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THE WORKING AHEAD ISSUE

Mainopoly lets residents eat for a good cause

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor in Chief

MAIN STREET Top hats and monocles are not required to participate in the inaugural Mainopoly fundraiser but organizers are hoping to see a few Monopoly-themed costumes strolling along the sidewalk on May 25.

The event is a self-guided restaurants walk featuring 19 eateries along Main Street. Participants will receive 20 tasting tickets

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SMMUSD setting goals with state

English proficiency, college readiness, parent involvement considered

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQRTRS District officials want to put state funding toward, among other things, closing the gap between general education students and Spanish speakers, those with disabilities, and economic disadvantages.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Terry Deloria presented the Board of Education with a list of district goals for the next five years at the most recent meeting.

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

WORK IN PROGRESS: Student Sharif Matar (right) goes over his final project he did for the cookie company 'Modern Bite.' Sharif and his fellow students go over final projects during graduation day at General Assembly Friday afternoon.

Helping startups

On the ancillary businesses that support our tech boom

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SILICON BEACH You can't actually see Santa Monica on Represent.LA, the website that maps the L.A.-area tech startup world, because it is completely covered by hundreds of pins, each indicating a business. The pins spread south to Venice and are scattered in a healthy strip to Downtown Los Angeles.

In Santa Monica, most of the pins are purple, representing startups themselves, but many are brown (consultants), green (investors), orange (accelerators) or some other color and business that is supporting but not actually creating the next hot (or failed) app.

And for all of Represent.LA's depth, it doesn't chart the lawyers, accountants, or creative office space brokers who work primarily with tech startups.

There is a gold rush aphorism (so cliché and often repeated that its origin can't be easily traced) that says that the surest way to get rich is to sell shovels (or picks, or sieves, or pans).

It's a cynical analogy; in a business landscape where meteoric successes sometimes mean a company leaves the city for a larger space (see Sony's Santa Monica Studio, IMAX, or Riot Games) and wipe-outs are common, these companies provide needed stability.

City Hall wants both types, said Economic Development Manager Jason Harris, and they have a good balance.

"We do not have specific examples of one type being more economically advantageous than the other," he said in an e-mail. "My personal sense is the turn over and churn of startup activity may generate more business activities to those businesses servicing that industry such as real estate, utilities, professional service, etc. for the estab-

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1401 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m. — 3 p.m., and 4 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Officially called Hump Day Lot, a collection of food trucks will be available every Wednesday featuring easy access parking for bikes and vehicles alike. The food trucks will be located at 1401 Santa Monica Blvd., which is at the corner of 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. As many as six trucks may be on site at once. Entertainment will also be available in the form of music by The Central, a "social aid and pleasure club."

Keep in mind
Montana Library
6 p.m.
The library invites you to enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for five minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, mindful wellness consultant, will guide the session. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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1323-A Third Street Promenade, 9 — 10:30 p.m.
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Thursday, May 22, 2014

What's new?
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m.
Current events discussion, moderated by Jack Nordhaus.

Sweet movie
Pico Library
2201 Pico Blvd., 5:30 p.m.
Actress Yareli Arizmendi, who plays Tita's sister Rosaura in "Like Water for Chocolate," and also narrated the audiobook, joins the library for a post-screening discussion of the Ariel-Award winning film adaptation of Laura Esquivel's classic tale.

Dumpling time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
Learn to make Chinese dumplings and about their cultural significance. Ages 3 and up. Limited space; free tickets available at 6:30 p.m.

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



OPEN HOUSE

Courtesy photo

The annual SUPERSmash fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 17 to support the Santa Monica Alternative School House. In addition to games and activities for kids, the event was a celebration of the school's 40th anniversary. Alumni were welcomed back to reconnect with the school community.

Live call-in show to feature school superintendent

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor in Chief

CITY WIDE Santa Monica's government access channel will wrap up its live programming season on May 29 with school district Superintendent Sandra Lyon taking resident calls.

CityTV has hosted two live call-in shows in the past month; one focused on traffic issues and the second feature police chief Jacqueline Seabrooks. Residents will be able to call, text or e-mail the channel to interact with Lyon during her segment.

Robin Gee, Cable TV and Public Information Manager said the city used to produce live shows about 20 years ago using a cable channel's studio. She said production of live shows dropped off due to a lack of access but when CityTV moved into a new studio last year, she said she had the opportunity to bring back live shows.

"It's a great idea to bring in people who are in charge of important institutions in our community and allow our community to interact with them, bring their questions, concerns, issues or things that might be on their mind," she said.

Gee said producing live television is far more complicated than a taped show and incorporating live phone calls is even more time consuming. The channel is only able to produce the live shows when it can rely on support from students at Santa Monica College, hence the "seasons" tied to the spring and fall semesters.

She said she hoped to expand the live shows beyond the call-in format. "I'm hoping to have an election related live program as well so that will be something that is pretty exciting,"

She said producers are also experimenting with text polling to make the shows more interactive. "We're trying to engage the community in the programs," she said.

Sam Morrissey was one of the first guests in the current season. He said the show provided a great way to reach a large audience. "I really appreciated it because parking and traffic are such huge issues, if you live or work here," he said. "People are always asking about it and I think it's important for us to be able to talk to people about it."

Morrissey said he fielded about seven questions over the course of the hour, many of which addressed some of the most common resident concerns. "They were good general questions that I think were on a lot of people's minds and they were from actual callers," he said. "We were concerned if people would call in but we did get good calls."

The shows are streamed live at the time they air and also recorded for future broadcast. Gee and Morrissey said the focus on multiple distribution methods helped bring the information to more residents.

"It's good to have multiple venues to let people ask you questions and ask you why the city does certain things," said Morrissey.

CityTV is the government access channel for the City of Santa Monica. Seen on cable channel 16, on-line and on mobile devices, the channel is a 12-time Emmy Award winner and airs live public meeting coverage, local news and other programming over four cable channels. The final call-in show will be on Thursday, May 29 from 7 - 8 p.m. Visit smgov.net/departments/citytv for more information.

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Rethinking development

Editor:

In Friday's Community Briefs you printed Assemblyman Richard Bloom response to City Council rescinding its approval of the Hines project ("Richard Bloom criticizes Hines decision"). In his response, Bloom characterizes the effort by residents to bring democracy, or "residocracy," into the decision-making process as "fear-mongering" that has "left our city with a black eye." Actually, it was former Mayor Richard Bloom's own NIMBY, Not In My Back Yard, fear-mongering and that of other City Council members that stopped city staff years ago from exploring and developing plans to provide parking for people from our region whose tax dollars paid the light-rail Expo for whom it was built. It is this kind of selfish, short-sighted thinking that has given our city a black eye.

Rather than build underground parking that could be accessed directly from the freeway ramp at Cloverfield and 26th Street, allowing cars to park for the Expo without needing to enter the streets of Santa Monica, those on the City Council who were aligned with Richard Bloom's approach to development, instead, advanced the Hines 26th Street Project that would bring cars onto our streets to park at a mixed-use commercial center designed to keep people from traveling to other parts of the city. Allowing Hines to build a lot for its own project would have worked against developing a circulation plan that could make the Expo stop at 26th and Olympic a major hub for public transportation taking people to all parts of Santa Monica.

