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THE LET'S PLAY TWO ISSUE

SMRR bashes Miramar affordable housing ad

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The steering committee of the largest political party in the city, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), voted last week to condemn an affordable housing-related advertisement placed by the Fairmont Miramar Hotel.

Miramar officials want to rebuild the hotel, replacing the current 10-story edifice with - according to the most recently released designs - a 21-story tower, 280 hotel rooms, and 120 luxury condominiums. Also proposed are 40 affordable housing units.

The ad, which appeared in the Daily Press and other local papers, directs residents to a website where they can sign a list and "show their interest in these new affordable housing units."

SMRR officials called the ad "misleading."

"There is in fact no list that gets one in line for an affordable apartment," said SMRR co-Chair Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein in a release. "Instead, the sign-up page appears to be a ruse to collect contact

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GAME TIME
Jeffrey and Stacy Juarez play Jenga during Picnic on the Promenade on Friday afternoon.

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Dozens of tires slashed in Ocean Park over weekend

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK Police have released limited information on a mass tire slashing that occurred in the Ocean Park neighborhood over the weekend.

A Santa Monica Police Department official said that "80 plus" tires were slashed. SMPD is currently without a Public Information Officer.

Steve Clark, who is vacationing with his family on Hollister Avenue, woke up Sunday morning to find that the tire on his rental car was flat. AAA workers and police were still in the area, he said, and they told him that every car on the road had been vandalized. Clark claims that police told him that 78 tires had been slashed.

"Not a great way to start a holiday," Clark said.

AAA officials said they don't keep track of the number of tires they fix.

At least two cars were brought to American Tire Depot on Lincoln Boulevard to be fixed, according to a worker there.

SMPD officials were waiting on more information as of press time.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Send letters to **editor@smdp.com**

Experts hope fish die-off will prompt additional action

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor in Chief

MARINA DEL REY A large-scale fish kill in Marina del Rey is worrying ocean experts but local educators said the event is a chance to motivate residents to become involved in environmental causes.

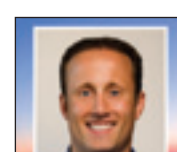
Thousands of dead fish were killed in Marina del Rey on May 18 in what officials are saying was a perfect storm of factors. Experts said the large school of fish happened to be in the worst place at the worst time due to a combination of natural and man-made factors.

Dana Roeber Murray, a marine and costal scientist at Heal the Bay said harbors and marinas are actually bad environments for most marine life. The presence of pollutants

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2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m.
Inspiration, guidance, direction and support for writers.

Go green
Santa Monica College Bundy Campus
3171 Bundy Dr., Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Join this Sustainable Works Workshop and learn how to save money and positively impact your family, community and ultimately the planet. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Strike a pose
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
Come to the library and get the endorphins flowing. You'll be laughing, stretching gently, clapping, breathing, and relaxing. Join the fun. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Market fresh
Arizona Ave. between Second and Third streets
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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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For help submitting an event, contact Daniel Archuleta at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SANTA MONICA BAY

Record-breaking attendance at Heal the Bay fundraiser

Local ocean-protection group Heal the Bay welcomed a record number of attendees May 15 to its annual toes-in-the-sand" gala at the Jonathan Club.

The "Bring Back the Beach" event attracted more than 1,200 guests and included several leaders from Southern California's environmental, political, business and entertainment communities. The sold-out event exceeded its fundraising goals, and will provide nearly a fourth of Heal the Bay's annual operating budget. Donations made Thursday night will support dozens of advocacy, education and community outreach programs throughout the region.

This year's honorees included Mike Sullivan, Heal the Bay board member and president of LAcarGuy, the world's largest hybrid dealer; LA Sanitation, the city's public works unit leading the charge to create a more sustainable Los Angeles; and multi-Platinum rock band Incubus, whose Make Yourself Foundation has underwritten numerous Heal the Bay programs aimed at protecting our local shorelines.

