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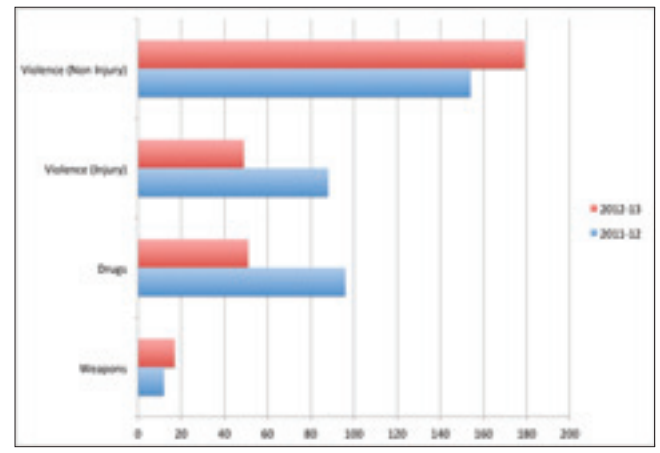
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COOKIE TIME

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Johnny Quijada and a crew representing DoubleTree hotels handed out cookies on the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday as a little 'sweet relief' from the federal tax filing day. There's a DoubleTree located on Fourth Street.



HARD NUMBERS

Drug arrests, suspensions down at schools

A look at drugs, violence, and weapon stats in the district

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Earlier this month a teacher allegedly reprimanded a student for having pot in the classroom at Santa Monica High School and a fight broke out. A cellphone video, which was widely circulated online and by media outlets, shows the teacher and a student fighting for about a minute.

Details remain murky but the teacher/coach Mark Black

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SoCal home prices climb in March

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO Southern California's median home sale price hit $400,000 in March to set a fresh six-year high as tight supplies limited sales, a research firm said Tuesday.

The median price for new and existing houses and condominiums was $400,000, up 4.4 percent from $383,000 in February and up 15.8 percent from $345,500 in March 2013, DataQuick said. It was the 24th straight annual gain, including the last 20 months in double digits.

The median price was the highest since February 2008, when it was $408,000.

Low inventories kept a lid on sales in the six-county region. There were 17,638 homes sold during March, up 25.7 percent from February to reflect a seasonal increase but down 14.3 percent from the same period a year earlier. It was the slowest March in six years.

An increase in home prices and lending rates over the last year has put new homes out of reach for some would-be buyers, said John Walsh, DataQuick's president. Other potential buyers are reluctant to give up low mortgage rates on homes they currently occupy.

Investor purchases have slowed, further limiting sales, San Diego-based DataQuick said. Absentee buyers — mostly investors and some second-home purchasers — bought 27.4 percent of homes sold in Southern California last month, down from 28.9 percent in February and 31.2 percent in March 2013.

The California Realtors Association said last month that supplies had improved since the end of last year, except for the lowest-priced homes.

There was a five-month supply of unsold single-family homes in the Los Angeles metropolitan area in February, the most recent figures available, up from a 3.8-month supply a year earlier. A normal supply is considered five to seven months.

All six counties surveyed registered double-digit annual price gains in March, except Ventura. San Bernardino, the least expensive county, posted the biggest price increase in percentage terms, up 21.1 percent to $230,000. Riverside, the second least expensive, had the second biggest price jump, up 17.8 percent to $288,500.

Rents reaching highest levels ever

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Santa Monica market rate rents in 2013 were the highest in the city's history, according to the Rent Control Board's Annual Report.

In 1998, 83 percent of rent controlled units in the city by

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The weekly Downtown Farmers' Market is widely considered one of the best in the Los Angeles area. Foodies and chefs rub elbows all looking for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Get it write
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 1 p.m.
In this four-week workshop, learn some basic rules, participate in writing exercises, and explore a creative and lively approach to developing your story ideas in an interactive group. Instructor Anna Stramese has years of professional and academic experience in LA, NYC, and Paris.

Step into the ring
Barker Hangar
3021 Airport Ave., 5:30 p.m.
"Boxing At Barker" will showcase Barker Hangar transformed, for the first-time ever, into a boxing venue, featuring ultra-VIP ringside suites, close-to-the-action seating, and the electric atmosphere of a Hollywood movie premiere. Most importantly, the fight card will feature a collection of boxing's most exciting, young professional fighters from countries, including Ireland, United States, South Africa, Cuba, Georgia and more. For more information, visit kingsportsworldwide.com.

Smarten up
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6 p.m.
Learn how to get and use apps for the library catalog, eMedia, databases, and more. Bring your own smartphone and tablet devices to the workshop.

Thursday, April 17, 2014

Egg-citing craft
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3:30 p.m.
Celebrate spring by decorating an egg! Ages 3 and up. Limited space; free tickets available at 3 p.m. For more information, call (310) 458-8637.

Game time
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Enjoy quality family time at the library! Play and "Kinect" with video and board games. Ages 4 and up. The event is held in the Children's Activity Room.

Cats with skills
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
The playhouse welcomes Samantha Martin and her Amazing Acro-Cats as they spring into Santa Monica. The one-hour show features over a dozen fabulous felines (former orphans, rescues, and strays) walking tightropes, pushing carts, skateboarding, jumping through hoops, ringing bells, balancing on balls and turning on lights. For more information, visit circuscats.com.

She does have a clue
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade
7 p.m.
Join Barnes & Noble for a book signing with actress Alicia Silverstone. With a purchase of "The Kind Mama/The Kind Diet," you will receive a wristband for the signing. Signing begins in the event space on the second floor. If you do not have a wristband, standby will be available.

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

Congress is giving states the blues on transportation

JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio On the road in a tour bus this week, the U.S. transportation secretary is spreading some bad news: The government's Highway Trust Fund is nearly broke. If allowed to run dry, that could set back or shut down projects across the country, force widespread layoffs of construction workers and delay needed repairs and improvements.

Anthony Foxx kicked off an eight-state bus trip in Ohio to whip up public support for congressional approval of legislation to keep federal transportation aid flowing to states for another four years, and possibly longer. But Congress will have to act fast. The trust fund — the source of much of the aid — is forecast to essentially run dry sometime before the end of the federal fiscal year Sept. 30, and possibly as early as late August.

If that happens, the government will have to slow down or even halt payments to states, which rely on federal aid for most major highway projects. Uncertainty over whether there will be enough funds in the coming months is already causing officials in states like Arkansas, California and Colorado to consider delaying planned projects.

Foxx's warnings this week echo ones by President Barack Obama, who cautioned in February that unless Congress finished a bill by summer's end then "we could see construction projects stop in their tracks." But there is little interest among politicians in an election year to consider raising gasoline taxes.

Many transportation insiders, including Foxx's predecessor, Ray LaHood, predict Congress will wind up doing what it has done repeatedly over the past five years — dip into the general treasury for enough money for to keep programs going a few weeks or a few months, at which point the exercise will have to be repeated all over again.

But keeping highway and transit aid constantly teetering on the edge of insolvency discourages state and local officials from moving ahead with bigger and more important projects that take many years to build.

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Photo courtesy San Diego Padres

FUNNY DUDE: **Santa Monica's own Cody Decker (left) gives a teammate a high five during spring training.**

Samohi grad Decker a prankster

BY TONY CAPOBIANCO
Special to the Daily Press

TUCSON, Ariz. With the help of a Twitter account followed by thousands and a YouTube video, Santa Monica native and San Diego Padres prospect Cody Decker showed the world how longtime MLB outfielder Jeff Francoeur became the victim of one the greatest pranks in baseball.

The nine-year veteran tried to rebound from a terrible 2013 season with the Cleveland Indians in spring training but was released because the team simply had no room for him in that crowded outfield. He signed a minor league deal with the Padres and was assigned to Triple-A El Paso. Him being the last guy on the bus made him an easy target.