Richard Bloom and his allies are the ones using fear-mongering to change our priorities. Here is the narrative used to justify outrageous development: With redevelopment money gone, Santa Monica lacks the funds to build parks and develop a world-class Santa Monica-centric circulation plan to advance the growth of green-space, commerce, and culture that residents and local businesses want throughout our community. That is why the city must turn to developers whose projects have enough height and density to guarantee banks and investors a quick, significant return. According to Richard Bloom, the city approving such projects could bring "significant community benefits to Santa Monica, not the least of which are badly needed housing stock, including deed restricted affordable housing."

This narrative has not dissuaded those who signed the referendum to halt the Hines Project. Many of these Santa Monica residents favor a multi-modal transportation plan that encourages people to explore public transportation and other alternatives as they transition themselves from dependence on cars as their sole source of transportation. Their vision is not obscured by tall buildings or by delusions of grandeur. Growth would be the natural consequence, increased circulation, provided that Santa Monica does not lose its authenticity. Last week, Santa Monica Architects for a Responsible Tomorrow (SM a.r.t.) put it this way: Santa Monica's "relaxed, seaside character and human scale plays in an important role in its allure." The Santa Monica Pier, an icon recognized around the world, represents that authenticity and speaks to its allure.

Residents opposed the Hines project because it threatened to undermine our authenticity and would have prevented us from developing an equitable circulation plan to promote commercial and cultural growth citywide while reducing traffic and helping Los Angeles to lower the emission of greenhouse gases, which would benefit everyone's health and well-being. We hope, by scrapping the Hines project and other land-use projects like that, we can clear the road so we might focus on developing a citywide circulation plan that would promote natural growth.

Gregg Heacock
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Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

How do you measure a haircut, how do you measure a man?

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE OPENING OF an obituary for Pete the Barber, let me rush to say it isn't. He's doing well, I'm told, resting at home after too long in the hospital. But his haircuts and his barber shop here in Santa Monica, Pete's four decades behind the chair -- are now history.

I'll tell you how I measured his haircuts, for our 15-plus years together. I didn't go to Pete when I needed something different, a change of style that I usually couldn't articulate. For that I'd drive off to Beverly Hills to see Michael (barbers sometimes have last names, hair stylists, never), my man in the fancy salon who has worked his magic on me for a quarter century. Michael knows what I want, even when I don't.

But if it was just getting too shaggy or curling up ugly over my collar, go to Pete, down the street. Most of the time I just needed a great haircut that was short enough to last a while but didn't make me look like I was pruned for summer by a distracted gardener. I could count on it being even in the back, easy on the sides (he knew my hair sticks out like Dagwood's if you go just a little too short), and he left it styled just the way it was when I walked in.

When you walked into Pete's shop, north of Broadway and south from the Dance Doctor, a step down off Fourth Street, you stepped back in time. It hovered somewhere between cluttered and messy in there, but not so much as to be discomfiting. Just comfortable and lived in, the way barber shops used to be. Man's territory. There was a lot to look at, from plastic Greek statues (Pete was of mixed Greek heritage) to stacks of reading material to bobble heads to clippings and photos on the walls to a brick with a string tied around it and a piece of paper reading, "All that's left of Pete's old barber shop." You could tell he was proud of his profession, but I never found out how he got into it, why he became a barber. It was one of my questions I didn't get the chance to ask.

No shampoo, no blow dry or fancy conditioners at Peter's Barber Shop, in and out in 10-15 minutes, unless we really got to talking. But that was the best part of a Pete's haircut. There were no bounds on what you might hear in that chair, and absolutely no telling if it was true or a tall tale, or (usually, I think) a mixture.

Beyond his considerable skill as a barber, there was his renown as a conversationalist and storyteller. And just a helluva nice old gent, with a great dry sense of humor.

I heard so many stories over the years and took them only for the moment's entertainment without committing them to memory. When I decided to write about Pete it became a long drawn-out process; why, I'm not sure. Was it really his aches and pains and doctor and hospital visits the last couple of months, when I'd walk in the shop half a dozen times and he'd wave me off with a scowl, or the times he smiled and we did chat a little and he said, "Write whatever you want, I don't care. It's fine." Did he want me to tell his story, or not? Pete spent a lifetime as the wise and careful barber who could talk about anything with anybody and not offend because he could joke around without really taking sides. Old habits die hard.

I had hoped to pry a few more of those stories out of Pete's well-used memory banks, but it wasn't to be. So, dear readers, won't you help me out? Help me tell his story, since he's no longer available to us behind his vintage chair.

I remember Pete telling me he was born on Cyprus, a large Mediterranean island nation that changed sides like a ping pong ball for hundreds of years, flying flags of Greece, Italy, Egypt, England, France, Iran, Turkey, even split in two. Pete spoke Greek, Italian and a little Spanish. I think he fibbed about his age for a few reasons, but one may have been that he wasn't sure because he didn't have a birth certificate, I was told by a friend of his. That made it easier to tell me he was 84 when I first met him at the end of the last century, and still 84 when I asked him a couple months ago.

I've received a few emails about Pete, and if anyone's got a story, a memory from his shop, I'd love to collect them and pass them on in a future column.

I got one just this week from Michael Loox, who asked me if I had any word on Peter. "He has been cutting my hair for 13 years and treats my 4-year-old like his own granddaughter. He was supposed to meet my son after he was born but now the handwritten note is down and the shop is empty. We shared all the news on the walls (my cat cards from Christmases past), the funny and the sad. I hope he is OK."

A week ago I heard from Maj. Jim Burns (military men are very picky about their haircuts, you know), who wrote, "His conversations are enjoyable, true to life with a mixture of light humor and real experiences. Did you know of his military service in the Greek Army prior to his emigrating to the U.S.? Pete's presence is definitely a solid institutional foundation backed by a sense of true character and wisdom in an area deep in cultural chaos."

So what do you say? Peter Katsikides was an outstanding citizen who gave so much to Santa Monica for so long, let's finish the job he got cut short on, and celebrate him in print with your remembrances of the grand old man. Write to my email below.

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House GOP bill would roll back school lunch rules

MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON House Republicans are proposing to let some schools opt out of healthier school lunch and breakfast programs if they are losing money.

A GOP spending bill for agriculture and food programs released Monday would allow schools to apply for waivers if they have a net loss on school food programs for a six month period.

Championed by first lady Michelle Obama, the new standards have been phased in over the last two school years, with more changes coming in 2014. The rules set fat, calorie, sugar and sodium limits on foods in the lunch line and beyond.

The first lady held a call to rally supporters of the healthier food rules Monday as a House subcommittee is expected to consider the bill on Tuesday.

While many schools have had success putting the rules in place, others have said they are too restrictive and costly. Schools pushing for changes say limits on sodium and requirements for whole grains have proven particularly difficult, while some school officials say kids are throwing fruits and vegetables they are required to take in the trash.

The House Appropriations Committee said in a release that the waiver language is in response to requests from schools.

The School Nutrition Association, which represents school nutrition directors and companies that sell food to schools, endorsed the provision Monday and said that schools need more room to make their own decisions. President Leah Schmidt said the group supports the waiver as a temporary solution until Congress considers renewal of a school foods law that expires in 2015.

"School meal programs need more flexibility to plan menus that increase student consumption of healthy choices while limiting waste," Schmidt.

The School Nutrition Association says that almost half of school meal programs reported declines in revenue in the 2012-13 school year and 90 percent said food costs were up.

Nutrition advocates and other supporters of the rules say it will take some time for schools to adjust and the House proposal is overly broad. Margo Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest says the House Republicans are using a "hacksaw rather than a scalpel" to try and solve problems some schools are having.

Wootan argues that there may be other factors in play such as enrollment or food costs if a lunch program is losing money.

