuts should accelerate growth to about 3 percent for the rest of this year.

Engineered salmon may be a tough sell to consumers

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WASHINGTON Don't expect to find genetically modified salmon — or any other engineered fish or meat — on store shelves anytime soon.

The Obama administration has stalled for more than four years on deciding whether to approve a fast-growing salmon that would be the first genetically modified animal approved for human consumption.

During that time, opponents of the technology have taken advantage of increasing consumer concern about genetically modified foods and have urged several major retailers not to sell it. So far, two of the nation's biggest grocers, Safeway and Kroger, have pledged to keep the salmon off their shelves if it is approved.

Supporters of genetically engineered fish and meat say they expect Food and Drug Administration approval of the salmon and still hope to find a market for it. However, the retailers' caution and lengthy regulatory delays have made investors skittish.

"The FDA delay has caused developers to take a pause," says Dr. David Edwards of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, the main industry group for genetically engineered agriculture. "They're not really sure where to go as far as the regulatory system."

By altering genetic materials of animals, scientists have proposed — and in some cases actually created — animals that would be bred to be free of diseases, be cleaner in their environments or grow more efficiently. Think chickens bred to resist avian flu, "enviropigs" whose manure doesn't pollute as much or cattle bred without horns so they don't have to be taken off during slaughter.

But where the scientists see huge opportunity, critics see a food supply placed at risk. They say modified organisms can escape into the wild or mingle with native species, with unknown effects.

"These are fundamental questions we have to ask of society," says Lisa Archer of Friends of the Earth, an advocacy group that has lobbied retailers not to sell the modified salmon and has urged consumers not to eat it. "Where is all of this going to end up? Where do we draw the line? Let's look at the full implications and the full costs."

There is no evidence that the foods would be unsafe, but for some, it is an ethical issue. Archer says people have a greater "visceral response" to eating modified fish and meat than they do engineered crops, which are already fully integrated into the food supply.

The FDA said in 2010 that the modified salmon appears to be safe to eat, and said in 2012 that it is unlikely to harm the environment. But an FDA spokeswoman said "it is not possible to predict a timeline for when a decision will be made."

Ron Stotish, AquaBounty's CEO, says the company has already spent $77 million on its AquaAdvantage salmon, which has an added gene from the Pacific Chinook salmon that enables the salmon to produce more growth hormone, allowing it to grow faster.

AquaBounty executives say there are several safeguards designed to prevent the fish from escaping and breeding with wild salmon. Still, opponents call it "Frankenfish" and say not enough is known about it.

The FDA won't say how many applications are in line behind the salmon. But given AquaBounty's long road, other projects have remained on the shelf or moved to other countries. James Murray, a professor of animal sciences at the University of California at Davis, has genetically modified goats that produce milk designed to fight childhood diarrhea in poor nations. He moved his project to Brazil, where he says the regulatory environment is friendlier and the government is funding some of his research.

"You can't get funding in this country because you can't get regulation," Murray says.

Similarly, Canadian researchers have said they won't pursue the "enviropig" in the United States after investors raised concerns about the length of the FDA review process.

Another project backed by the Minnesota-based company Recombinetics would genetically modify cattle to be born without horns so they would not have to be removed during slaughter, an efficiency for meatpackers. Recombinetics CEO Scott Fahrenkrug says the project is in a holding pattern as investors eye the lengthy salmon approval process, but he says technologies like his will be necessary as global population is set to increase.

The company is now developing engineered products for the medical market, but Fahrenkrug says they hope to produce cattle for meat.

"The agriculture market is huge, and that's where we want to be," he says.

If the salmon are approved, it still would take about two years to get them to market — if anyone will sell them. Although some of the biggest grocery chains have pledged not to, one major retailer has not weighed in — Wal-Mart, the nation's largest grocer. Opponents are aggressively lobbying the company to keep it off shelves.

The fish is not expected to be labeled as genetically modified under FDA guidelines, so if retailers do sell it, consumers wouldn't know if they are buying it.

AquaBounty's CEO says he's holding out hope for approval.

"We believe that if we're given a fair chance, the marketplace is the place to evaluate this," Stotish says. "If the product were available, I think people could choose for themselves."

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DRINK UP: Del Frisco's Grille has an extensive wine list with bottles lining the walls.

All-you-can-eat and wine 101

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Special to the Daily Press

SM PLACE I've always been a fan of fusion cuisine, especially when ambitious chefs are involved. They don't just take different forms of cookery from regions and combine them. That's too easy. The accomplished ones play with cuisines from different parts of the globe and somehow make it all work.

That's the case at Zengo, Chef/Owner Richard Sandoval's Latin-Asian eatery on the third floor of Santa Monica Place. Everything is well balanced and flavorful, making for a fun dining experience.

The chicken wings are truly some of the best I have eaten in town, combining the sweet with the heat perfectly for a mouth-watering snack. I've also been a fan of Sandoval's ancho-rubbed beef shortribs. They're slow-cooked and come served off the bone on a pillow of manchego mashed potatoes. The meat is so tender, juicy and full of flavor that it's hard to put the fork down.