"He was the last man to join the team," Decker said. "He signed with us at the end of spring training and [Chihuahuas manager Pat Murphy] set it up perfectly."

The prank was to get the ever-so-loveable Francoeur to believe that reliever Jorge Reyes was deaf. Decker gets the credit because he's the guy behind the Antihero/Daylight Films YouTube channel. The number of views on this prank video is approaching the million milestone, but it wasn't his idea.

"It was Jorge's idea," Decker said. "He brought it up in spring training and said 'if we're going to do this prank I think I can do that for you,' and Murphy just goes 'OK.'

"Without Jorge this would not have happened the way it did because he was magnificent. It's not like he put on a show or in anyway a parody, he was just a quite guy who went about his business. He just didn't break the illusion. He didn't talk to anybody."

The prank was spawned by a routine pop up in which everyone on the team yelled "heads up!" and everyone moved out of the way except Reyes. Francoeur asked Murphy why he didn't move and the manager naturally responded by simply saying "he's deaf."

The Chihuahuas is a minor league team filled with big leaguers, including infielder Brooks Conrad and pitcher Blaine Boyer who played with Francoeur for the Atlanta Braves. Having his teammates buy into the prank was crucial to having familiarity betray Francoeur.

The idea of a professional baseball player being deaf is supposed to be a big story and would've attracted a media horde. Decker knew this and had to create the illusion of media intrigue to maintain the realism of the prank.

"I put on a fake voice and I called Jeff as a writer telling him I'm doing a story on his deaf teammate and I'd like very much to get a quote from him," he said. "He said he'd call me back.

"He never did."

He eventually got his quote from Francoeur when he approached him about creating a documentary about his "deaf" teammate. Without his disguise, Francoeur gave the mischievous Decker what he wanted.

"It's been a lot of fun to play with Jorge," said Francoeur. "He's overcome obviously a lot. Being a deaf baseball player is very tough in this game and to see the way he's done it and handle himself has been awe-

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Dangerous intersection

Editor:

I live a block from the intersection of 17th and Marine streets and was saddened but not surprised by the collision between a skateboarder and a driver recently.

That intersection, where three streets come together, was almost invented for accidents because 17th Street turns into a steep hill a block north of the site of the collision. Several years ago, we neighbors on Ashland, 17th and Wellesley were so concerned about the fact that pedestrians often cannot see cars coming up the hill that we came together to persuade the city to put in a four-way stop sign.

The only surprise – given how often my husband and I have seen skateboarders blithely sailing down the 17th Street hill and drivers doing a California roll at the stop signs – is that it did not happen sooner and has not happened more often.

Joan Walston
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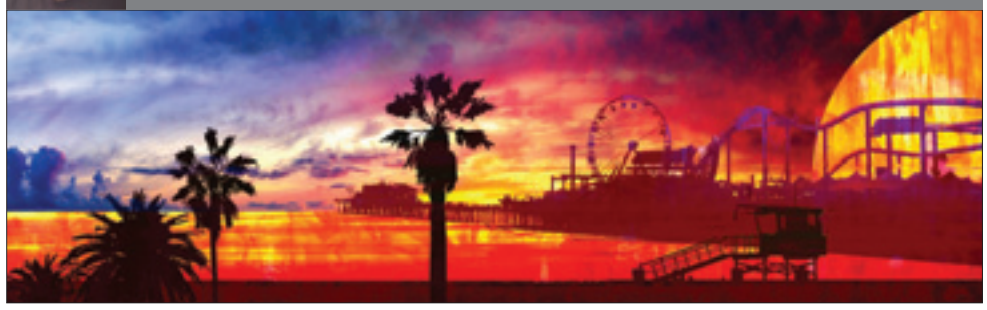


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NEW LOOK? This is one of the murals slated to adorn Olympic High School.

I like redwoods and transcendent public art

I LIKE REDWOODS IN PERSON, AND I LIKE them on the walls of the school I must have driven or walked past at least 20,000 times. Not just any painted redwood forest will do, but the one painted by famous muralist Jane Golden, "probably 40 or 50 years ago" according to Janie Yaguchi Gates, principal of Olympic High School where the mural resides, for now. And deteriorates.

"It hardly represents our environment here in Southern California," she pointed out. When the mural was installed, it was on the walls of what was then John Muir Elementary School, which moved three blocks up Ocean Park Boulevard, quite a while ago. "This hasn't been John Muir for 20 years," she said.

As for the art that has been selected to replace it — which I do not care for, too much like a photo, no soul — she pointed out that it does represent the area. I offered, "Do we need a mural of something we can walk eight blocks and see with our own eyes?" She responded, "I don't think there's another mural in Santa Monica that depicts our beach and our pier — do you know of one?" Discounting the fanciful horses escaping from the carousel just down the street, which we agreed was not really our beach or pier, I had to plead ignorance, and therefore concur.

But before you think she's on a mission, trying to exert her will over a powerless public, that she necessarily loves these proposed mural replacements heart and soul and desires fervently to make us all look at them for the next 40-50 years, or that she can't stand the redwoods and can't wait to fell them, let me tell you — that's not the case.

She told me her first instinct, upon finally deciding the peeling paint and falling plaster could no longer be tolerated, was to get the mural restored. "I knew some members of the community felt very strongly about that mural, and that it had a long history here in Ocean Park. I live in Sunset Park, myself."

She wanted to have the mural restored by the original artist. But she was stymied because Jane Golden was not easy to find, until by chance her cousin's daughter in Philadelphia heard about Gates' quest and told her, she's in charge of the city's murals, here's her phone number.

Golden was very sympathetic, Gates told me, and willing to do the restoration, but it would mean taking a leave from her job there and bringing a crew to Santa Monica for two to three weeks. The cost was way out of budget for little ol' Olympic High. Given that, she gave her blessing to whatever we felt needed to be done, Gates said.

This was last summer. After 10 years as principal at Olympic (SMMUSD continuing education), she finally had some funds from Measure BB to make sorely needed improvements. Like, how about a library? The school opened in 1966, she told me, and has never had a library! The peeling forest walls were also a priority, but she wasn't about to blow the whole budget there. So she pursued other courses.

What about a green wall? A trellis structure in front with climbing greenery, that would look good and preserve the woods. But the district office nixed that idea, saying the space in between would likely draw homeless squatters, maybe even critters.

So she proceeded to solicit artists' proposals, and came up with what you see here. She held a public meeting last month, with the art and the artists, available for questions; only about two dozen people showed up, almost no questions asked.

"I've done my best to give the people a voice in this," she said, sending out notices to neighborhood groups, many e-mails, even putting up posters.

Even though, as she rightly notes, this is a building belonging to the school district, and not really open to public approval.

What do you think?

It's not a done deal yet. I feel those dark, calming woods at Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards are not only part of our history, they're an asset to our harried urban souls.

Anyone got a few thousand to donate to save the redwoods?

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New Los Angeles newspaper embraces print in digital world

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Aaron Kushner believes he can launch and grow a print newspaper in a world gone digital.

The former greeting card executive is trying to turn the Orange County Register into a media giant in southern California, largely driven by paper and ink. The unconventional effort gets a jolt Wednesday when Freedom Communications Inc., the company Kushner bought with other investors two years ago, launches the Los Angeles Register.

The daily newspaper will be available at 5,500 locations around L.A. — at many newsstands and vending boxes where the 132-year-old Los Angeles Times is found. It's the first direct challenge on the Times' home market since the Herald-Examiner folded in November 1989.

Kushner hopes to build the newspaper's readership by differentiating it from the Times with deep coverage of local news and a political stance that's center-right.