"It's a shame that the House Republicans are taking a step backward and allowing schools to serve more unhealthy food to children," she said.

The House bill would provide money for Agriculture Department programs and Food and Drug Administration programs. It would also make tweaks to another nutrition program championed by the Obama administration, proposing to allow white potatoes to be accepted as part of USDA's Women, Infants and Children program.

The WIC program gives vouchers for healthy and nutritious foods to low-income pregnant and nursing mothers and children. The Agriculture Department does not allow the purchase of white potatoes to be subsidized as part of WIC because they say people already eat enough of them.

That rule has angered the potato industry and members of Congress from potato-growing states, who have fought the potato exclusion.

A Senate subcommittee was also scheduled to mark up its version of the food and farm spending bill Tuesday but that panel has not yet released its language.

The Q Line

Changing their minds

The City Council last week agreed to reverse its decision on the controversial Bergamot Transit Village development.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you hope happens to the development and why?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.


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Oregon ruling marks 13th gay marriage win in a row

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Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. A federal judge threw out Oregon's same-sex marriage ban Monday, marking the 13th legal victory for gay marriage advocates since the U.S. Supreme Court last year overturned part of a federal ban.

State officials earlier refused to defend Oregon's voter-approved ban and said they wouldn't appeal.

The National Organization for Marriage sought to intervene, but both U.S. District Judge Michael McShane in Eugene and a federal appeals court rejected its attempts to argue in favor of the ban.

Many county clerks in the state began carrying out same-sex marriages almost immediately after Monday's ruling, as jubilant couples rushed to tie the knot.

"It's the final step to be truly a family," said Patty Reagan, who waited in line in Portland to get a marriage license with partner Kelly. "Everyone else takes for granted that they have this right."

McShane joins judges in seven other states who have overturned same-sex marriage bans, though appeals are underway. Lower-court judges have repeatedly cited last year's Supreme Court ruling when striking down bans.

Here's a closer look at where things stand across the country:

HOW MANY STATES ALLOW SAME-SEX MARRIAGE?

Gay and lesbian couples can legally marry in 17 states and the District of Columbia. The two most recent states to make the unions legal were New Mexico and Hawaii, both of which did so in late 2013. Oregon's ruling is not expected to be challenged, which would make it the 18th state where gay marriage is legal.

IS GAY MARRIAGE GETTING CLOSE TO BECOMING LEGAL IN OTHER STATES?

In 11 states, federal or state judges recently have overturned same-sex marriage bans or ordered states to recognize out-of-state marriages. Appeals courts are reviewing those decisions. Ten are in the hands of federal appeals courts, and one is with a state appeals court.

WHERE HAVE OTHER PRO-GAY MARRIAGE RULINGS COME DOWN?

They've been all over the country. Federal or state judges in Idaho, Oklahoma, Virginia, Michigan, Texas, Utah and Arkansas recently have found state same-sex marriage bans to be unconstitutional. Judges also have ordered Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana to recognize same-sex marriages from other states. The New Mexico Supreme Court declared the state ban unconstitutional in a ruling that is not being challenged.

IS OREGON'S ATTORNEY GENERAL THE ONLY ONE NOT DEFENDING A STATE BAN?

No. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum is one of seven top state prosecutors who have refused to defend same-sex marriage bans in court. Attorney generals in Virginia, Pennsylvania, California, Illinois, Nevada and Kentucky, all Democrats, have made the same decision. Virginia and Kentucky still appealed rulings. A county clerk who was sued in Virginia is fighting that ban, and Kentucky hired outside attorneys.

SINCE OREGON IS KNOWN AS A PROGRESSIVE STATE, WHY DIDN'T THIS HAPPEN SOONER?

Liberal voters in Portland, Eugene and a few other college towns are balanced by more conservative voters in the rest of the state. When county officials in Portland began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples in 2003, voters responded the next year by adding language to the state constitution defining marriage as a union only between a man and woman.

WHAT DO OPPONENTS SAY?

Opposition remains stiff in many places, with critics pointing out that most states still prohibit gay marriage.

The Oregon Family Council released a strongly worded statement Monday saying the state colluded with gay-rights groups to sidestep the will of voters, and a judge allowed it.

"While tonight's newscast will feature tearful couples at staged PR activities in courthouses across the state, the real tears should be for the next generation as we witness our constitutional republic sink into a banana republic," spokeswoman Teresa Harke said.

DO OTHER STATES HAVE PENDING LAWSUITS?

Yes. Of the states where same-sex marriage remains banned, lawsuits challenging those laws have been filed in all but three — Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

WHAT'S NEXT?

A ruling from a federal appeals court is expected soon, either from a panel in Denver reviewing rulings from Utah and Oklahoma or judges in Richmond, Virginia, reviewing Virginia's case. Many legal observers say they expect the U.S. Supreme Court to take a case at some point, but they acknowledge it's impossible to predict what the high court will do. The Supreme Court could also just wait and see how the nation's appellate courts rule. It often waits until there is a conflict between appellate courts before taking a case.

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lishment of utility service, leasing of space, etc."

Startups often take years to become profitable and a business' profitability does translate to a higher business license tax paid to City Hall.

Santa Monica's creative class businesses, including the tech startups, are self-propagating, Harris said.

"It is driven by both the startups and the workforce that is located in the community and is supported by the venture capitalists," he said.

"A lot of these ancillary companies know what they want," said Randy Starr, a creative office space broker with Avison Young. "They'll fill out their exact space. They know who their principals are. They'll sign a 10-year deal and they're set. They don't have to worry about growth."

Ancillary companies want to be in Santa Monica, he said, so that the CEOs and CFOs of the startups can walk to their businesses.

Upfront Ventures, one of the most significant venture capital firms in Southern California announced last year it would move from Century City to Downtown Santa Monica. Greycroft, another large VC, is already here.

"They will pay a premium for certain spaces," Starr said of these VCs. "They have the luxury. They can afford it. They're not trying to start some new startup app where they're burning through cash, so it's different."

Starr himself is an example of the healthy lifespan of a tech-serving business: He's been here since the late '80s and rode out the waves of the dot com boom and bust. He watched tech companies rise then fall and now he's showing their vacant spaces to the next wave of entrepreneurs.

One trend that Starr believes in is group workspaces.

Mike Jones worked as the CEO of Myspace in Beverly Hills and started a couple companies in Santa Monica. Now he's the CEO of SCIENCE Inc., an incubator in Downtown Santa Monica. Incubators provide, among other things, space and support for promising baby tech companies.

"We have three floors in our current building and that's been giving us plenty of room to grow, and in addition to that many of the businesses we help build, when they get to scale, they go off and find their own offices," Jones said. "Dollar Shave Club set up an office in Venice and DogVacay set up an independent office in Santa Monica. They all continue to remain on the Westside and I have nothing to indicate that they will be leaving those cities."

Over at General Assembly, student programmers show off their final projects. For many, this is their last step before they enter the tech startup world.

General Assembly is like a university for tech startups. They have a 6,500-square-foot campus, more than 65 full-time learners enrolled in 10 to 12-week programs, and bustling evening classes.

The classes are taught by successful members of the local tech community, said Sarah Tilton, former manager of General Assemblies Santa Monica campus and current head of the company's global campus sales and marketing. The teachers see the classes as a way to build the community, she said.

"They really do this because they understand that one of the biggest needs in the community is scaling yourself when you're a technical talent in a city like Santa Monica or New York," she said. "It's just giving back and creating the next wave of talent to help other companies grow."