Sandoval's attention to detail and his willingness to experiment with spices and cooking techniques are reasons why Zengo has been able to survive while neighboring establishments have closed shop. The restaurant spaces are just so huge that the rent must be burdensome. And while locating restaurants on the third floor of the takes advantage of the view and cool ocean breezes, there are no shops up there so it's hard to get people to make the climb. The proposed ArcLight theatre should help drive traffic and keep these restaurants in the black.

Sandoval has had some help from a good marketing team, unveiling a successful all-you-can-eat brunch that packs the outdoor patio on weekends. You get unlimited drinks and dishes for a reasonably $35. Coupled with the excellent view of the Third Street Promenade, it's one of the better brunch deals in town.

Trying to capitalize on that success, Sandoval has expanded the concept to now include the dinner menu. For $59 you get unlimited small plates and entrees, plus a selection of cocktails, beer and wine (for two hours at a time). It's definitely a steal considering my favorite dishes, the shortribs and chipotle miso-glazed black cod, can run as much as $29 per plate. And trust me, two hours is plenty of time to fill your belly and get a nice buzz from their refreshing cocktails. My favorite is the limonada de fresco, sweet, but not tart. It's like taking a bite out of a fresh watermelon. The drinks aren't as stiff as I would like. That would be my only complaint.

I visited the restaurant on a recent Tuesday night and I could see why Sandoval needed to expand the "endless" concept. There were roughly four tables occupied outside and one or two inside. I felt bad for him, but it made for a very quiet and relaxing dining experience. My girlfriend and I tried the crispy chicken wings of course, as well as the crispy tofu, shrimp fried rice (with roasted corn), shortibs and black cod. We washed it all down with several cocktails and had a great evening.

In Santa Monica it's pretty challenging to get all of that for $60 per person, which is why I recommend you check out Zengo soon before Sandoval wises up and pulls the "endless menu."

I plan to stop by again for the pork chops, potstickers and, of course, those delectable wings.

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SASH

Speaking of great dining deals, Del Frisco's Grille has a new offering — Sommelier Saturdays with their in-house wine professor Adem Sash.

For just $35 per person, you get a two-hour wine lesson from one of L.A.'s top sommeliers, along with some small bites like their sinfully sweet and savory Philly cheesesteak egg rolls.

The latest session was held March 29 in a private dining room and the focus was on Napa Valley, and in particular cabernet sauvignon. Sash poured three stellar cabs

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Milwaukee group wants to buy Pabst Blue Ribbon

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MILWAUKEE Long before it was known for fine cheddar cheese or the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin was famous for beer, especially the national brands brewed in Milwaukee: Schlitz, Blatz and Pabst Blue Ribbon.

The brewing tradition started by Milwaukee's German immigrants in the 1800s endured for more than a century, until industry consolidation in the 1980s and '90s began sending familiar brands to other companies and cities.

Now a small group of Milwaukee residents wants to revive part of that proud history by buying Pabst Brewing Co. from a California executive in hopes of returning the brand to its birthplace, possibly as a city-owned brewery.

The effort appears to be a distant long shot, requiring hundreds of millions of dollars to acquire the 170-year-old beer best known as PBR. But Milwaukee officials like the idea enough to talk about it, and at least one industry analyst says the plan is not beyond the realm of possibility.

"When I think about Pabst being anywhere else but Milwaukee, it just doesn't make sense," said Susie Seidelman, an organizer of the "Bring Pabst Blue Ribbon Home" effort. "Milwaukee made this beer what it is. ... It's right on the can."

The beer, with its pale gold color and light, fizzy taste, has become especially popular over the last decade among urban hipsters, in part because it's one of the cheapest on the market.

The company that started in Milwaukee in 1844 is now headquartered in Los Angeles after being bought by food industry executive C. Dean Metropoulos in 2010 for a reported $250 million.

Reports surfaced last month suggesting that Pabst might be looking for buyers. Organizers of the group want Metropoulos to give them first rights of sale so they can begin raising money toward any asking price.

Pabst representatives would not comment on any potential sale or the efforts to bring the brand back to Milwaukee, saying only that they "are considering financial alternatives" that will help Pabst "aggressively pursue its next phase of growth through strategic acquisitions."

The effort to buy Pabst has a core of seven people with various business and nonprofit backgrounds. It also has a Facebook page titled "Milwaukee Should Own Pabst Blue Ribbon" and a website at bringpbrhome.com, which lets visitors sign a letter to Metropoulos. The letter acknowledges that the purchase proposal might seem "crazy" but asks readers to "humor us for just a moment."

"We want to bring PBR home," reads the letter, expected to be sent next week.

In 1996, Pabst headquarters left and beer production ceased at the company's main complex in downtown Milwaukee, opening a "gaping hole in our city's economy," according to the letter. PBR is now brewed in another part of town as part of a deal with MillerCoors.

Bringing Pabst back is less about the beer and more about "investing in the city of Milwaukee," Seidelman said.

A letter to the Milwaukee mayor and city council asks them to consider the purchase of Pabst using a community ownership model similar to that of the Green Bay Packers, in which the public buys stock that does not increase in value and pays no dividends. But, Seidelman said, they are also considering other options, including forming a cooperative.

Another organizer, Erika Wolf, said the group wants to hold town-hall-style meetings and online chats about how to buy and run PBR. The first meeting is scheduled for April 23.