He's pulled focus away from digital content and advertising sales, insisting that chasing low-value clicks won't matter if the print product, which accounts for 90 percent of his newspapers' revenues, cannot be turned around.

It's an unconventional move considering that the economics of the newspaper business have worsened in the last quarter century as advertising dollars and readers migrated to the Internet.

"We will sell newspapers the way every newspaper sells newspapers," he said in an interview. "There's nothing particularly magical that we need to invent that way."

"The heart of our strategy is creating a better, richer, more engaging product that leads to a cycle of long-term growth," he said.

Since taking over as Freedom's CEO in 2012, Kushner has implemented a number of changes. He has limited free access to the Orange County Register's website; nearly doubled the editorial staff to about 370; and purchased and launched smaller newspapers in the area to spread the company's ad-sales reach and dilute the cost of reporting over a wider geographic area.

Kushner says the strategy is largely working. He told a luncheon at the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism in February that with combined advertising and circulation revenue from print growing in the double digit percentages, Freedom is on track to be profitable this year. The company doesn't release its financial results to the public.

Kushner has been able to do what many publishers have not: boost circulation. In the six months through September, the latest period for which results are available, the average Monday-to-Friday circulation of all Freedom's 34 publications was 362,242, a 27 percent jump from a year earlier.

The circulation gains are almost entirely due to Freedom's near doubling of the print run of weekly "branded editions," which publishers are increasingly using to spread distribution as newspaper circulation falls. The core Orange County Register, in fact, saw weekday circulation decline 8 percent to 162,600. The branded editions must publish at least weekly, represent themselves as editions of the main newspaper and contain some editorial content. The six-page Orange County Register Minute is chock full of ads and is delivered for free to every household in a certain area. More than a million branded editions hit the streets every Thursday, boosting the daily average.

Kushner acknowledged that expanding the mini editions was a key pillar of his strategy.

"That's really where we're focused on, in terms of local community-building coverage," he said.

The Los Angeles Register's launch follows Kushner's introduction of the Long Beach Register and several other small papers in the last year or so. The company announced Tuesday it would launch a dozen new community weeklies through next month, adding another half million copies to circulation every week.

Ken Doctor, a newspaper industry analyst with Outsell Inc., believes the L.A. Register could help Freedom's profits if it sells as few as 20,000 to 25,000 copies a day, especially because it is using existing staff to produce it.

Kushner believes the Register can coexist with the Times, which has a daily circulation of roughly 672,000, down 9 percent from five years ago. But he has his share of skeptics, including Gabriel Kahn, a USC Annenberg professor of journalism, who doubted the bet on print would help take advantage of the changing habits of a younger generation.

"I'm not saying he should do as everyone else has done, because everyone else has failed at this, too," Kahn said. "Have you seen the movie, 'Argo'? It's kind of the best bad idea we've got."

The Q Line

Back to work

Santa Monica High teacher and wrestling coach Mark Black was recently put on leave following an altercation with students.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Should Black be reinstated or does the school district have to look into the incident to determine who was at fault?

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Study: Samsung phone durable, but iPhone holds slight edge

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NEW YORK Samsung's new Galaxy S5 smartphone is more durable than last year's model and other leading Android phones, but the iPhone 5s outperformed all of them in part because of its smaller size, a new study finds.

The S5 scored well given its water resistance and a sturdy back panel made of plastic, according to SquareTrade, a provider of extended protection plans. The iPhone 5s won points for being just 4 inches diagonally, compared with about 5 inches for the Android phones. That makes the iPhone easier to grip and thus less likely to slip out of one's hands.

Nonetheless, all the smartphones tested had a medium risk of breakage, and differences between the various phones weren't major.

SquareTrade evaluated the phones based on such criteria as size, weight, grip and the quality of the front and back panels. The company measured how far the phones slide when pushed across a table on their backs and how well they withstand drops from 4 feet and being dunked in water for 10 seconds. Robots were used to ensure consistency.

SquareTrade provided The Associated Press with the results ahead of Monday afternoon's announcement.

The S5 scored a 6 on a 10-point durability scale, with 10 having the highest risk. The new HTC One phone scored a 6.5, while Google's Nexus 5 had a 7. The iPhone 5s was at 5.5.

None of those phones is as durable as last year's Moto X from Motorola. It had a 4.5 rating, thanks to a rounded back molded to the shape of a user's hand, making it easier to grip. Last year's HTC One model also had a 4.5.

Last year's Samsung Galaxy S4, meanwhile, had a score of 7.

The S5, the new HTC One, the Nexus and the iPhone all had strong front panels, despite being made of mostly glass. SquareTrade considered both the materials used and design factors such as button placement to gauge how likely a user would drop the phone while using it. The back panels on the One and the iPhone were moderate, while those on the S5 and the Nexus performed well.

The S5 and the One were the hardest to grip, while the One and the Nexus had poor marks for water resistance — the phones still worked, but had no sound. Both the S5 and the iPhone survived the dunk test, even though only the S5 is officially marketed as water resistant — for up to 30 minutes.

Only the Nexus 5 passed the slide test, but it was the only of the four to fail the drop test.

The Nexus slid 1.7 feet when pushed by a robot, compared with 2.5 feet or more for the others. The more a phone slides, the greater its chance of falling off the edge of a table. After getting dropped, the Nexus was shattered, while the others had only superficial damage.

SquareTrade said the S5's performance on the drop test was noteworthy, because the S4 had done poorly.

Study shows increase in online information thefts

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NEW YORK The number of Americans who say they've had important personal information stolen online is on the rise, according to a Pew Research Center report released Monday.

According to the survey conducted in January, 18 percent of online adults have had personal information stolen such as their social security number, credit card or bank account information. That's up from 11 percent in a July 2013 Pew survey.

The number of adults who had an online account compromised or taken over without their permission — such as email or social media — remained flat at 21 percent.

The survey was done after news broke of Target Corp.'s massive pre-Christmas data breach, but well before last week's discovery of the "Heartbleed" bug, which has caused widespread worry across the Internet.

The Target breach resulted in the theft of 40 million debit and credit card numbers, along with the personal information of up to 70 million people. The cost of replacing potentially stolen debit and credit cards has already reached into the tens of millions of dollars.

Other companies including Neiman Marcus and Michael's subsequently reported their own smaller data breaches.

It remains unclear whether hackers have been able to exploit Heartbleed, which went undetected for more than two years, to steal personal information. The bug is caused by a flaw in OpenSSL software, which is used on the Internet to provide security for both websites and networking devices such as routers, switchers and firewalls.

The Pew survey, conducted between Jan. 23 and 26, polled 1,002 adults living in the continental U.S. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

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White walls? The trick is choosing the right white

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NEW YORK So you want to paint a room white. Sounds easy, until you go to the hardware store to buy paint and discover there are dozens of whites to choose from.

Many have familiar yet poetic names that conjure up ever-so-slightly different hues: cream, pearl, vanilla, snow, chalk, ivory, jasmine, bone. But the closer you look, the more confusing the choices are. You want a plain, basic white, but the purest white on the color chart looks a little harsh next to all those soft shades with just a hint of something else — beige, gray, peach, rose, yellow or the palest-ever blue or green.

Often people default to white because they don't want strong colors in their home. But as it turns out, "it's harder to choose white than any other color," said Sharon Grech, a color design expert at Benjamin Moore Paints.

She says Benjamin Moore alone offers more than 150 whites, and "when people are choosing white, I see more people unhappy or making a mistake or being shocked at the color than when they choose other colors."

And watch out if you go with a pure white untinted by any other hue. Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, which maintains color standards, says "the purity and cleanliness" of the purest whites "can also make them feel very sterile and cold. And you can literally get eyestrain from too much dazzling white. So you've got to be cautious. Most people don't want to live with hospital white."