General Assembly has campuses all over the world but Santa Monica, which opened in October of 2012, was their fourth.

Launchpad, a local accelerator, which provides, among other things, funding and mentoring to selected startups, wooed General Assembly, Tilton said. Santa Monica had always been on their list, she said, but Launchpad's insistence pushed it to the top.

"They reached out and said: 'We have so many great incubators and funds that are supporting startups and so many cool companies that are only a few blocks from us and the VCs are right down the street,'" Tilton said, "'but for our companies and for the people we meet the biggest issue is really talent and we think that a training program like yours could be a great fit.'"

Two graduates went on to build a plug-in that makes digital footage look grainy and old. Others have been offered roles at YouTube media companies and mobile dating apps in the area.

MuckerLab is an accelerator based in Downtown Santa Monica that's had 18 graduates, all 18 of which have been funded, raising collectively over $40 million.

Even in digital age, location is important, said Will Hsu, MuckerLab's co-founder.

"I think what people underestimate is the chaos and the randomness of the proximity of being close to each other," he said. "You can walk down the street and go to a coffee shop and run into a couple guys that are in the same business and either get a conversation going or created impetus for another meeting."

The lack of large nearby VCs is less of a problem for Santa Monica than it is in other regions because its close proximity to the Bay Area, where there are more than a hundred.

"It's only an hour away on a plane and it's on the same time zone," he said. "The communities are getting tighter and tighter together. It's not as isolated as it was before."

Taryn Langer, co-founder of Moxie Communications, said the symbiotic relationship between her public relations firm and the tech startups they serve, is visible in their growth.

"Our business has grown right alongside their businesses," she said. "We very much consider Moxie to be in the same vein as a tech startup in that sense where were just as agile as and moving just as quickly as they are."

Langer started the firm in New York City and opened a branch in Santa Monica roughly three years ago. For Langer's business, growth is visible in the new tech conferences that are coming to L.A. and the national publications that are starting to staff tech reporters in Southern California.

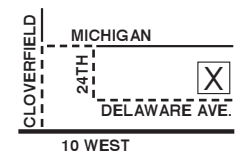
Unlike some of the other ancillary businesses, Moxie grows as the industry grows. They now have six employees in Southern California and recently experienced a common problem for startups in Santa Monica: They ran out of office space and moved to Venice.

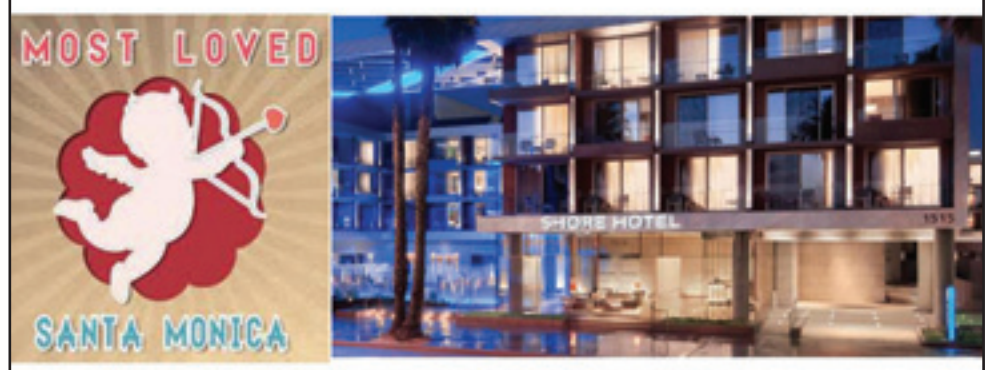
"I see a lot of the companies moving toward Venice and Culver City," Langer said. "We have clients in Hollywood but to me I see the new companies coming in or continuing to stay right around Santa Monica.

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good for a sample at each participating location and all money raised by the event will go to support Heal The Bay via the annual Summer Soulstice event.

Gary Gordon, executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association, said there had been discussion of a "taste of Main Street" event for a while but the idea really gained motivation, and a theme, when businesses were brainstorming ways to fund the annual Summer Soulstice to aid Heal The Bay.

"We've been working on producing our 14th annual Summer Soulstice and funding it is always a challenge, fundraising is always tough," he said. "It evolved at one of our event committee meetings that maybe if we could do a pub crawl or a taste of main, we could use that as a fundraiser."

Gordon said the event would be the first of its kind to specifically feature the diversity of restaurants available on Main Street and he brought in Spin, a public relations company, to help organize the event. The company has experience with fundraising events, having organized the annual Santa Monica Pub Crawl for the past five years. Spin President Kim Koury said they have raised more than $75,000 at the crawl and said she hoped for similar success on Main Street.

Koury said participating restaurants will offer drink specials during the event but that Mainopoly differs from a pub crawl in that it really focuses on the diversity of food options available and in its goal of bringing the community together.

"This event is really made as a community event to bring people out to experience the culinary theme on Main Street," she said. "We want to introduce people to different restaurants, chefs, to get them to try the food. At places that they may not have been before."

She said the event route, walking between Pier Avenue and Bay Street, will give participants a chance to see the local businesses and take in the atmosphere.

"We're going to have some decorations, oversized game pieces, and a go to jail area with a photo booth, water, snacks," she said. "You can go and take some pictures in jail. It will be fun."

Gordon said the walking nature of the event would be a boon to everyone on Main Street.



Courtesy photo

FOR A GOOD CAUSE: **The inaugural Mainopoly event will raise money for Heal the Bay.**

"Anything that brings people to the street and exposes them to what's on the street, dining, shopping, the fact that it's different from anywhere else, the fact that it's fun, anything we do along those lines is good for the district," he said.

Organizers said they were already hoping to make it an annual celebration.

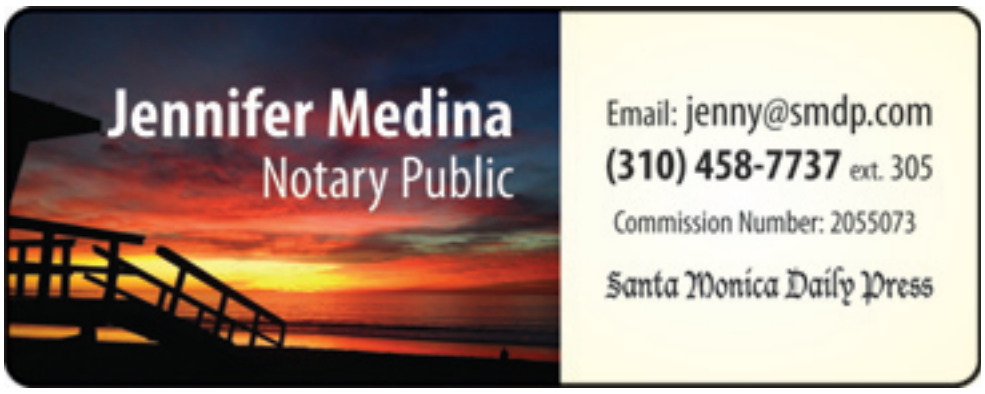
"When this is successful next weekend, it could become an annual event preceding the Soulstice event as a fundraiser and as a way to feature the restaurants. We're already working on improvements," said Gordon

Participating businesses include: Enterprise Fish Co. (Check-in Location 2-5 p.m.), Tsukiji Sushi Sen, Rick's Tavern, Areal, Finn McCool's, Panini Garden, Lula Cocina, Mexicana, 3 Twins Ice Cream, Sunny Blue, Basement Tavern at The Victorian (official after party, 8 p.m.-close), Manchego, The Galley, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Pressed Juicery , RAWvolution, Kafe K, Beyond 02, M Street Kitchen and Stella Barra. There will be a "jail" located at 220 Fitness and organizers said participants will be able to send friends directly to jail in exchange for a donation.