"We are so proud to recognize these longtime friends of Heal the Bay for their years of protecting our local beaches and ocean," said Danielle Portnoy, Heal the Bay's Advancement Director. "It was a fun night, but the festivities underwrite some serious work that addresses the many issues facing our Bay."

Among the campaigns Heal the Bay will be spearheading this year: stopping a proposed oil drilling operation underneath the Hermosa Beach seafloor; helping combat drought by securing public funding for storm water capture projects throughout L.A. County; and assisting local coastal communities prepare response plans for the impacts of climate change, such as erosion and flooding.

DAILY PRESS STAFF



Photo courtesy Marc Bendavid

TOGETHER: **Heal the Bay's Annual Bring Back the Beach Benefit Dinner was held on May 15 at the Jonathan Beach Club.**

Fault mapping delayed

It won't impact zoning ordinance, city officials say

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE After completing maps of the fault in the Hollywood area the California Geological Survey (CGS) planned to turn to Santa Monica earlier this year but a lack of state funding has delayed the start of the mapping process through at least budget season in July.

The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Zones, created by the CGS, allow the state to regulate development built near faults. Any developer who wants to build within the zones must contract an environmental firm to evaluate the sight. If they find a trace of the fault, they can't build.

In December, the Los Angeles Times identified four buildings that may sit on top of a fault. City officials said they were confident that the buildings are located near but not on the fault.

State Sen. Ted Lieu (D-Santa Monica) sent a letter to State Senate leader Darrell Steinberg, asking for more cash to be allocated for fault mapping.

With proper funding mapping, which takes six to eight months, the local project could have started as early as January.

Santa Monica is next on the list, pending the state cash.

CGS has created 550 maps of about 5,000 miles of surface faults, California State Geologist John Parrish told the Daily Press earlier this year. They have about another 2,000 miles to go, he said.

Santa Monica is in the middle of drafting a new Zoning Ordinance, which dictates land uses throughout the city, but the lack of CGS mapping won't inhibit the process said Building Officer Ron Takiguchi.

City Hall already requires a sizable swath of its land near the fault line to be treated by developer as if it were in an Alquist-Priolo "no build" area.

"New projects brought forward under the existing or proposed zoning ordinance, or projects that are in the City's defined Seismic Hazard Mitigation Zone are required to perform a soils and geology report with investigation by a licensed geotechnical engineer," he said in an e-mail. "This report will contain recommendations for fault hazard investigation."

New projects are required to undergo Environmental Impact Reports, which also assess the seismic situation on the site.

"The State's map should be finalized by year's end and there are no new projects in the pipeline that are close to the newly mapped area," Takiguchi said.

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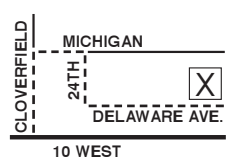


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Too little, too late

Editor:

Thanks to the efforts and wisdom of the people of Santa Monica, the City Council was forced to reverse its vote on approving the Hines development project. The overwhelming signatures forced the City Council to either amend their vote (held without the public invited) or it would be placed on the ballot.

So Gleam Davis, a supporter of the Hines development project, decided to change her vote from yea to nay. The article states she did so because she was "moved by the public protest and acknowledging the politics of the situation, changed her vote."

It's way too late to backtrack now because I and others have a long memory. In the next election, Gleam Davis is toast. Too little, too late.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

Be civil

Editor:

What currently seems to be at issue in Santa Monica is the awakening of a quite disengaged electorate, rousted out of the hammock by a dramatic increase in development and traffic congestion over a very short period of time, and the impact too drastic to be ignored.

Then there is the rather entrenched group of politicians, city planners, city employees, civic leaders, who have had fairly free reign to call the shots for a long time unencumbered by noisy protests reflecting a large percentage of the voting population.

Hence we're a community in transition. Cruelly uncivil individuals must be encouraged to stop their behavior so that as this all levels out, civil discourse becomes the norm between an engaged electorate and their representatives at City Hall.