More so than with other colors, whites are also more influenced by colors around them, so Grech says it's crucial to try a sample to see how it looks in the room. Buy a pint and paint a 2-by-2-foot board that you can move around your home. "Sometimes the sun hits it one way or another at different times of day, or it looks different against the rug, or you realize it's got a lot of pink in it or green in it," she said. "It might look totally different in the morning than at night."

The paint sheen makes a difference too, whether matte — a flat paint — or a shiny high-gloss. One recommended mix is a semi-gloss trim with matte on the walls.

And don't forget the ceiling. "More people are thinking of the ceiling as a fifth wall," Grech said. "Think about it in terms of all the rooms that white is going to be flowing through on the ceiling."

Most people want flat paint on the ceiling, but if you want to bring focus to the ceiling, a semi-gloss or high gloss can look "spectacular" in the right space, she said.

James Martin is an architectural color consultant whose company, the Color People, designs colors for buildings. He says "if you're going to have white, you want to use a warm white — yellow white, peachy white, rosy white. Anything you live with, you want it to be warm." It's especially important in an old house: "If you use a warm white, you'll see all the wonderful details in the surrounding woodwork much better," he said.

He adds that "white kills art. When you put a piece of art against a white wall, it isolates the painting so it becomes like a postage stamp — a thing in a box. If you put the same painting against a colored wall, it eliminates those boundaries, pulls the colors out of the painting, and brings the painting to life."

Martin doesn't like white walls, though he'll use off-white in a ceiling. He cautions that bright white trim and a bright white ceiling will make other colors look brighter than they would if you were using an off-white. What can work, he says, "if you really like white," is to choose a warm white for walls in a flat sheen, then high-gloss trim the same color. "It's a very sexy, subtle thing to do," he said.

Don't pick colors online, advises Martin, because they can be distorted. But there is an art to studying the paper fan deck of paint colors in the store. Bring a white piece of paper with a square cut out so you can focus on the color you're considering without being influenced by the hues around it.

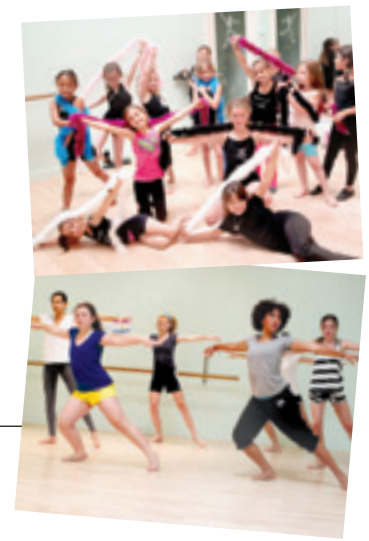
And if you're color-challenged and unsure whether the white you're eyeing is more on the rosy side or the orange side, follow it in the fan deck from its palest iteration to its deepest, to see its true undertone. Warm tints include red, orange, yellow, and offshoots like peach and apricot, but if you want to cool a room off, go for colors like blue and purple. In between are the neutrals — taupe, gray, beige.

And don't get overwrought about the choices. "I think most people have more judgment than they think they do," Eiseman said. "You look at something, you have a doubt about it because your eye is telling you something is off here. Or you look at it and it pleases you. In the end, it's your eye and your comfort level."

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DECKER

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some."

There were a lot of clues for Francoeur to figure out that this was just a bunch of jive. Clues like the catcher and infielders talking to Reyes in a mound visit with their gloves covering their mouths. But with the support of the entire team and Jorge Reyes running the prank, as Decker said in the film, "the spider web of deceit continued."

"When Jeff sat down at dinner with Jorge, I thought the jig was up," Decker said. "Jorge texted me and told me to go talk to the waitress and so I went to the waitress and tipped her and I went over to the table and watched Jeff just eat up everything Jorge and his wife were saying. It was beautiful."

Francoeur has the reputation of being one of the nicest players in baseball. There's plenty of evidence to support this theory including the time he joined the Oakland Athletics fans outside of the stadium for Bacon Tuesday even as a member of the visiting Kansas City Royals. It's almost a shame that his big heart was used by his new teammates to trick him in an epic prank like this one.

But it's not his fault.

"The truth is anyone would've fallen for this," Decker said. "People have fallen for this before and if everyone buys in then the person has no reason not to believe them. It just happens that Frenchy is very high profile and he is one of the best teammates ever and we love him to death.

"He thought it was funnier than we did."

Decker said that there may not be a prank like this one anytime soon, especially with revenge now lurking just around the corner.

"After we pulled this off, everyone has their head on a swivel for a little bit," Decker said. "Everyone thinks no one is safe."

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TRANSPORTATION

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In 2012, Congress finally pieced together a series of one-time tax changes and spending cuts to programs unrelated to transportation in order to keep the trust fund solvent for about two years. Now, the money is nearly gone.

"Tell Congress we can't slap a Band-Aid on our transportation system any longer," Foxx urged state and local officials at a stop Monday to view one of Ohio's biggest construction projects. Other states on the tour are Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Foxx is promoting Obama's four-year, $302 billion plan to shore up the trust fund with savings from proposed changes to corporate tax laws. The White House has said as much as $150 billion could come from its proposal to close corporate loopholes, such as ones that encourage U.S. companies to invest overseas.

"I feel it's clearly a crisis," Fox said in an interview, "but we have a responsibility to put a proposal out there that casts a longer-term vision, that helps Congress and the country quite frankly think past our noses, and that's what we're doing."

It would also be a one-time fix, but it would generate enough money to ratchet up transportation for several years. Rep. David Camp, R-Mich., chairman of the House's tax-writing committee, has also proposed a one-time, $126.5 billion infusion into the trust fund over a period of eight years. But his plan is part of a much broader rewrite of corporate laws, which would require heavy-lifting from Congress at any time, but especially in the hyper-partisan atmosphere of an election year.

"There doesn't seem to be much of an appetite to go after corporate tax reform this year, which is the only long term funding source that has been proposed by both the administration and Congress," said Joshua Schank, president of the Eno Center for Transportation, a Washington transportation think tank.

But Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, told reporters last week that "what seems to be coming forward as a consensus is a piece of tax reform" rather than shifting money from the general treasury or raising fuel taxes.

Foxx cited the modernization of Interstate 75, which rumbles through the heart of this middle-sized Ohio city, as an example of the kind of much needed improvements communities want but may have to forgo. The $381 million project is intended to expand the highway's capacity, reduce traffic congestion, and eliminate dangerous and confusing left-hand exits. More than a third of the project's cost is being paid with trust fund dollars.

The interstate highway program, launched in 1956, has been funded primarily through federal gas and diesel taxes under the principle that users of the system should pay for its construction and maintenance. But it's been clear for nearly a decade that fuel taxes haven't been keeping pace with transportation needs as the nation's population grows and its infrastructure ages.

The 18.4 cents a gallon federal gas tax was last increased in 1993 as part of a deal between President Bill Clinton and Congress to raise money to help reduce the federal deficit and pay for transportation programs. Clinton was fiercely criticized by Republicans as a tax-raiser, and the issue was one of several reasons Democrats lost control of the House and Senate the following year.

It was a lesson lawmakers in both parties took to heart.

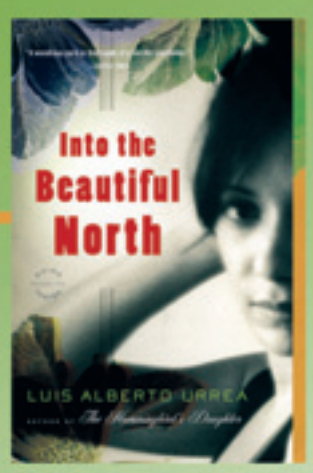
"People don't want to vote to increase the gas tax," LaHood, a former Republican congressman, said in an interview.