Participants that visit each location will be entered in a Main Street prize pack with gift certificates to local businesses. Tickets are available online for $25 (plus a handling fee) online or for $35 at the day of the event.

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AWARENESS

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Advocates held an informational event as part of the Worldwide Lyme Disease Awareness Protest on May 18 at Palisades Park. For more information about the event and Lyme Disease, visit www.lymedisease.org.

SCHOOLS

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Next year, California will enact a change in the public school funding model, giving local districts more control over how cash is allocated. Along with the freedom of the Local Control Funding Formula comes a set of goals, created by the district, community, and board and then approved by the state.

Previously, the state funds would get earmarked for specific spending uses. California would give the district, for example, a set amount of money that had to be spent on textbooks and another set amount that had to be spent on janitorial services.

Each district now gets cash for each student in the district and bonuses for each economically disadvantaged student and student whose first language is not English.

The state demands a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) set up by the district to show that the funds are being used correctly. A LCAP committee of community members and district officials has been meeting once a month since February.

There are eight priorities, each with a couple goals. Some of the proposed goals are specific, like a push make 75 percent of students from each ethnic background have all the qualifications necessary for University of California colleges by 2019-20. Last year, 68 percent of students were qualified, but the scores were much lower for black and Hispanic kids. This means that the teachers, parents, and students have to pull up the scores among minority groups at a faster rate than they would for their white peers.

Other categories are more ambiguous, thanks to federal education changes also going into effect next year.

Common Core, a national set of standards designed to increase the level of rigor and provide more real-life application in schools, starts next year. Old state tests that monitor improvements will be thrown out the window in favor of new Common Core-based testing.

For this reason, district administrators won't have a standardized baseline for next year's improvements.

Some achievement goals for next year are left blank for third through 11th graders. Once they have a baseline from the new tests, they will try to improve those scores by two percent and then four percent in the following years.

In kindergarten through second grade, they will seek to improve literacy rates.

Other goals involve improving the proportionality of the rate. The district wants more minorities to be taking Advanced Placement courses. They want the suspension rate to even out among children of all races.

They hope to improve the cleanliness of the schools. Currently, 10 of 16 are considered acceptably clean and they would like to add two schools to that list every year. Part of the state money will go toward hiring 15 additional janitors before next school year.

Currently, a quarter of all students in sixth grade and beyond are getting a D or F in their math class. The district wants that number to drop to one in 10 by 2019-20.

One goal, added at the request of parent groups, seeks to increase the number of students who say they feel safe at school.

Parents tend to think that a reduction in class sizes is the top priority for meeting these goals. Class sizes will drop some next year thanks several added positions.

Strategies are still being formulated and will be heard by the board in June.

One struggle in creating the goals, Deloria said, is that many things are still undefined.

"If we meet our benchmark, what does it mean? If we don't, what does it mean?" she said to the board. "So there are areas still being worked out at the state level."

During the public input portion of the item parents expressed concern that not enough is being done to address the achievement gap.

Board Chair Maria Leon-Vazquez said that the LCAP committee is not diverse enough.

The district will seek approval of the goals in June.

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Poll: More stress in caring for spouse than parent

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WASHINGTON More Americans may wind up helping Mom as she gets older, but a new poll shows the most stressful kind of caregiving is for a frail spouse.

The population is rapidly aging, but people aren't doing much to get ready even though government figures show nearly 7 in 10 Americans will need long-term care at some point after they reach age 65.

In fact, people 40 and over are more likely to discuss their funeral plans than their preferences for assistance with day-to-day living as they get older, according to the poll by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Five findings from the poll:

EFFECT ON FAMILIES

Half of people 40 and older already have been caregivers to relatives or friends. Six in 10 have provided care to a parent, mostly a mother, while 14 percent have cared for a spouse or partner.

Overwhelmingly, caregivers called it a positive experience. But it's also incredibly difficult, especially for spouses. While 7 in 10 who cared for a spouse said their relationship grew stronger as a result, nearly two-thirds said it caused stress in their family compared with about half among those who cared for a parent.

It's not just an emotional challenge but a physical one: The average age of spouse caregivers was 67, compared to 58 for people who've cared for a parent.

Virginia Brumley, 79, said caring for her husband Jim for nearly five years as he suffered from dementia strengthened their bond. But eventually he needed a nursing home because "he was too big for me. He was as helpless as a baby," she said.

LONG-TERM PLANNING

A third of Americans in this age group are deeply concerned that they won't plan enough for the care they'll need in their senior years, and that they'll burden their families.

Yet two-thirds say they've done little or no planning. About 32 percent say they've set aside money to pay for ongoing living assistance; 28 percent have modified their home to make it easier to live in when they're older.

In contrast, two-thirds have disclosed their funeral plans.

Anthony Malen, 86, of Gilroy, California said he and his wife Eva Mae, who has a variety of health problems, never discussed a plan for caregiving as they got older.

"She doesn't want anyone in the house. She doesn't want any help. She fusses about it so much, I just give up on it. But if it gets any worse, we're going to have to have it," Malen said. "I'm getting older too."

BECOMING A CAREGIVER

Three in 10 Americans 40 and older think it's very likely that an older relative or friend will need care within the next five years.

Just 30 percent who expect to provide that care feel very prepared for the job, while half say they're somewhat prepared. But only 40 percent have discussed their loved one's preferences for that assistance or where they want to live. Women are more likely than men to have had those tough conversations.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Some 53 percent of people underestimate the monthly cost of a nursing home, about $6,900. Another third underestimate the cost of assisted living, about $3,400. One in 5 wrongly thought a home health aide costs less than $1,000 a month.

Contrary to popular belief, Medicare doesn't pay for the most common long-term care â?? and last year, a bipartisan commission appointed by Congress couldn't agree on how to finance those services, either. But nearly 6 in 10 Americans 40 and older support some type of government-administered long-term care insurance program, a 7 point increase from last year's AP survey.

WHAT ELSE MIGHT HELP?

More than three-fourths of this age group favor tax breaks to encourage saving for long-term care or for purchasing long-term care insurance. Only a third favor a requirement to purchase such coverage.

Some 8 in 10 want more access to community services that help the elderly live independently.

More than 70 percent support respite care programs for family caregivers and letting people take time off work or adjust their schedules to accommodate caregiving.

The AP-NORC Center survey was conducted by telephone March 13 to April 23 among a random national sample of 1,419 adults age 40 or older, with funding from the SCAN Foundation. Results for the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points.





Genetically modified foods confuse consumers

MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Genetically modified foods have been around for years, but most people in the United States have no idea if they are eating them.

The Food and Drug Administration says such foods don't need to be labeled, so some states are moving forward on their own.

Vermont recently became state the first to require labeling of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Bills and ballot initiatives are pending in many more.

What about the rest of the country? And does labeling matter?

There's much confusion about genetically modified foods and their safety.

Opponents, who at times have protested in the streets, say consumers have the right to know whether their food contains GMOs. The food industry and companies that genetically engineer seeds have pushed back against the labeling laws, saying GMOs are safe and labels would be misleading.

A look at the debate and some of the facts about genetically modified foods:

WHAT THEY ARE

GMOs are hard for the average consumer to grasp. You can't touch or feel a GMO.