Regardless of the business structure chosen, they want to put the profits back into the city, she said.

The group's website was put together by the great-great granddaughter of brewery founder Frederick Pabst. Bridget Byrnes, a web designer in Missoula, Mont., volunteered after seeing the Facebook page. The return of Pabst back would hopefully create jobs and "bring Milwaukee back to the beer city it was."

The plan is being floated at a time when some Great Lakes cities are trying to develop a "blue economy" by attracting industries that rely on water. As growing water scarcity casts a shadow over the economy in warmer states, many northern communities want to use their abundant freshwater to attract businesses, including breweries.

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from Napa, but each one from a different winery to show how varied they were depending on where the particular grapes used were grown. I had no idea that grapes from the same vineyard can produce completely different wines, even if they are grown just 100 yards from another.

Some much impacts the grapes, such as the amount of sunlight and fog each one is exposed to. Soil also plays a big role, as does that amount of rain water the grapes receive. Sash did an excellent job of walking us through all of this, preparing a detailed presentation that was interactive and loaded with information. No question went unanswered. And Sash even broke out one of his favorites, giving us the lowdown on which wineries to hit if we ever make it up to Napa. That information is priceless.

Up next is a class on spring wines set for April 26. I hear Sash will also tackle the differences between pinot noirs from different regions and oaked vs. unoaked chardonnay in future classes.



Photo courtesy Zengo

SO GOOD: The ancho-rubbed shortribs at Zengo served on manchego mashed potatoes. The restaurant now has an all-you-can eat special during dinner that includes drinks.

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lion clean water bond measure passed by Los Angeles voters in 2004. Some of the money has been used to upgrade the capacity of city sewers to handle polluted urban run-off before it reaches the Santa Monica Bay. The intent is to meet water quality standards called Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) updated in 2001 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

MOOMAT AHIKO WAY PROJECT

The city of Santa Monica will replace damaged concrete sections and curbs on Moomat Ahiko Way, the difficult-to-pronounce transition road onto Ocean Avenue from PCH located next to the McClure Tunnel. Santa Monica officials anticipate that it will serve as one of the primary detour routes during the construction of the California Incline Bridge Project.

Construction on the project is set for early September. During construction, motorists can access detour routes via the California Incline and the Lincoln Boulevard exit on the I-10 freeway.

CALIFORNIA INCLINE

The California Incline project will repave the lower 600 feet of the incline, which rests on soil, and rebuild a slanted bridge that supports the remaining 800 feet. Construction is slated to begin in late September or early October following the completion of the Moomat Ahiko Way project. The work is expected to be finished in late 2015 or early 2016, according to Rick Valte, principal engineer for the city of Santa Monica.

Detour routes during construction will be Moomat Ahiko Way and the Lincoln Boulevard exit on the I-10 freeway, Valte wrote in an e-mail.

HOW TO BEAT IT?

When asked whether motorists will try to detour around the construction, Carol Randall, a Malibu public safety commissioner, anticipates they will.

"If you're going to try to avoid the construction, you'll come down Chautauqua," Randall said. "Or if you're in the Palisades, you'll come down Sunset [Boulevard] ... to my way of thinking, it's just not going to be very pretty in the Palisades [due to increased traffic from detours]."

In anticipation of detours on Chautauqua, Randall said she and others have asked Caltrans to adjust the timing of traffic lights at Chautauqua and Temescal Canyon Road to allow more time for motorists who have detoured to re-enter PCH, but have thus far received no reply.

"Right now, no one's committing," Randall said. "[Caltrans] probably won't do it unless there's a major problem and everyone starts to scream."

Bill Wolfberg, an at-large representative of the Pacific Palisades Community Council, the governing body of the community, acknowledged that traffic on PCH will be "much worse" once the California Incline closes, joining the sewer project lane closure. But he disagreed that detouring through the Palisades would save motorists time, saying that even with the closed lane and incline PCH would still likely be faster.

"[Motorists] can try that, I wouldn't recommend it," Wolfberg said. "I don't think it'll work. There's going to be a merge, once the merge is done, you'll be moving right along. I honestly don't think it's going to be to anybody's advantage to jam the traffic by moving on Sunset. If it were me, I would stay on the coast highway."

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telephone message. Mark Hedlund, a spokesman for Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, was at a loss about how to comment.

"How can you even respond to something that ludicrous?" he said.

The Senate last week suspended Yee and two other Democratic senators facing unrelated criminal charges. Steinberg has faced pressure to expel the senators from office, but he notes that two of the three have yet to be convicted of any crimes.

Under the state Constitution, they will continue being paid unless they leave office, something Wyman also criticized as "little more than slapping a person on the hands and letting them get further benefits."

Wyman said in his news release and interview that Harris has the power to remove corrupt officials, but he stopped short of saying she should act against Yee and the other two senators.

"She should investigate first of all what the problem is," he said, referring to the series of corruption charges.

"She should be right in the center of the arena," Wyman said, adding that, instead: "She's been silent as a mouse."

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search teams' struggles sorting through the trash.

"It's kind of bittersweet that it took a couple hundred lives lost to bring attention to a global catastrophe," he said. "The global issue, it's like a plane wreck in slow-motion."