With encouragement from Congress, some states are stepping up their use of tolls to help pay for projects. But tolls aren't practical for all projects.

"Congress is stymied," said John Horsley, former executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. "We're all scratching our heads."

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SCHOOLS
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was suspended with pay and two students were arrested. Both students were accused by police of battery against a school official and one was accused of possessing marijuana and a razor blade.

Many took to social media to defend Black, calling for his reinstatement in an online petition that currently has more than 150,000 supporters. District officials say an independent investigation is still ongoing and the suspension is not a determination of any wrongdoing.

Some of those posting on social media and speaking out in the community say that drug use is becoming a greater problem at Samohi. This may be true but drug arrests and citations are down at the school in recent years, as is disciplinary action taken by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Police made 35 drug arrests at Samohi in the first half of the 2010-11 school year alone, according to Daily Press archives. They made 17 arrests for drugs the school year prior, the article said.

There were no drug arrests on the school property in all of 2013 and only one in all of 2012, said Santa Monica Police Department Sgt. Jay Moroso. Eleven citations were issued by police for drug offenses in 2012 and eight were issued in 2013.

Discipline numbers in the district follow a similar trend. In 2011-12 — the first year that data is available — the district suspended or expelled 96 students for drug-related incidents compared to 51 last school year.

Numbers for 2013-14 are not yet publicly available and, said SMMUSD Director of Student Services Mark Kelly, it's difficult to extrapolate the data in the middle of the year.

"I did run some numbers," he said. "I think proportionally they're consistent with past years in terms of the kind of offenses."

None of the offenses that might be related to the altercation at Samohi — drugs, violence, weapons — are noticeably up this school year, Kelly said.

Still, he said, it doesn't necessarily mean that the issues themselves are trending downward. New state law and a new approach to discipline is discouraging suspensions and expulsions, particularly on first offenses. One of the theories behind the change is the claim that taking kids out of school is detrimental to their learning and does little to curb the behavior. The new approach involves more discussion of how or why the problem occurred.

"One of the things that we've been continuing to work on is utilizing alternative means of correction and we'll continue to do that," Kelly said. "We may see fewer suspensions, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the behavior is different. It just means we may be responding to it differently."

Drug use among young people is a concern for school administrators across the country, he said.

"If there's a concern on campus I would hope people would bring attention to that," he said. "We certainly want it to be responded to, even if there is just a concern that someone might be in class under the influence, I would hope that would appropriately be dealt with by getting an administrator involved."

Anecdotally, Kelly said, drug use, which he said comes in peaks and valleys, is consistent in recent years.

VIOLENCE AND WEAPONS

Despite the student-teacher fight earlier this month, Kelly hasn't seen a boost in fights or violence this year.

Disciplinary actions for acts of violence in the district dropped from 242 to 222 between 2011-12 and last school year. The number of incidents that resulted in an injury dropped from 88 to 49.

In his time in his current position, Kelly hasn't heard of an altercation between a teacher and a student turning physical.

In 2012, a Malibu High School student claimed a teacher had slapped her in front of the class. Kelly was principal of the school at the time and was among those named in a lawsuit filed on behalf the student. The suit was settled for an undisclosed amount last year.

Moroso said that only three crimes took place at Samohi between 2011 and 2013 that could be considered violent in nature.

"Two were simple assaults," he wrote in an e-mail. "One was categorized as a robbery. In looking at the report further, it took place after school while the suspects and victim were walking home and off school grounds. In this instance two students intimidated another into giving them his property (no weapon). This is technically a (strongarm) robbery."

None of the arrests or citations involved weapons but disciplinary action involving weapons rose in the district between 2011-12 and last school year.

Seventeen students were suspended or expelled last school year for weapons offenses compared to 12 the year before.

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SEEING SIGNS: For rent signs sit in front of an apartment building on Fifth Street.

RENTS
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the sea were affordable to households making 80 percent or less of the area median income. Today, only 5 percent are. This is due in part to what is called vacancy decontrol, the result of a 1995 state law that lifted rent-level restrictions. The law allows landlords to raise rents to market rates whenever a tenant moves out.

There's been a 50 percent increase in the number of market-rate tenants who moved in within the past five years and the average market rate rental shot up 6 percent in 2013.

There are currently about 28,000 rent controlled units in the bay city. Two-thirds of those have been rented at market-rate since the 1995 law went into effect. Only 9,430 units are long-term rentals that have not been subject to market rate rent increases. Last year, nearly 500 long-term tenants moved out.

Another 8,000 units are not subject to rent control for a variety of reasons.

"One challenge that we did not face over the past year was any material reduction in the number of controlled units," the report said. "That number remained relatively constant at a little over 28,000. While 14 units were withdrawn from the rental market under the Ellis Act, 30 previously withdrawn units were returned to the market."

In 1998 there were 824 market-rate units affordable to those who made 30 percent of the median income, according to the report. Today, there are only four.

The median maximum allowable rent for a three-bedroom apartment without vacancy increases would be $1,380 per month but with the vacancy increase it jumps to $2,802.

Nearly half of Santa Monica renters spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent — a percentage that is considered unaffordable by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"As housing that is affordable vanishes for new households with moderate incomes, it is becoming increasingly difficult for many people to find housing they can afford in Santa Monica," the report stated.

Some low-income households can still find a place to stay thanks to the city's relatively high quantity of affordable housing units but, with the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency and all of the money that came along with it, newly constructed or purchased affordable units are growing scarce.

"With the state's elimination of redevelopment agencies and the impact of vacancy decontrol, Santa Monica appears to be heading toward a future where the population will be made up of fewer and fewer middle income residents," the report said.

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U.S. stock markets rebound after choppy beginning

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A stock market swoon turned into a comeback Tuesday.

Stocks managed a late-afternoon rebound for the second time in two days as investors seemed to brush off a report of lower confidence among homebuilders and simmering tensions in the Ukraine.

The late rally even gave a lift to tech stocks like Google and Intel, which had weighed on the market much of the day.

"As long as the market can close on a positive note, it sends a signal to investors that there are bargains in the market still to be had," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial.

The day started off well when Johnson & Johnson and Coca-Cola reported encouraging first-quarter earnings.

But the strong beginning fell apart by late morning, when investors got a look at the latest measure of U.S. homebuilders' confidence in the housing market at 10 a.m. Eastern time. Builders saw overall sales conditions as poor, even though they expected improvement over the spring and summer.

The morning slide didn't hold, however. By the end of the day, the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.37 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,842.98.

All ten industry sectors in the S&P 500 increased, led by utilities.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 89.32 points, or 0.6 percent, to 16,262.56. The Nasdaq composite rose 11.47 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,034.16.

All three indexes remain down for the month and year.

The Russell 2000 index of small-company stocks, which had been down more than 1 percent earlier in the day, ended higher. The index is still off 3.8 percent for the year, more than the other major indexes. It's also down more than 7 percent from its recent peak of 1,208 on March 4.

Small-company stocks have been racking up losses over the past five weeks, as investors look to reduce their exposure to risk. That's a turnaround from last year, when the Russell soared 37 percent versus 30 percent for the S&P 500 index.

The stock market has been losing ground in recent weeks as investors worry about whether some tech stocks became overpriced.

"There still seems to be some concern about valuation in some corners of the market, especially some of the more high-flying names that had run pretty far, pretty fast, and that's putting an overall weight on the market," said Brad Sorensen, director of market and sector analysis at the Schwab Center for Financial Research.

Traders also remain focused on what the latest wave of quarterly earnings will say about the health of the U.S. economy and companies.