Mary Kay Gordon
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra Send comments to editor@smdp.com

How to truly honor veterans

I LOVE THE MILITARY. I'VE OFTEN SAID that the two main reasons I would want to be President of the United States are Air Force One and the Marines. I love Marines, they make wonderful clients for me. They come in, I tell them what to do, and they do it.

Marines and Navy Seals are trained to be that way. Last month on my Men's Family Law podcast I interviewed Mark Divine from SealFit.com, who runs a private training program for Navy personnel who want to become Seals. It's a 21-day intensive training program, that you have to be in top shape just to get into.

These are the type of people who go on to do the most amazing things that our military is capable of. Talking to Mark made me want to drop 50 pounds, get into shape, find the $7,000 it would take to do his course and be a total badass for the rest of my life.

Instead I went to Mexico where I was presenting a speech and relaxing with my friend Kelly. We had the opportunity to watch "Captain Phillips."

We both loved the movie, it was beautifully written, fabulously shot, excellently acted, blah blah blah. However, it evoked two very different reactions in us. When it came to the role of the Navy and Special Ops, Kelly thought it was a good story but she's a flaming liberal and a girl. The military element didn't really move her.

For me, when the Navy becomes a character in the movie, my blood gets going. I can feel the adrenaline rise, heck I can feel it now as I am writing this article. The producers of movies are adept at taking emotions and upping them — that's their job. The emotions though have to be there in the first place.

As a man, when I see the might of the American military it evokes a visceral reaction. Maybe it's because I went to school in Annapolis, Maryland across from the Naval Academy and I knew so many of those cadets. Maybe it's because these are real world toys, and we all know about boys and our toys.

And yes, I realize these are not toys. At 100,000 long tons (2,240 pounds), a Nimitz class aircraft carrier is a behemoth of a ship. It's a medium size city that moves. And, it is awesome. They launch and land fighter jets on them. Seriously, that's just amazing to me. It is that type of ability and power that makes the little boy in me go "RAAAAAHHH."

However, it takes real live human beings, at least for the moment, to run that ship, and complete the missions the president orders it to do. Living breathing people who have families, and who pay the price of long deployments and sometimes loss of limb or life to make sure that we can get 20 percent off of a new barbecue this weekend.

This being the weekend that, we as a nation, supposedly set aside to honor our veterans, fallen and living. The three day weekend, which has quickly expanded into a four day weekend for most of us, will be marked with parades, barbecues, bad speeches by boring politicians who will spout trite commentary about "the valued service our young men and women give to their country."

I for one, find the majority of those speeches to be an abomination. I think they are needlessly self-serving, hypocritical claptrap that is insulting to the sacrifices that are made and the losses suffered.

No one needs to hear a congressman or city councilmember for that matter, prattle on about how much they respect the vets. Who doesn't respect vets? That's like saying I like oxygen and I want to honor it. It's pointless.

What would matter would be if they provided for the vets the way they should. If we didn't have a Veteran's Affairs department that was hideously underfunded, poorly managed and forgot its primary purpose.

What would be of benefit to tomorrow's vets would be if the people in charge thought twice about going to war (or "police actions") and whether or not it was really necessary to create more vets with mental health issues, amputations and flag draped coffins for family to cry over.

This year for Memorial Day, honor a vet truly. Find one and buy them dinner. Donate to WoundedWarriorProject.com to help someone get their life back. Drop a donation to Pets-for-Vets.com who help veterans by pairing them with rescue dogs. Foster a dog while its owner is on a long deployment by going to DogsOnDeployment.org and signing up, or at least giving a donation equal to a new barbecue — you can make do with last year's — trust me, you'll feel better if you do.

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Study: Older, smaller buildings better for cities

BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON While small, older buildings might not make for an impressive skyline, they may be better for cities than massive, gleaming office towers, according to a study released Thursday.