Searchers keep flagging floating objects that look like plane debris but, thus far, it's always been trash. Searchers traveling by boat may also struggle.

"It is somewhat dangerous to sail through these garbage patches in the sense that entanglement in old fishing gear happens a lot," Eriksen said. "Sucking up plastic bags into your intake valve is dangerous and that happens more often, too."

The most common piece of trash that searchers will have to contend with: fishing buoys, Eriksen said.

"They're designed to last forever in the ocean," he said. "A fishing buoy and a plastic bottle are made of the same stuff. They're both polyethylene. But a fishing buoy is about 100 times thicker. It just lasts."

If officials are correct and the plane did go down on the edge of the Indian Ocean, some of the debris will get stuck in the gyre, he said. Because currents in the area connect to several oceans, the debris could also make its way to Antarctica or the South Pacific or South Atlantic gyres.

"Those aircraft parts could wash up on Easter Island someday if they float that long and go that far," he said.

One solution to the trash problem, Eriksen said, is to reduce the amount of single-use throwaway plastics that don't have any post-consumer value.

"We can't forget that there are 200-plus families that are mourning the loss of somebody and they will never know what happened to them," he said. "That's a massive tragedy that's brought to life this other tragedy that's happening."

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memorization at the expense of connected understanding.

"Our goal is to help teachers identify their children's thinking and then build on that so they can memorize in ways that are connected to a lot of other mathematical ideas," Franke said.

Take this problem: Carla has $7. How many more dollars does she need to earn $11, enough to buy a puppy?

What would previously have been taught as a subtraction problem in second and third grade can be solved innately by some preschoolers in an approach that involves some basic algebra.

"If you let students solve this problem in a way that makes sense to them, they put out seven counters and keep adding to that seven until they make it to 11 and then they count how many they had left," she said. "So kids are actually unbelievably capable of solving problems."

Memorization only takes students in math so far, Franke said. By third grade, she said, most girls have already decided that they aren't good at math and by middle school the boys follow suit.

The technique is not meant to replace a curriculum but to guide teachers as students become capable of more traditional learning methods.

Cognitively guided instruction aligns nicely with the incoming federally-determined academic standards called the Common Core, Franke said.

The pre-schoolers are asked to explain their thinking and make arguments with each other, she said.

"I've been in classrooms in your district where 4-year-olds are stopping another 4-year-old and saying 'wait, I don't know how you did that,' and getting the 4-year-old to explain what they just did." Franke said.

This process is made easier by the fact that teachers tend to recognize its value and make it their own, she said.

Some cognitively guided instruction experts have already done demonstration lessons with teachers in the district.

The district will offer teachers and coaches information sessions from experts about the technique.

"When you teach in four walls all day, you use all the ideas you have and you need to go out and exchange with other folks, look at student work from a different perspective," Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

Thus far, Lyon said, the response has been positive.

She's confident that all of the district's programing will "push people to get into, 'what are we going to do when they struggle' and not doing the same thing we've been doing."

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HEALTH
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conditions prompting them to stop.

The law, which requires nearly all Americans to be insured or pay a fine, bans insurers from rejecting customers because of poor health. The companies say that makes it too risky to sell to individuals year-round.

"If you didn't have an open enrollment period, you would have people who would potentially enroll when they get sick and disenroll when they get better," said Chris Stenrud, spokesman for insurer Kaiser Permanente. "The only insured people would be sick people, which would make insurance unaffordable for everyone."

The change makes individual policies work more like the job-based plans that already cover far more Americans.

But those who act fast may still be able to get in this year, depending on where they live.

Following the lead of the government marketplaces, some companies are extending off-marketplace sales for a week or a month to help people who hit snags trying to enroll by last Monday's deadline. Rules vary from state to state.

After those extensions, eligibility for coverage during 2014 is guaranteed only for people who experience certain qualifying life events, such as losing a job that provided insurance, moving to a new state, getting married, having a baby or losing coverage under a parent's health plan.

Insurance broker Steve Bobiak of Frackville, Pa., said he learned only a couple of weeks ago that insurers were cutting off new policies.

"It's lousy communication out there," he said. "If we don't know, my God, how do they expect other people to know? It's terrible."

A survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation in mid-March found that 6 out of 10 people without insurance weren't aware of the Affordable Care Act deadline of March 31. The Obama administration, insurance companies and nonprofit groups scrambled to spread the word, often with messages that focused on the savings available to many people through government-subsidized plans sold on the marketplaces.

There wasn't much public discussion about people who prefer to buy policies outside the state or federal marketplaces, sometimes finding better deals or options more to their liking.

Health and Human Services spokesman Aaron Albright pointed to a note buried on the HealthCare.gov website: It says "in some limited cases some insurance companies may sell private health plans outside the marketplace and outside open enrollment" that satisfy the law's coverage mandate. It doesn't say how to find any companies doing that. Albright had no further comment.

Gary Claxton, a health law expert at the Kaiser Family Foundation, said it's "highly unlikely" that companies will offer such coverage after the deadline window fully closes. Some do still offer temporary plans, lasting from a month to a year. But those plans don't cover pre-existing conditions and don't get buyers off the hook for the law's tax penalty.