After regular trade ended Tuesday, Yahoo soared 8 percent and Intel rose 1 percent. The two tech giants reported earnings that beat analysts' expectations.

Several major companies, including Google, American Express, Bank of America and IBM were due to report results on Wednesday.

"We're looking for healthy earnings growth and so far, we're getting it," said Anastasia Amoroso, global market strategist at JPMorgan Chase.

Not all stocks managed to end in the green.

Most homebuilder shares slumped, with M/I Homes among the biggest decliners. The builder fell 38 cents, or 1.7 percent, to $22.11.

PetSmart posted the steepest drop among companies in the S&P 500 index after an analyst downgraded the stock, saying new competition in pet care will create trouble for the retailer. The stock fell $2.76, or 4 percent, to $66.61.

TripAdvisor led all the risers in the S&P 500 index, gaining $3.53, or 4.4 percent, to $83.30.

Coca-Cola rose $1.45, or 3.7 percent, to $40.18 after it reported that strong sales of noncarbonated drinks helped offset a first-quarter decline in soda.

Johnson & Johnson rose $2.06, or 2.1 percent, to $99.20 after the world's biggest maker of health care products topped Wall Street expectations and raised its earnings outlook.

In Europe, Ukraine sent tanks and troops to reclaim government buildings being occupied by pro-Russian gunmen in the eastern part of the country. European governments have accused Russia of instigating the activists, raising the prospect of escalating violence and more sanctions against Moscow, possibly affecting the valuable energy trade

Europe's markets fared worse on Tuesday. Germany's DAX fell 1.8 percent while France's CAC 40 dropped 0.9 percent.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipped to 2.63 percent from 2.65 percent late Monday.





CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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

Fairview Branch Library Renovation Project
SP2263

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 May 6, 2014, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date at the Office of the City Clerk Conference Room 102. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:

April 22, 2014 9:00 AM
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Santa Monica, CA

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $375,000.00
CONTRACT DAYS: 120 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $700.00 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.

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SURF REPORT



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **60.8°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
SSW swell holds; leftover NW swell; NW windswell potentially rises up; deep am high tide - largest waves off the combo out west

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
SSW swell eases; potential NW windswell continues; watching the winds for the morning

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Reinforcing SSW swell builds; NW windswell may linger; watching the winds for the morning

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
SSW swell continues; long period new SSW builds; small new NW swell moves in out west

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 9, 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 -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 26
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 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 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+	B
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+
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.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	B
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 DWW 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'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.

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.

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.

Solemn tributes recall Boston Marathon bombing

DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

BOSTON Survivors, first responders and family members of those killed in the Boston Marathon bombing marked the anniversary Tuesday with tributes that combined sorrow over the loss of innocent victims with pride over the city's resilience in the face of a terror attack.

"This day will always be hard, but this place will always be strong," former Mayor Thomas Menino told an invitation-only audience of about 2,500 people at the Hynes Convention Center, not far from the finish line where three people died and more than 260 others were injured a year ago.

Vice President Joe Biden, who attended the ceremony, said the courage shown by survivors and those who lost loved ones is an inspiration for other Americans dealing with loss and tragedy.

"You have become the face of America's resolve," he said.

Biden also praised the 36,000 runners who plan to run the marathon next week, saying they will send a message to terrorists.

"America will never, ever, ever stand down," he said, to loud applause. He added, "We own the finish line."

In Washington, President Barack Obama was observing the anniversary with a private moment of silence at the White House.

"Today, we recognize the incredible courage and leadership of so many Bostonians in the wake of unspeakable tragedy," Obama said in a statement. "And we offer our deepest gratitude to the courageous firefighters, police officers, medical professionals, runners and spectators who, in an instant, displayed the spirit Boston was built on — perseverance, freedom and love."

Obama said this year's race, scheduled for April 21, will "show the world the meaning of Boston Strong as a city chooses to run again."

Authorities say two ethnic Chechen brothers who lived in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan and the Dagestan region of Russia planned and orchestrated the twin bombings near the marathon finish line on April 15, 2013.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, died following a shootout with police days after the bombings. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 20, has pleaded not guilty to federal charges and is awaiting a trial in which he faces a possible death sentence. Prosecutors say the brothers also killed MIT police Officer Sean Collier days after the bombings in an attempt to steal his gun.

Prosecutors have said Dzhokhar Tsarnaev left a hand-scrawled confession condemning U.S. actions in Muslim countries on the inside wall of a boat in which he was found hiding following the police shootout.

At the tribute, several survivors of the bombing alluded to their injuries but focused on the strength they've drawn from fellow survivors, first responders, doctors, nurses and strangers who have offered them support.

"We should never have met this way, but we are so grateful for each other," said Patrick Downes, a newlywed who was injured along with his wife. Each lost a left leg below the knee in the bombings.

Downes described Boston Strong, the slogan coined after the attack, as a movement that symbolizes the city's determination to recover. He called the people who died "our guardian angels."

"We will carry them in our hearts," he said.

Downes said the city on April 21 will "show the world what Boston represents." He added, "For our guardian angels, let them hear us roar."

Adrianne Haslet-Davis, a ballroom dancer who lost her left leg below the knee and has recently returned to performing on a prosthetic leg, said she's learned over the last year that no milestone is too small to celebrate, including walking into a non-handicapped bathroom stall for the first time and "doing a happy dance."

Gov. Deval Patrick spoke of how the attack has drawn people closer.

"There are no strangers here," he repeated throughout his speech.

Carlos Arredondo, the cowboy hat-wearing spectator who was hailed as a hero for helping the wounded after the bombings, said he went to the tribute ceremony to support survivors and their families.

"You can see how the whole community gathered together to support them and remember," Arredondo said.

After the tributes, many of those in attendance walked in the rain to the finish line for a moment of silence that coincided with the time when the bombs went off. Bells rang, and a flag was raised by transit agency police Officer Richard Donohue, who was badly injured during a shootout with the bombing suspects.

Aleksander Jonca wore a blue windbreaker from last year's race, which he was unable to finish because of the bombings. He's running again this year, with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"All of us have a different path to heal, and I think today is a good way to do that together and honor the survivors," Jonca said.

Earlier in the day, a wreath-laying ceremony drew the families of the three people killed — Martin Richard, Krystle Campbell and Lu Lingzi — and Collier's relatives.



MOVIE TIMES

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1328 Montana Ave.
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Offline (NR)
7:30pm

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

Rio 2 (G) 1hr 41min
12:45pm, 3:40pm, 6:30pm, 9:45pm

Bad Words (R) 1hr 29min
10:30pm

Muppets Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 52min
1:00pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm

Oculus (R) 1hr 45min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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

Rio 2 (G) 1hr 41min
11:00am, 4:15pm, 9:45pm

Rio 2 in 3D (G) 1hr 41min
1:35pm, 7:00pm

Oculus (R) 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Draft Day (PG-13) 2hr
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

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

Anonymous People (NR) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Ilo Ilo (NR) 1hr 39min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Joe (R) 1hr 57min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