Genetically modified foods are plants or animals that have had genes copied from other plants or animals inserted into their DNA.

It's not a new idea.

Humans have been tinkering with genes for centuries through selective breeding. Think dogs bred to be more docile pets, cattle bred to be beefier or tomatoes bred to be sweeter. Turkeys were bred to have bigger breasts — better for Thanksgiving dinner.

What's different about genetically modified or engineered foods is that the manipulation is done in a lab. Engineers don't need to wait for nature to produce a desired gene. They speed up the process by transferring a gene from one plant or animal to another.

What are the desired traits? Most of the nation's corn and soybeans are genetically engineered to resist pests and herbicides. A papaya in Hawaii is modified to resist a virus. The FDA is considering an application from a Massachusetts company to approve a genetically engineered salmon that would grow faster than traditional salmon.

IN YOUR GROCERY CART

Most of the genetically modified corn and soybeans are used in cattle feed or are made into ingredients such as corn oil, corn starch, high fructose corn syrup or soybean oil.

Even in some of those products, the manufacturing process eventually may remove some of the modified genes.

A few fruits and vegetables are engineered — the Hawaiian papaya and some squash and zucchini, for example. Only a small amount of sweet corn, the corn we eat, is genetically modified.

But there's no genetically modified meat or fish, like the fast-growing salmon, currently in the market for human consumption. The FDA has yet to approve any.

THE RISKS

The vast majority of scientific research has found genetically engineered foods to be generally safe.

An Italian scientist's review of 10 years of research, published in 2013, concluded that the scientific research conducted so far has not detected "any significant hazard directly connected with the use of GM crops."

One French research team raised safety questions. But their much-criticized 2012 study linking genetically modified corn to rat tumors was retracted in 2013 by the scientific publisher, who cited weak evidence supporting the conclusions.

Even the food police say they are safe.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a well-known critic of food companies and artificial and unhealthy ingredients in foods, has not opposed genetically modified foods, on the basis that there's no evidence they are harmful.

Though what we are eating now appears safe, the main concerns for the future would be new genetically engineered foods, from the United States or abroad, that somehow become allergenic or toxic through the engineering process.

The FDA says the foods they have evaluated to this point have not been any more likely to cause an allergic or toxic reaction than foods from traditionally bred plants.

The FDA is not required to approve genetically engineered crops for consumption. But most companies will go through a voluntary safety review process with FDA before they put them on the market.

THE BENEFITS

There are clear benefits for the agricultural industry.

For example, crops that are engineered to ward off pests or to tolerate herbicides. Also, companies such as Monsanto that produce modified seeds say their technologies will be needed to feed a rising world population as they engineer crops to adapt to certain climates and terrains.

So far, most modified foods have been grown to resist chemicals, pests or disease. But advocates envision engineering crops to make them more nutritious as well. Food animals have been engineered to be bred to be free of diseases, be cleaner in their environments or grow more efficiently, though none has yet been approved in the United States.

THE POLITICS

There is an escalating political fight between labeling advocates and the food industry. In the absence of a federal labeling standard, GMO opponents have gone to the states to try to get a patchwork of labeling laws approved. That could eventually force a national standard.

Ballot measures in California and Washington state failed, but the legislative effort prevailed in Vermont. Maine and Connecticut have passed laws requiring labels, but they don't take effect unless other states follow suit. The food industry has said it will challenge the Vermont law in court.

The state efforts aren't slowing down. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, there are 85 pending GMO labeling bills in 29 states.

In Congress, the food industry is pushing a House bill that would head off efforts to enact mandatory labeling of genetically modified ingredients by proposing new voluntary labels nationwide — an attempted end run around the state-by-state laws.

Currently, the FDA says labeling of genetically modified foods isn't needed because the nutritional content is the same as non-GMO varieties.

THE FUTURE

Consumers increasingly are interested in what is in their food, including GMOs.

Labeling proponents say it's about transparency, not technology. They say there is precedent, like orange juice labels that say whether the juice is from concentrate.

David Ropeik, the author of the book "How Risky Is It, Really? Why Our Fears Don't Always Match the Facts," says he thinks the food industry should endorse labeling so it can move past the debate.

"By supporting labeling, companies would say, 'There's no risk, we have nothing to hide,'" he says.

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Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of ONW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
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Donovan confident, but not assured, of fourth World Cup

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. His hairline has receded during 15 years in the spotlight, seeming to retreat at the same pace as his record-breaking scoring total advanced.

Landon Donovan first became widely known in 1999, when he was voted the golden ball as the best player of the FIFA Under-17 World Championship — an award later won by Cesc Fabregas, Anderson and Toni Kroos. In a soccer world where Americans were long looked at as non-entities, Donovan's success was startling.

He was 18 when he scored against Mexico in his U.S. national team debut and has 57 goals overall, 21 more than Clint Dempsey's second-place total.

Now 32, Donovan's spot in the starting lineup is no longer assured, perhaps not even his place on the 23-man roster. If Donovan and DaMarcus Beasley make it to Brazil next month, they could become the first Americans to play in four World Cups.

"This is my last chance at this," Donovan said Monday. "For me personally, I sort of liken it to 2002. In '06 and in 2010, I knew for the most part unless I was awful that I was going to make the team. This time is more similar to '02 where I wasn't sure. And so in that way, yes, it's as competitive as it's been for me personally in a long time."

He is for many the face of American soccer, the player who spent most of his career at home instead of finding fame in Europe.

Stints at Bayer Leverkusen and Bayern Munich were unsuccessful, but he starred with the San Jose Earthquakes from 2001-04 and the Los Angeles Galaxy since 2005, winning five Major League Soccer titles and tying Jeff Cunningham for the regular-season goals record at 134.

But he's better known for his play with the national team, where his 156 appearances are eight shy of tying Cobi Jones' mark. Donovan has an American-record five World Cup goals, against Poland and Mexico in 2002, and versus Slovenia, Algeria and Ghana four years ago.

His stoppage-time goal against Les Fennecs at Pretoria's Loftus Versfeld was one of the iconic moments in American soccer, alongside Paul Caligiuri's 1989 long-range strike at Trinidad and Tobago that put the U.S. in its first World Cup in 40 years and Eric Wynalda's free kick against Switzerland in the 1994 World Cup.

Just 5-foot-8, Donovan has created the tallest presence on the U.S. team. While some question his form — scoreless in seven games for the Galaxy this season — his national teammates are counting on his presence.

"For me, it's a very easy equation. If Landon's on the field, he's our top one or two players," goalkeeper Tim Howard said. "For me, he's easily one of our best players, and he strikes fear in opponents."

Donovan has always tended to introspection. When he was engaged to the actress Bianca Kajlich, he wore a chain of the glorious endless knot.

"It's Sanskrit. I'm kind of Buddhist," he said.

They married in December 2006 and he filed for divorce four years later. Even though they had separated, he blew a kiss into a television camera for her after scoring against Algeria.

Donovan puzzled a segment of the U.S. soccer community when he took a sabbatical of about four months after the 2012 season, spending part of the time in Cambodia. U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said Donovan would have to earn back a spot on the national team and said playing in MLS was not the same as competing for a European club.

"Landon has maybe a bad game here, he won't be bothered the next day going to the Whole Foods market to get his groceries," Klinsmann said. "You have a bad day in London or in Milano, you might not go to the market the next day."

He restored Donovan to the roster for last summer's CONCACAF Gold Cup and kept him on for World Cup qualifiers later in the year. But Klinsmann kept him out of the starting lineup for last month's exhibition against Mexico, saying Donovan practiced poorly because of a knee problem.