Nate Purpura, spokesman for eHealthInsurance.com, which sells policies from 200 companies across the nation, said at this point he knows of none planning to offer major medical insurance after this month, except to people with qualifying life events.

For people trying to get an off-marketplace plan through an open enrollment extension, some insurers are selling them through April 15, and others through the end of the month. Purpura said eHealth will offer such plans in at least some areas of these states: Arizona, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Virginia and Washington state.

Kaiser Permanente will offer extensions that mirror the state or federal marketplace in the area where a plan is sold, Stenrud said. The federal marketplace extension for online enrollment is April 15. But Oregon, for example, is giving marketplace buyers until April 30.

After that, Stenrud said, without a qualifying life event, the door closes until Nov. 15.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Public Works Warehouse Improvement Project
SP2216

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **April 30, 2014**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in Office of the City Clerk Conference Room 102. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
Thursday, April 10, 2014 @ 10 AM
City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue, Santa Monica, CA

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $800,000.00
CONTRACT DAYS: 120 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $600.00 Per Day
COMPENSABLE DELAY: $400.00 Per Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website at: http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/. The Contractor is required to have a **Class B** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica (the "City") will hold a Public Hearing on May 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., in the City of Santa Monica Council Chambers Room 213, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA, to discuss adopting increases to its solid waste service fees.

Proposed Fee Increases: An increase in the rates is necessary in order to recover sufficient revenues to operate and maintain the City's solid waste operations. If approved, rate increases would become effective on July 1, 2014 and subsequently each July 1st. The fee structure is determined on the basis of: (1) the number and size of the carts or bins picked up at a property; and (2) the frequency of collection.

The proposed percentage increases are:

Customer Group	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Single Family Home*	3.85%	3.85%	3.85%
Multi-Family Complex	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Commercial **	7.25%	7.25%	7.25%

Santa Monica parcel owners may submit written protests on the proposed solid waste rate increases by mail or in person to the City Clerk at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA, 90401, or at the Public Hearing (May 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.). Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted.

For questions about the rates, contact Resource Recovery & Recycling @ 310-458-2223.

SURF REPORT



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **58.3°**

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; NW swell mix creeps up;

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Long period SW fills in some more; small NW energy blending in; light winds early

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

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
NW swell may continue along with possible SW swell

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 **April 2, 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 -- 3
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 22
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 14

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+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	B
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	F	A
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	B
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	B	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A
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+	F
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

Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean. We use science, education, community action and advocacy to pursue our mission.

Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

UConn and Florida meet again

JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas The last time Florida lost there were still 23 shopping days until Christmas.

The Gators have won every game since that loss at Connecticut on Dec. 2. The teams meet again Saturday in the Final Four. They both have changed and they both have stayed the same.

"They are high right now. They are playing great basketball. They are sharing the basketball. They are all playing hard. They haven't lost since then. It will be really tough," Huskies forward DeAndre Daniels said Friday. "We feel great. ... I feel like nobody is playing harder than us right now. We are just out there having fun and not playing for ourselves, but playing for each other."

Connecticut, the seventh seed in the East Regional, has won nine of its last 11 with both losses to Louisville. That's no 30-game winning streak but it's enough to have the Huskies two wins from a fourth national championship and the first under a coach besides Jim Calhoun.

Florida, the tournament's overall No. 1 seed, is looking for its third national title, the first two coming in consecutive years under coach Billy Donovan.

"These guys understand what goes into playing and competing, they're really good as it relates to scouting report and preparation," Donovan said. "I think they understand how hard they have to play, how well they have to play defensively together, offensively together."

Shabazz Napier hit a buzzer-beating jumper from the free throw line to give Connecticut (30-8) the 65-64 victory in Storrs, Conn., four months ago. The dramatic win didn't exactly propel the Huskies as they lost three of their next five games.

Napier was named the American Athletic Conference player of the year and was a first-team All-America. He took advantage of a freak play to hand the Gators (36-2) one of their two losses — the other was to Wisconsin, another Final Four team.

"I was fortunate," he said. "I put up a lousy shot and DeAndre tipped it back out and I was able to get off a great shot. I got a second chance and was fortunate enough to make it."

Now Connecticut, just like that day before winter even started, has a second chance at Florida.

The Gators were different that day in that freshman guard Kasey Hill was out with an ankle injury and freshman forward Chris Walker was clearing up eligibility issues. Scottie Wilbekin, the do-everything guard who was chosen Southeastern Conference player of the year, was playing in his third game of the season after being suspended for the first four. He had 15 points but injured an ankle with 3:01 to play, was taken to the locker room and never returned.

"I was in the locker room and there was a clock but no score," he recalled Friday. "I kept asking one of our managers to go check the score. He came back and said we were up one and there was only a couple of seconds left. I was laying there with ice on my leg and I heard the roar from the crowd and I knew we lost. That was the low point of our season.

"We're familiar with them, and they're familiar with us. They've done a great job of improving the defense since we played them, especially in the postseason."

The aim of Gator defense on Saturday will be stopping the 6-foot-1 Napier, who leads the Huskies in scoring (18.1), rebounding (5.9) and assists (4.9), a first for the program. He has scored at least 19 points in the four NCAA tournament games and there hasn't been a big play made by the Huskies that hasn't started or ended with the ball in his hands.