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

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

AT HOME TONIGHT, LEO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your intensity might be heightened by a night of vivid dreams. A personal or domestic matter will loosen you up. You could see a white rabbit pop out of a black hat. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Others seek you out, as they have plans or a project that they would like to include you in. You might have different plans. How you explain this could define your interactions for a while. Take an overall look at a situation. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Focus on a project, rather than allow others to be distracted. You will be optimistic when it comes to an investment. A partner surprises you with a different perspective. You could feel awkward about a personal crisis. Tonight: Take your time heading home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your creativity emerges, and you seem to find answers quickly. On the other hand, others easily could be stumped by a problem. Be careful with a roommate who might decide to cause some uproar. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Ever playful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You need to focus on the here and now, as well as on what direction you want to head in. You need to be determined, or else you will be distracted too easily. Count on your inner voice. You might be receiving an odd yet valid message. Listen carefully. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could tumble into a snafu, but you will bounce right out. Use care with spending, as it could cause a problem. Tempers might flare regarding something that seems more important than it really is. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Patience doesn't appear to be very evident right now, as tempers are close to the surface. Respect differences instead of viewing others as being wrong. Tonight: Take a break from routine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could choose to bypass a frustrating situation. If you would like to maximize your energy, detach. Instability comes from an associate and/or a change in schedule. News sheds light on a decision. First, digest the information. Tonight: Alone does not work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Listen to others' complaints. You might be inclined to start a discussion and get to the bottom of a problem. You might be surprised by the anger that arises. Tonight: Your popularity is about to soar!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities while you can. A boss or a personal situation has the capacity to distract you. Decide how to handle this issue, especially if you have a lot to get done. Realize that you have options. Tonight: Loosen up with a friend. Say "goodbye" to tension.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You are full of playfulness, while others seem to be pulling out their hair. If you stop, you will see that a situation has evolved that forces your hand. You need to respond to someone who really could use your support. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Allow your imagination to wander. How you deal with someone could change radically once you detach and can understand his or her actions, ideas and thoughts. You might not have seen this dimension of this person before. Tonight: Be where there is great music.

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

This year you often disagree with those around you. How you manifest this difference of opinion will strongly affect your relationships. If you develop respect for others' ideas, better interactions will emerge as a result. A change on the homefront will be for the better. If you are single, at times you might feel out of sync with others when dating. Realize that not everyone is right for you. The period from July 15 to your next birthday could draw a significant person into your life. If you are attached, you enjoy each other's company. You also enter a new phase of your relationship this year. SCORPIO probes to find answers.

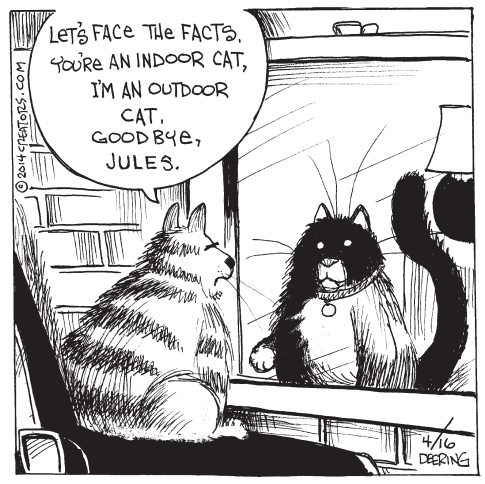
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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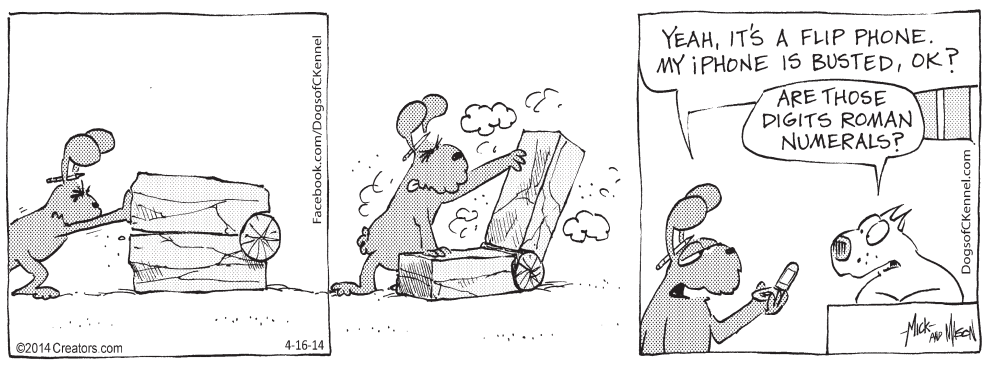
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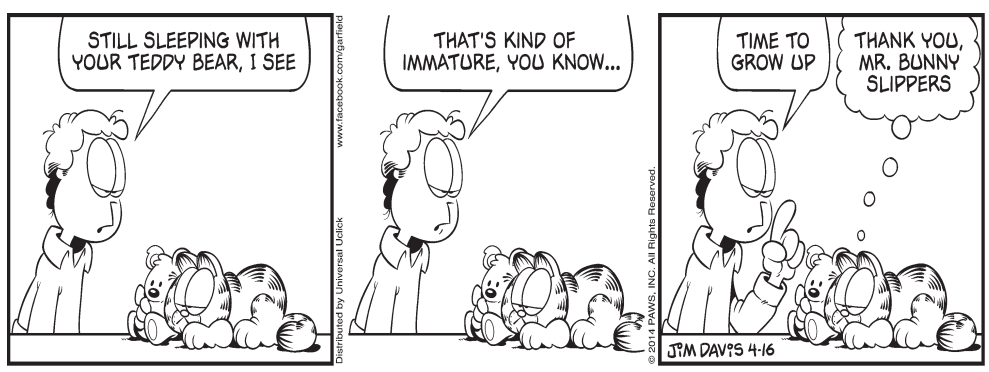
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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By Jim Davis



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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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1				7		2		
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GETTING STARTED

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

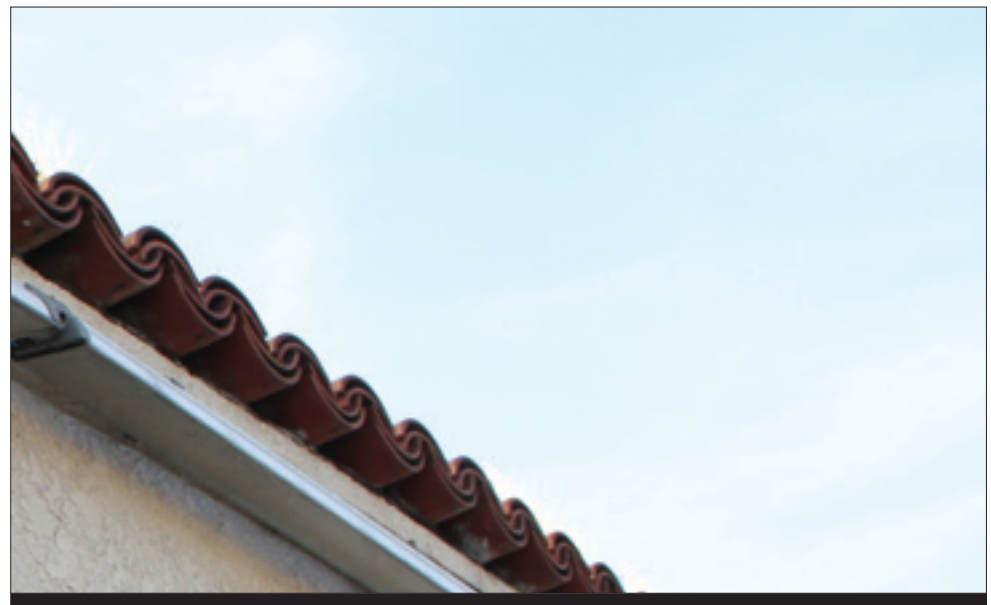
SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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9	1	6	2	5	4	8	7	3
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Dagger handle
5 Sense
9 "You don't say!"
11 Painter Matisse
12 Do some field work
13 Pond growth
14 Blazing
15 Yo-Yo Ma, for one
17 Tour de France entrant
19 "The Matrix" hero
20 Move aside
21 Last letter, in London
22 Become wild
24 Semi-circular shape
26 Commerce
29 Box office buys, in slang
30 Pragmatic person
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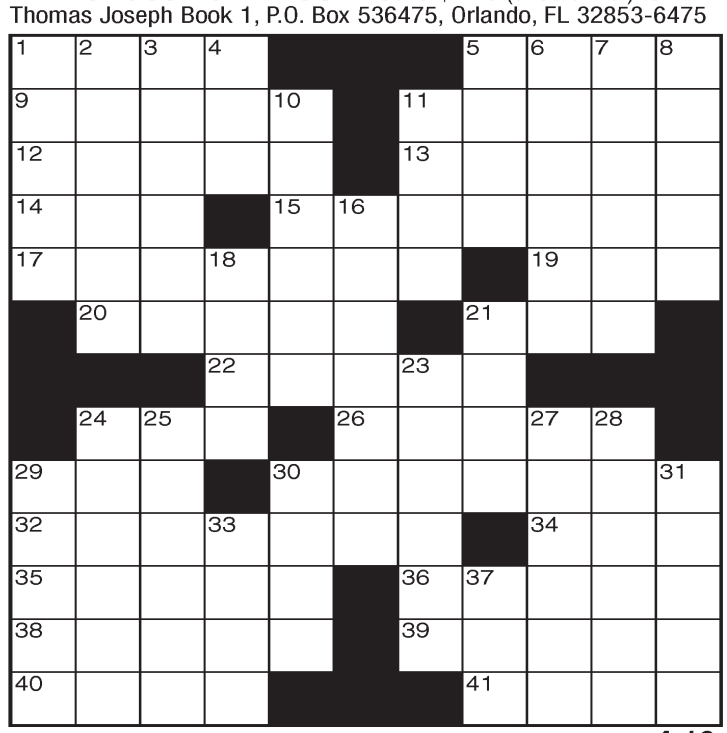
DOWN