Donovan says his knee is OK, but his voice was heavy because of a cold. He doesn't assume a roster spot, but he's upbeat about his chances.

"I'm very confident in my abilities and I think I'm deserving to be a part of the squad, but I have to prove that and I have to earn it," he said.

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1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Other Woman (NR)
1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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3:30pm, 10:15pm

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INDULGE A LITTLE TONIGHT, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might find it more difficult right now to complete any project that involves physical effort. If you allow your mind to wander, you are likely to come up with unusually dynamic ideas, though it might not be appropriate to start sharing them just yet. Tonight: Stay in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You'll want to focus on some long-term goals. Expenses will be overwhelming and taxing, unless you ask someone to pitch in and help. Focus on the practical solutions that come up in a meeting. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pressure builds around someone in charge, an older relative and/or a commitment. You will feel as if you must discharge some of this energy, but you might wonder how. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Make and return calls. Touch base with a close friend who does not live close to you. Your creativity flourishes when the two of you get together. Allow your mind to wander to other places. Is it time to schedule a vacation yet? Tonight: Be around great music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to assume a more passive role. A friend has a tendency to run through your life and add a lot of chaos. Respond to someone else's ideas, yet maintain your boundaries. Make key calls later in the day. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, and build goodwill. Share what could be inspiring and exciting information that was passed on to you. Use caution with spending, as you could go overboard. A loved one or partner could be remote or difficult. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to discuss a situation in broad terms. The problem remains that you see a situation differently from how others see it; you could become irritated as a result. Tonight: At a favorite place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your resourcefulness will take you in a different direction. You could feel very strongly about a creative project or situation. You even might be suppressing some anger. Relate to others directly and on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Tap into your imagination when making plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You'll feel ready to deal with a difficult situation. You finally will decide to root out the problem through your intuitive senses. You refuse to believe that a solution cannot be forthcoming. Tonight: Happy to be home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Be forthright in how you deal with someone. Listen to feedback from a child or loved one, as this person could have a totally different perspective to offer. Funnel your energy and drive into a project that must be completed. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Use the morning just for you. You will wake up feeling unusually energized and upbeat. Charge some of your emotional energy into a project, and tap into your ingenuity. The outcome will demonstrate your unique creativity. Tonight: Indulge a little.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are emotional yet anchored. Understand what is happening with a loved one, but let this person know the implications of this behavior to you. He or she needs to understand that there are consequences for his or her actions. Tonight: Homeward bound.

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

This year you become more receptive to others' needs. Still, you must take even better care of yourself and honor your boundaries. If you are single, get plenty of rest now, because come midsummer, your social life could change for the better. You also will add to the potential of meeting Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you could become bogged down in a financial matter. Know that this will work out. By August, an innate sense of well-being opens up this relationship once more. Toss yourself into this fun, optimistic period. Your significant other will be relieved to find communication flowing once more. LEO adores your energy and cannot get enough of you.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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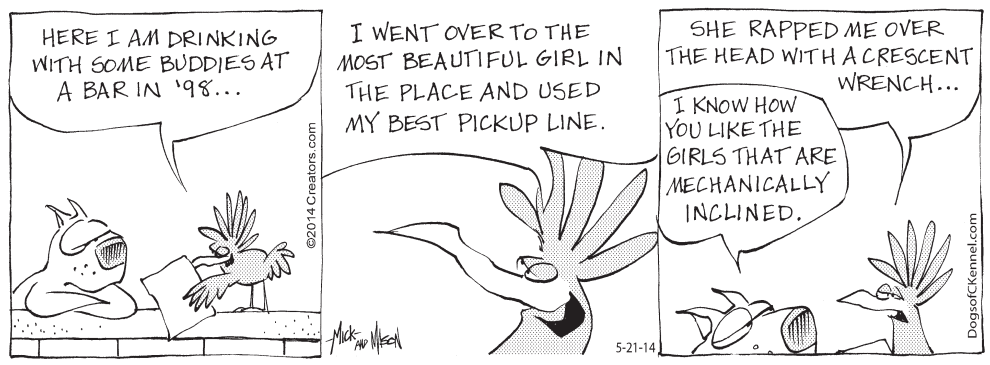
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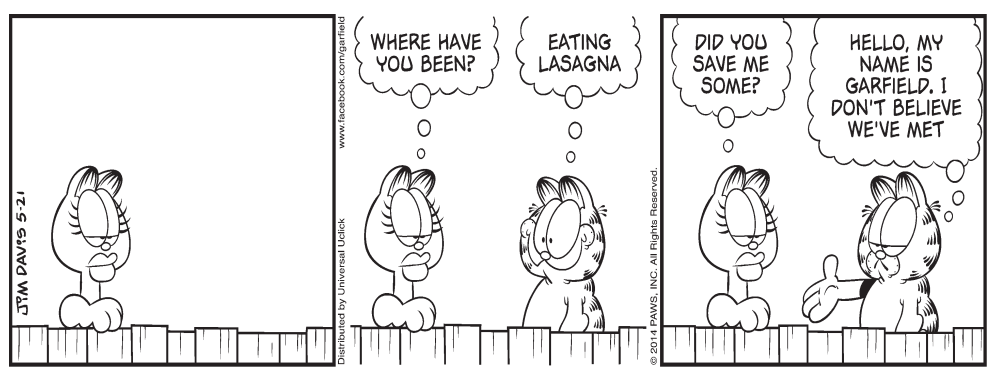
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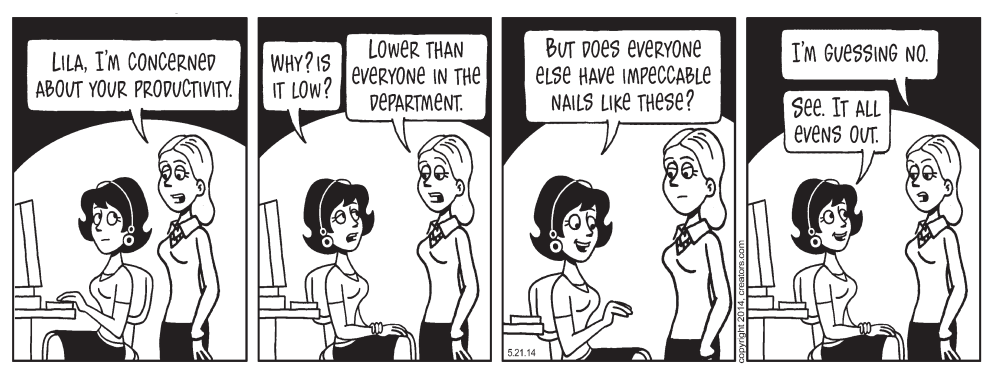
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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6			3		8			7
	2	9				8	3	

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Unanimously
7 A long time
11 Extreme dishonor
12 Company sign
13 Rob and Laura's last name
14 Fan's favorite
15 Labels with names
17 Put together
20 River of Provence
23 Swearing-in vow
24 Anticipate
26 Old horse
27 Tea cooler
28 Triumph
29 Positive aspects
31 Wagon puller
32 Put away
33 Worry
34 Dipping treat
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45 Painter Chagall
46 Pulled in