"I think a lot of times they can give the ball to Shabazz and he can play up top and just create and make plays," Donovan said. "When the ball gets back in his hands, now you're in a very vulnerable situation and that will be something that I think will be a challenge for us tomorrow."

Wilbekin will have the ball in the final minutes for the Gators. He had a career-high 23 points in the win over Dayton in the South Regional final. The Huskies, specifically Napier, will focus on Wilbekin.

"We understand that we have to be mentally there on the defensive end," Napier said. "Shots may not fall for us offensively, but if we hang our hats on the defensive end, we have something to fall back on. ... Lately, we have been communicating much better on defense, and I think that is one of the main reasons why our defense has been much better."

Saturday's meeting will be in front of 75,000 or so at AT&T Stadium. That's a lot different than the 10,167 who packed Gampel Pavilion on Dec. 2.

"It's a different game. That was four months ago," Connecticut coach Kevin Ollie said. "We're a different team. I'm a different coach. Billy Donovan's definitely got a better understanding of his team and what it takes for his team to win. So it's going to be a whole different game."

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed responses for:

RFP: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OLYMPIC WELL FIELD MANAGEMENT PLAN

- **Submission Deadline Is April 28, 2014 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

The RFP documents can be downloaded at:
- **http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm**

RFP responses must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

Vendors interested in doing business with the City of Santa Monica are encouraged to register online at http://www.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Saturday, April 5
Adaptation (R) 1hr 54min
Raising Arizona (PG-13) 1hr 34min
7:30pm

Sunday, April 6
Joe (NR) 1hr 57min
7:30pm
Discussion following with director David Gordon Green 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
11:30am

Tim's Vermeer (NR) 1hr 20min
11:10am

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

Particle Fever (NR) 1hr 37min
11:00am

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

OUT AND ABOUT TONIGHT, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are likely to say more than what someone wants to hear. It might not look like this person is wearing headphones, but he or she certainly is acting like it. Pull back, and refuse to waste your energy. Tonight: Speak your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be handling a financial matter for most of the day. You might find it difficult to get past this issue, but you will find a way. Make plans with a loved one for later in the day. Tonight: Catch up with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. A purchase that involves improving your image could be more significant than you realize. Meanwhile, a get-together will prove to be a lot of fun. Tonight: Buy a token of affection for a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Finish up your taxes today, or get some extra rest. Even you need to get some R and R. Listen to what someone has to offer. You might want to take him or her up on this one. Tonight: Right in the middle of everything.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to visit with friends and perhaps check out a new gym or whatever else would make you happy. Know that there are no rules and no need for structure right now. A loved one or admirer will let you know his or her feelings. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Check in on a parent or older relative. You also might want to do some work or handle your taxes. Use the day well, and concentrate. By late afternoon, go to a game or head out to see a movie with a friend. Tonight: A spontaneous happening occurs wherever you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You would be able to be far more connected to a person if he or she were closer. Why not bridge the distance and visit more often? You might find this to be a very rewarding experience that could give you both depth and perspective. Tonight: In the middle of whatever is going on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might find it difficult to get past a partner and handle a personal matter. The two of you seem to have very different styles, yet you manage to intrigue each other. Tonight: Where the fun is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others seem to take the initiative; you won't even need to pick up the phone. You will find that you are most comfortable at home anyway. A loved one might share more than usual. Be spontaneous together. Tonight: Don't worry -- others will seek you out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could be focused on a dramatic change. A discussion with a friend regarding this matter could feel a little strange. Honor what you feel and what you want. Tonight: Go along with plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your playfulness draws several people to you. You could find yourself purchasing a new item and spending a little too much. Know when to deploy your self-discipline. Do not allow a friend to talk you into a more extravagant purchase than you can afford. Tonight: Calm down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to see what is going on with a family member before formalizing any plans. You could be delighted by your choice to stay close to home and indulge in some laziness. You will see that those you live with will respond in kind. Tonight: Out and about.

Weekend Edition, April 5-6, 2014

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

This year you often feel uneasy discussing vital life matters, especially those involving sex and money. You instinctively hold back; make it a point to find out why. If you are single, you will attract someone who will notice when you withdraw. It might serve you to become more trusting and open with someone you are starting to date. If you are attached, your sweetie will become more dominant. That behavior could feel off to you, but know that you can't change him or her. Accept each other's differences. CANCER can irritate you easily.