1 A soprano may hit it
2 Brass and bronze
3 Chevy Chase film role
4 Sched. placeholder
5 Plummeted
6 Car part
7 Made blank
8 Deceive
10 Los Angeles suburb
11 Sentry's command
16 Fancy homes
18 Olympics sled
21 Enthusiasm
23 Was babbling
24 Roman orator
25 Radiated
27 Cisco Kid's horse
28 Think highly of
29 Subject
30 Stir up
31 Far from wordy
33 Highway division
37 Like '60s fashion

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Yesterday's answer

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4-16

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/12
14 26 45 54 55
Power#: 20
Jackpot: $110M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/11
3 42 44 47 57
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: $28M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 4/12
2 12 20 27 38
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: $49M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/15
8 10 15 18 23

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/15
MIDDAY: 0 8 5
EVENING: 9 1 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 4/15
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:49.03

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In some cultures, and now in Florida, apparently, the act of urination carries no special modesty protection. A judge ruled in March that video of Justin Bieber expelling for a urine test following his January drag-racing arrest in Miami Beach was a "public record" and had to be released to the press under Florida law. (A perhaps overly generous black box was edited into the video to make it somewhat less explicit.) In the video, only one officer is present, observing, based on protocol that respects the suspect's "privacy" -- though the Florida judge in essence invited the entire world to watch Bieber urinate, as the video quickly made the Internet.

■ (1) Kentucky state Rep. Leslie Combs, unloading her .380 semi-automatic handgun in her Capitol office in Frankfort in January, accidentally fired a shot into her furniture. Said Combs, "I'm a gun owner. It happens." In fact, she praised herself for being "particularly careful" to point the gun away from people while "unloading" it. (2) In March, an unnamed man was rescued by bystanders who heard screaming from a maze-like storm drain, which runs 12 feet below the street in Lawton, Okla. The man had accidentally dropped a $20 bill through a grate and climbed in after it, wandering underground for two days searching for his way out. (He never found the $20.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

2007 – Virginia Tech massacre: Seung-Hui Cho guns down 32 people and injures 23 before committing suicide.

2012 – The Pulitzer Prize winners were announced, it was the first time since 1977 that no book won the Fiction Prize.

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1.
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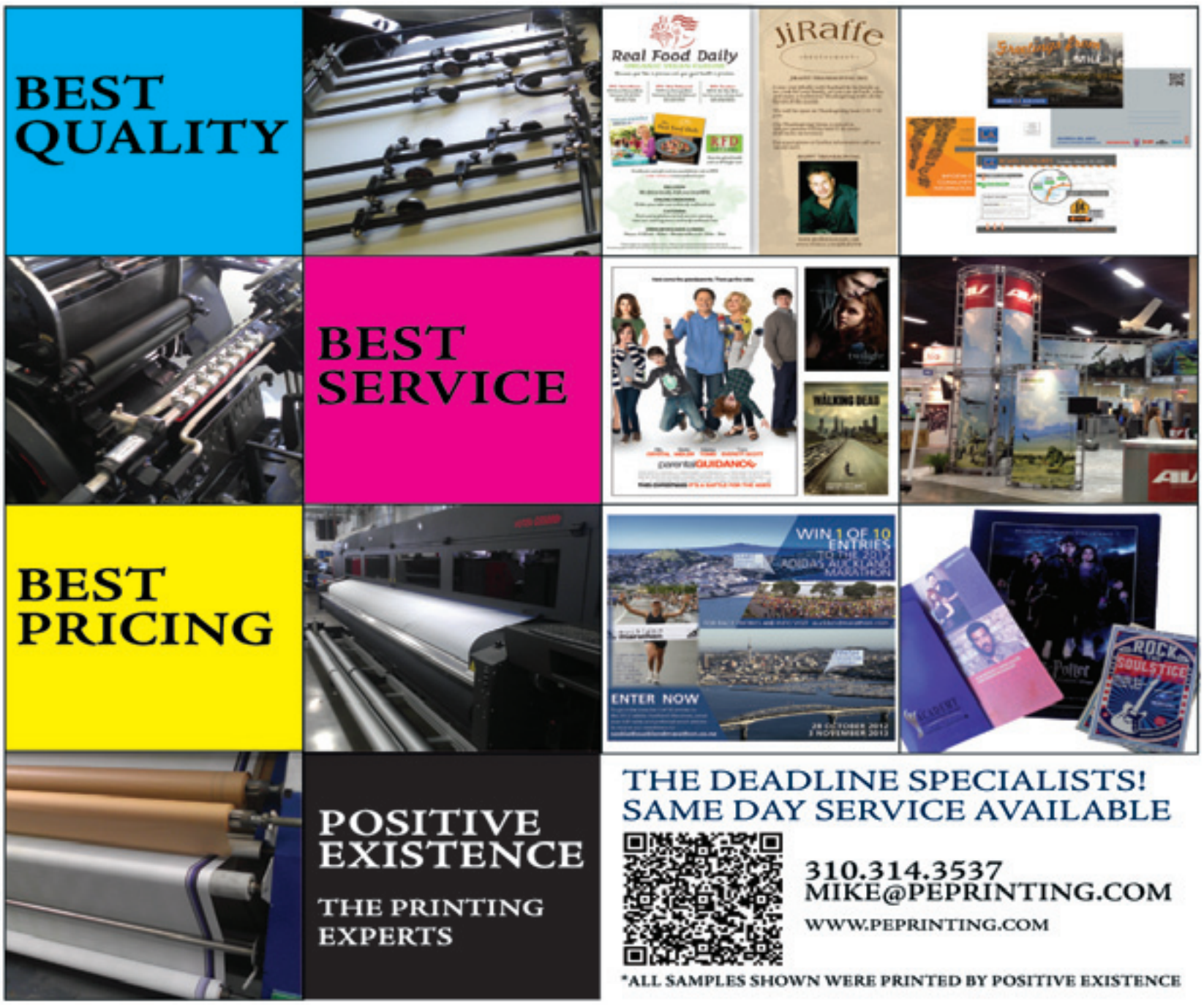
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