Neighborhoods and commercial areas with a mix of older, smaller buildings make for more vibrant, walkable communities with more businesses, nightlife and cultural outlets than massive newer buildings, according the National Trust for Historic Preservation's study.

Researchers examined block-by-block data from Seattle, San Francisco and Washington in part for their hot real estate markets and development pressures. The analysis found that corridors with smaller, older buildings generally perform better for the local economy than areas with newer buildings that might stretch an entire block.

Older buildings become magnets for young people and retirees alike, researchers said. They draw more shops, restaurants, entertainment venues, small businesses owned by women and minorities, and jobs. On a per-square-foot basis, small building corridors have a larger concentration of jobs, businesses and creative sector jobs than downtown skyscrapers. In Seattle, commercial areas with smaller, more age-diverse buildings have 36.8 percent more jobs per square foot than areas with newer, larger buildings.

Historic corridors in these cities are often active from morning to night, said lead researcher Michael Powe, an urban planner with the National Trust's Preservation Green Lab. In D.C., these areas draw more non-chain, local businesses. In San Francisco, they generate more jobs based in small businesses.

Researchers acknowledge that other factors also contribute to success in the three cities.

Still, after evaluating business districts based on 47 economic, social and environmental metrics, Powe said he was surprised to see the data clearly demonstrate what preservationists thought to be true.

"People want to be where there's an interesting and exciting mix of the old and new," he said. "Now we have all this data to back up what I think preservationists and planners have sort of known for decades."

The study examined such historic neighborhoods as San Francisco's rapidly changing Mid-Market, where Twitter moved its headquarters; Seattle's Capitol Hill and Chinatown International District; and Washington's Barracks Row and H Street corridor where a streetcar line has been built. Many high performing areas in the study have commercial corridors that were originally built up in the 20th century streetcar era.

National Trust President Stephanie Meeks said the group hopes developers and city planners will consider the data.

"There is a lot of economic capability in older and smaller buildings and in historic districts that's often overlooked," she said.

The study is the start of a larger initiative also examining Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities with less robust real estate markets. Researchers also want to know whether their findings hold up in younger and smaller cities as well or less prosperous areas.

"We hear from time to time, 'well, it's just easier to tear it down and to start over,'" Meeks said. "So we feel compelled to put the strongest argument forward that it's worth the effort to invest in these places, not just from a cultural standpoint but from an economic standpoint."

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?

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Tips for high yields in a small or thirsty garden

JENNIFER FORKER
Associated Press

How can you get the most yield from a garden where space is limited, and water is too?

Plant smart, and pay attention to the soil.

"Your garden is only as good as your soil," says David Salman, chief horticulturist at High Country Gardens, a Santa Fe, N.M., catalog that specializes in native and low-water plants.

Find out what nutrients your soil has — and what it's missing — with a soil test, available through local cooperative extension offices at a nominal fee (home soil-test kits are less reliable, according to the Colorado State University Extension).

Encourage plant health by fertilizing with natural, organic fertilizers, which include fish emulsion and liquid seaweed, says Salman. Limit the use of chemical fertilizers because they don't help build the soil.

"You will have more nutritionally complete vegetables if you have healthy soil," he promises.

One trick Salmon recommends, especially for gardeners living in new housing developments, is adding a soil inoculant called mycorrhiza, a beneficial fungi. It's found naturally in healthy soil, but often needs to be added to a new garden.

"New gardens in new subdivisions, their soil is scraped off as part of construction," says Salman. "You need to put beneficial fungi back in."

Peas, beans and soybeans could benefit from legume inoculants, which are species-specific (a soybean inoculant cannot be used to improve peas' growth). Read product labels carefully or ask your gardening center for assistance.

"Your beans will do OK (without it), but if you really want to crank out the beans, you can do that with the inoculant," says Salman. "It's kind of a 'grandma's secret' to growing great beans."