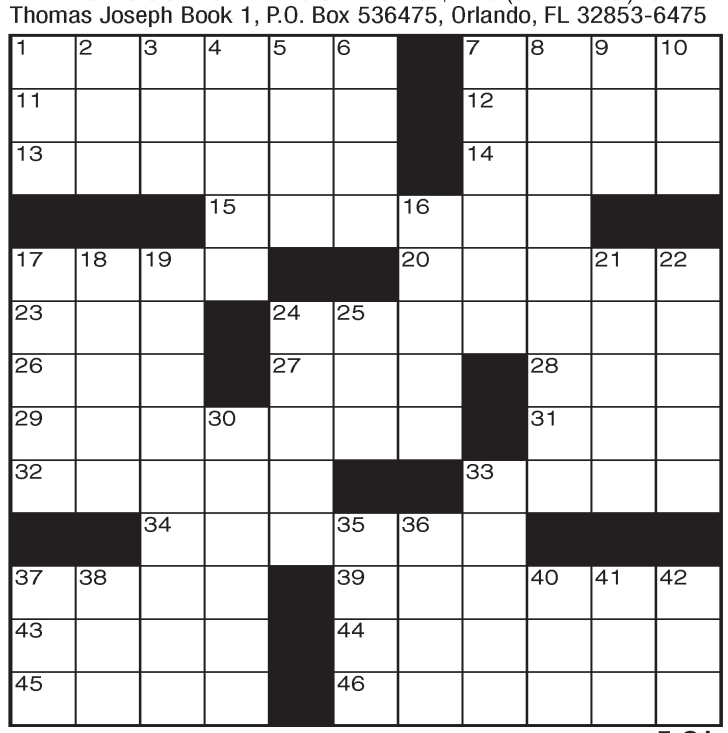
DOWN

1 Pointer
2 Binary digit
3 Back at sea
4 Raymond's TV mom
5 Surrounded by
6 Dmitri's denial
7 Step down
8 Ares and Mars
9 Sense of self
10 Peruvian coin
16 Spring sign
17 Less
18 Make suitable
19 Havoc unleashed by conflict
21 Sleep disturber
22 Painter Max
24 Make broader
25 Court feat
30 Like O. Henry tales
33 Deceptive move
35 Murder
36 Longing
37 Block
38 In the fashion of
40 Procured
41 Fuming feeling
42 Outlaw Kelly

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ At a press conference in April, as Houston police officers announced they were after two burglars who had broken into Katz's lingerie boutique, surveillance video showed two armed men cautiously creeping through the store until one accidentally bumped the other, apparently startling the bumped man, who turned and fired -- causing the first man to fire back. Officers counted nearly a dozen bullet holes in the store. Said the Houston press briefer, these are "by far some of the clumsiest crooks that I've seen in a long time."

■ In a popular April "viral" Internet news story, three young men were spotted on late-night surveillance video at a drinking-water reservoir near Portland, Ore., with one of them relieving himself into the 38-million-gallon facility. Utility officials initially decided to flush the entire contents rather than endure complaints by customers (most of whom were likely unaware that the same reservoir routinely tolerates wild-animal urination, long ago declared no health risk). Dallas Jeffrey Delynn, 18, was charged with trespassing and unlawful urination and might receive a sentence similar to that of Portland's last reservoir urinater (merely 24 hours' community service). By contrast, a week later in San Antonio, Texas, Daniel Athens, 23, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for his own late-night tinkle. Athens had pleaded guilty to urinating against an outside wall of The Alamo (of course a sacred Texas monument).

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2012 - A bus accident near Himara, Albania kills 13 people and injures 21 others.

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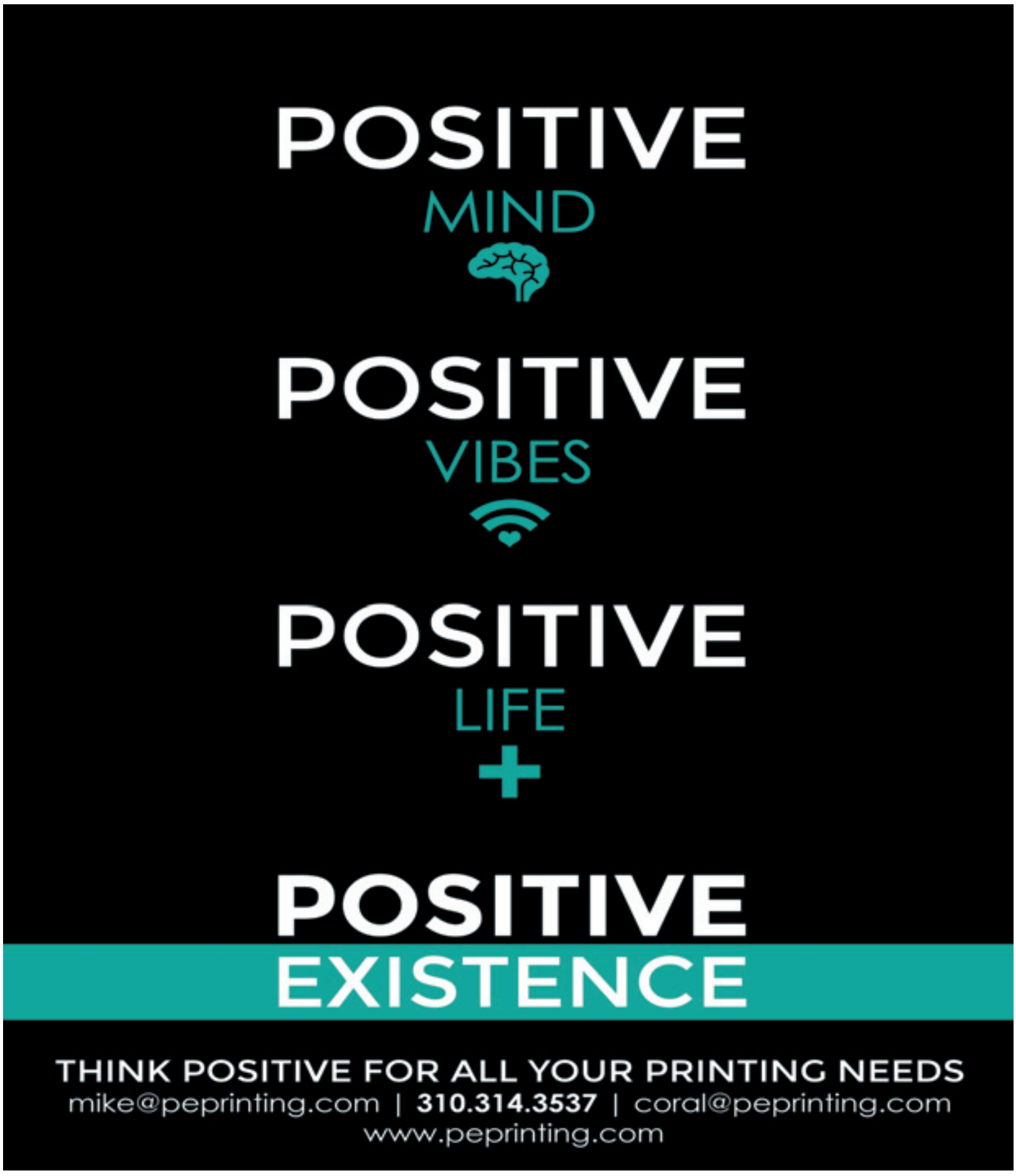
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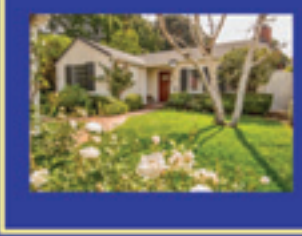


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