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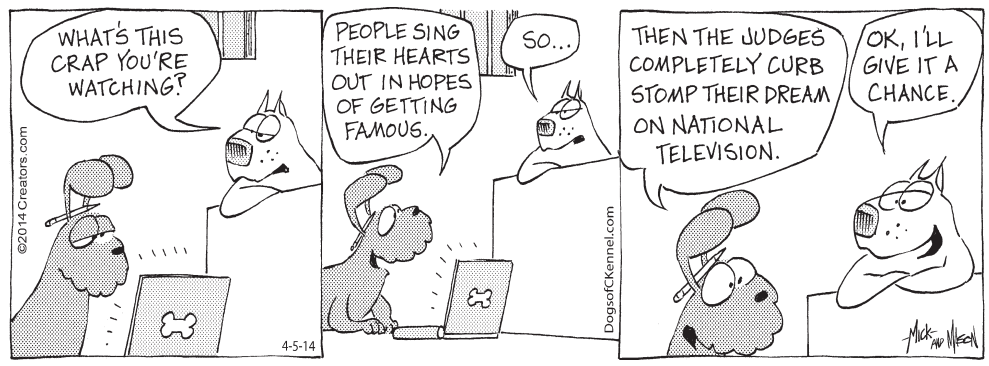
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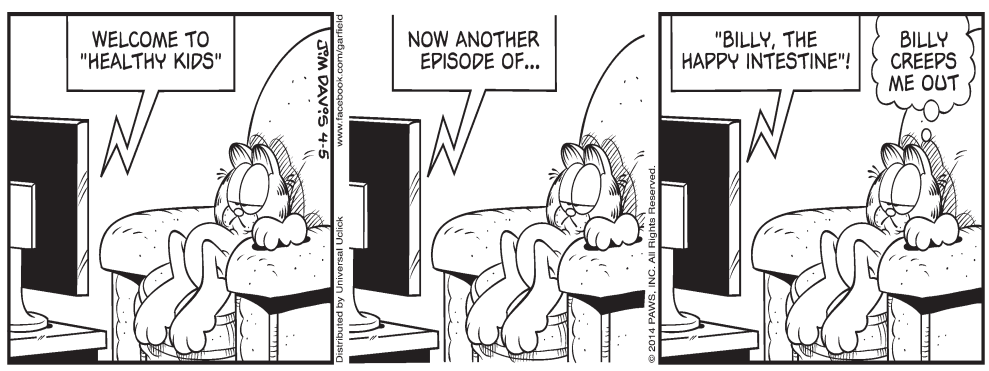
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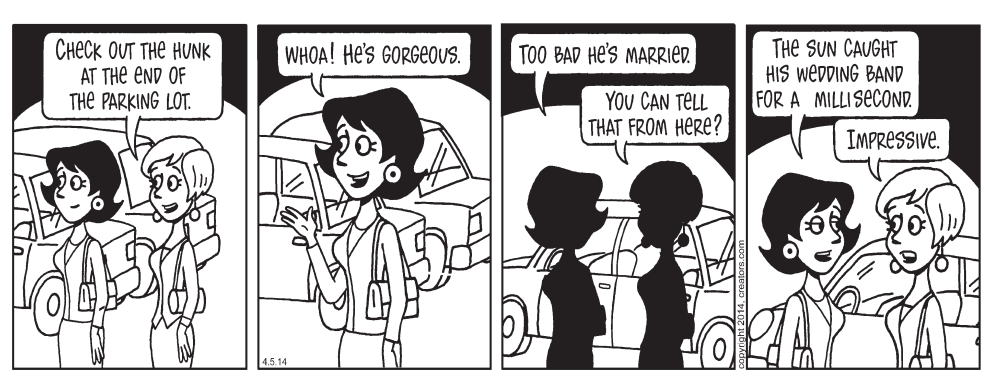
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Takes illegally
7 Bit of smoke
11 Second-largest nation
12 Pay to play
13 Vigor
14 Of two minds
15 Audacity
16 Showed again
17 Villa d'—
18 Hockey's Howe
19 Octavia's husband
21 Break off
22 "Locked Out of Heaven" singer
25 Ruby of films
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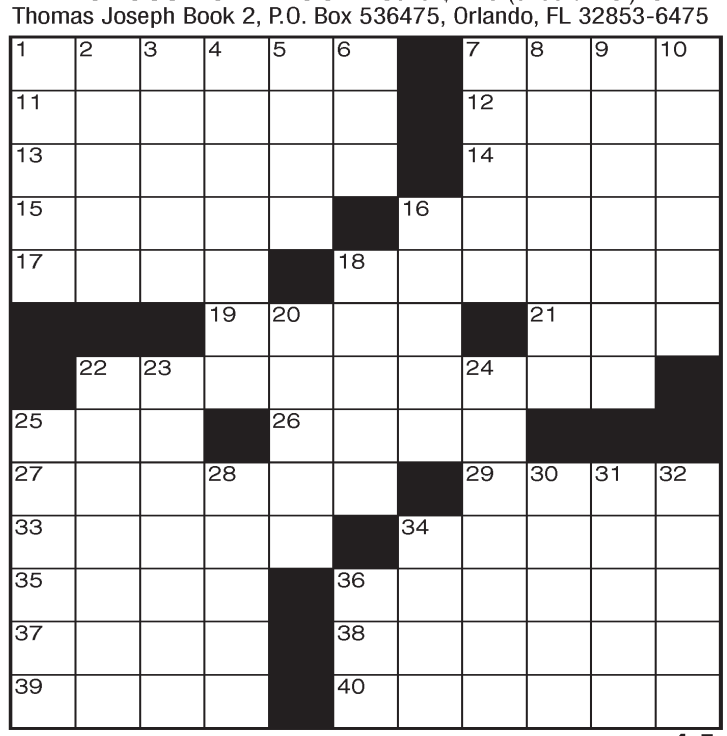
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18 Tile holder
20 Relish
22 Charity event
23 Field worker
24 Falcons' home
25 Be generous
28 Air freshener's targets
30 Passion
31 Teatime treat
32 London landmark
34 Cinderella's helpers
36 Pale

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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
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■ Sweden's foul-smelling canned herring (surstromming) inexplicably raises passions among some traditionalists -- which is why it was big news in February when a man found a bulging tin whose contents had been fermenting for about 25 years and reckoned he needed help to "disarm" it, lest it "explode" and damage his cabin. Ruben Madsen of Sweden's Surstromming Academy agreed to attend the can-opening and assured the man that spewing, not explosion, was the likely outcome.