Plants that can offer high yields with low watering include leafy vegetables such as kale, lettuce and spinach; beans, snow peas and sugar snap peas; and some varieties of cucumbers and squash, he says. Plant vining beans and peas if you have space or can grow them up a fence or trellis; plant bush beans and peas in large pots if space is limited.

Sarah J. Browning, an extension educator for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, suggests planting radishes, carrots, peppers, zucchini and summer squash for summertime bounty. Peppers grow well in dry conditions, says Browning, and root crops such don't need frequent watering.

"If you watered them well and then mulched them, I think you could get a crop with fairly small amounts of water input," she says.

Plant radishes early in the season or in part shade, and mulch them and other plants to retain moisture and combat weeds.

Browning recommends the cherry tomato cultivar Sun Gold and the slicers Big Beef and Celebrity as great-tasting high producers. Also look for disease-resistant tomato varieties, which are easier to grow. Browning refers tomato lovers to Pennsylvania State University's College of Agricultural Sciences Extension's "Tomato Report 2011," which lists the best varieties in its tomato trials.

Melissa Ozawa, a features editor for gardening at Martha Stewart Living magazine, recommends growing okra and Swiss chard; both are heat- and drought-tolerant. Melons also can handle less water once established because of their deep root systems, she says.

Not all vegetables grow well in all regions, so read seed packets, matching days to maturation to your region's growing season, Salman advises.

"One of the big problems with horticulture in this country is everyone tries to be one-size-fits-all, and this is just too big of a continent to do that," he says. "You don't want to grow a 120-day watermelon in Denver. They can grow those in Texas, but the maturation period in Denver is much shorter."

Prolific, water-wise herbs include basil, oregano, parsley, thyme and rosemary, says Browning.

Salman offers space-saving planting tips for herbs: Plant lavender and oregano along the dryer edges of your garden, since they're the most heat-tolerant, and plant Greek oregano and dill, plus annual herbs such as basil and cilantro, among the root vegetables.

Try growing perennials such as rosemary, English thyme, tarragon and lavender in your ornamental beds. They don't require your vegetable garden's mineral-rich soil, says Salman.

Drought-tolerant flower varieties include coneflowers, hummingbird mint, salvia and blanket flowers, according to Ozawa. Other cutting-garden winners are cosmos, zinnias, sunflowers and larkspur, says Salman. His favorite late-season bloomer is the Mexican sunflower.

"If there's a bee or butterfly in a 10-mile radius, they'll find that Mexican sunflower," he says.

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Brown: California at 'epicenter' of climate change debate

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. California is at the "epicenter" of global warming and other climate change, with the state experiencing longer fire seasons, rising sea levels and droughts that threaten agriculture, Gov. Jerry Brown said Monday.

The governor made his remarks during a conference about climate change, as California was mopping up from a string of wildfires in San Diego County that caused more than $20 million in damage.

The event also came as scientists warn that higher temperatures will lead to more frequent and intense wildfires throughout the West, and after scientists confirmed that the huge West Antarctic ice sheet is beginning to collapse and could boost sea levels as much as 12 feet.

Brown said California has had almost twice the number of forest fires this year compared to normal levels, and the fire season is now 70 days longer than it was historically, adding that "we've got to adapt because the climate is changing."

The Democratic governor said Californians drive almost 1 billion miles a day at the same time the state is aggressively trying to reduce carbon emissions. He said making the switch to a culture that is less dependent on burning fossil fuels won't be easy.

"To make that transition, it's going to take political will, it's going to take investment, and it's going to take the support of the people in the state and ultimately the people in the country, because we can't do it alone," Brown said.

The state Legislature approved California's landmark global warming law, AB32, in 2006. It aims to reduce carbon emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 partly through stringent air pollution regulations that business leaders say make the state less competitive.

The law already has shaken up the state's industrial sector, costing it more than $1.5 billion in pollution permit fees.