■ Florida Selfies: (1) Spencer Toner, 79, was arrested for indecent exposure in a McDonald's parking lot in January in Bonita Springs, Fla., after a complainant said Toner was watching pornography on a laptop computer and masturbating (a downside of McDonald's early-on, company-wide adoption of Wi-Fi). Toner had demanded earlier that the complainant give him privacy. (2) In December, Francis Bianco, 76, was arrested shortly after noon for indecent exposure in the parking lot of a Winn Dixie grocery store in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. Bianco protested, claiming he was merely urinating (apparently, thought to be not as offensive). (3) William Gibson, 50, was charged with "lewd and lascivious" behavior in front of a store in Jensen Beach, Fla., in November after he began (according to the police report) "fluffing" his genitals and performing other genital-related activities.

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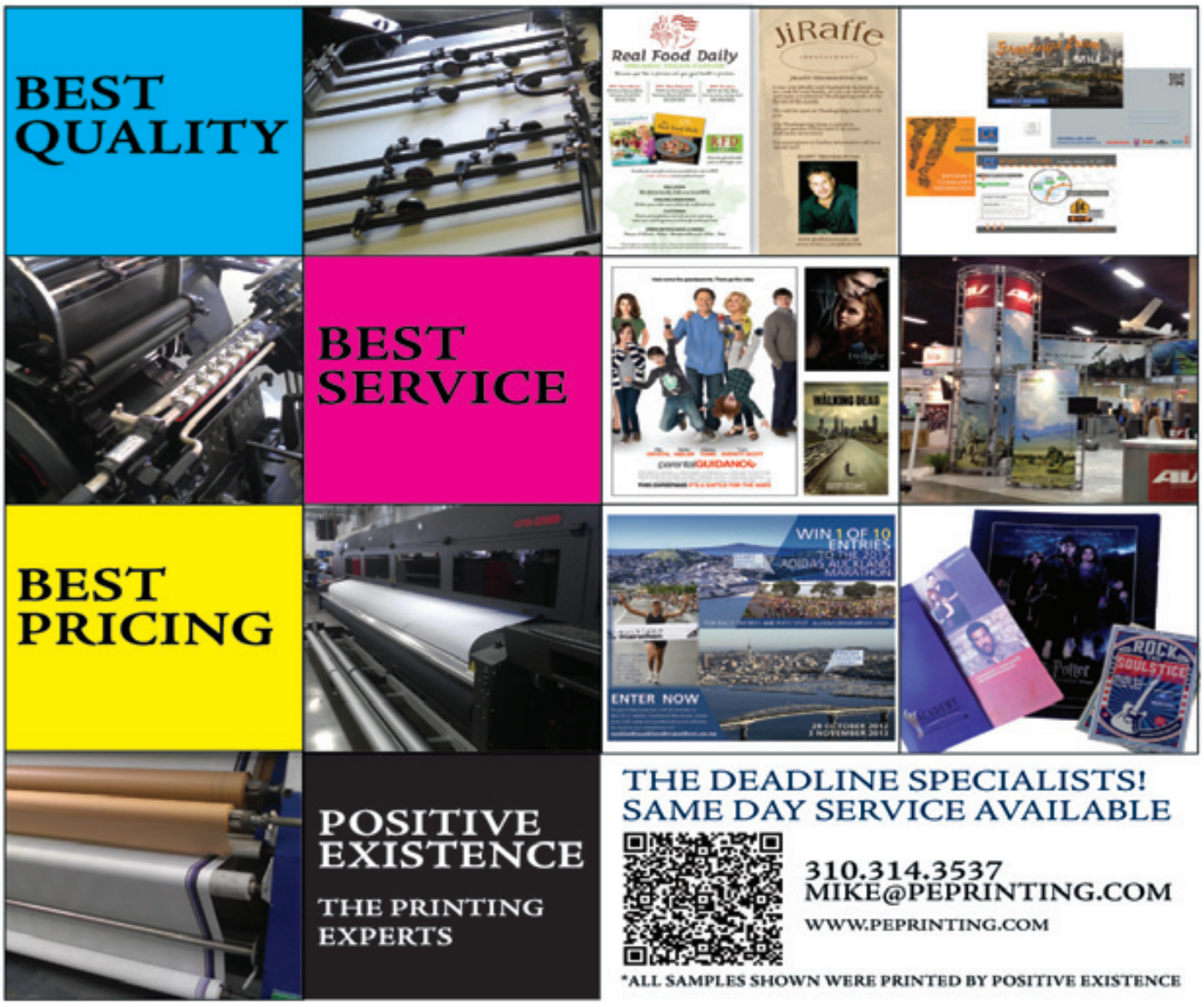
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