"That is an enormous challenge, but California's actually committed to moving down that path, of aligning our common way of life in California with the demands of nature as we now understand them scientifically," Brown said.

Lawmakers in the state capital are debating whether to include $250 million in revenue from cap-and-trade pollution credits to help pay for a bullet train, as Brown wants.

About a dozen protesters rallied outside the auditorium where Brown spoke, urging him to end hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas and chanting, "We're going to beat back his frack attack."

Californians Against Fracking said in a news release that new fracking technology is "opening up huge new sources of dirty oil in California's Monterey Shale formation to extraction and combustion, threatening the state's leadership on climate."

Sabrina Lockhart, spokeswoman for Californians for a Safe, Secure Energy Future, which supports expanding oil drilling in California, countered that opening up the Monterey Shale to fracking will ensure more of the oil that Californians use complies with its rigorous environmental standards while the state seeks alternative sources of energy.

Brown often cites his plan for the $68 billion high-speed rail system linking Northern and Southern California as a way to reduce carbon emissions, but he did not bring up the project on Monday.




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info from people they can recruit to support the project."

SMRR co-founder and former Santa Monica Mayor Denny Zane said the ad exploits low-income families' need for housing.

"They want to claim community support for high-rise luxury condos we don't need by playing off our real need for affordable housing," Zane said.

Alan Epstein, a representative of the hotel owner Ocean Avenue LLC., in turn called SMRR's declaration "misleading."

"Without question, affordable housing is an important feature of our project, and there will be no new affordable housing units if there is no project," he said. "The purpose of our ad was simple: to start a list of individuals interested in the new affordable apartments that we propose to build on Second Street."

The list, Epstein said, will be given to the affordable housing provider so they can contact those interested in the Downtown housing.

The website, he said, "could not have been more clear" when it stated that filling out a form "does not guarantee access to any future affordable housing."

City Councilmember Kevin McKeown spotted the ad and brought it before the SMRR steering committee.

"There's never been any discussion of letting this hotel make up its own rules on who gets affordable housing," he told the SMRR steering committee. "We need to protect working families and fixed-income seniors from being suckered and exploited."

Miramar officials must get approval for the expansion from City Council. The request comes during a time of great debate over heights and new projects in the city by the sea.

Residocracy, the community group that successfully fought the Hines development agreement through a referendum process, also opposes the Miramar project. The Huntley Hotel, which has been fighting to block the redevelopment of the neighboring Miramar, contributed at least $10,000 to the referendum campaign.

Michael Trabet, a SMRR help-line volunteer, is quoted in SMRR's release asking the Miramar to apologize.

"It's important to make sure that truly affordable housing units are created and matched to the local workers and residents who need them," he said. "The Miramar's goal of gaining support for its expansion by this artifice has righteously backfired."

Epstein found nothing to be sorry about.

"If anybody is attempting to manipulate public opinion," he said, "it is those who are trying to quash the Miramar's sincere effort to communicate with Santa Monica residents about its project."

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GONE: A major fish die-off took place in Marina del Rey in recent days.

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from boats, runoff from inland streams, storm drain outlets and poor water circulation can all contribute to a low water quality.

It's also possible that the area had higher than normal levels of algae, due to nutrient runoff, which would have created oxygen hungry bacteria in the area.

In such an environment, animals are less able to handle harsh conditions and the situation over the weekend was particularly bad.

The week-long heat wave likely raised the temperature of the water and warm water holds less oxygen than cool water. Animals in the marina would have also had to contend with a sharp drop in water levels due to strong tides caused by the full moon.

The large school of fish would have found its already low oxygen environment suddenly much smaller with even less available oxygen. The sheer size of the school would have used much of what little oxygen was left, creating a mini-dead zone in the marina that killed not only the migratory fish, but everything that happened to be in that section.

Benjamin Kay, a marine biologist and science instructor with Santa Monica High School and Santa Monica College was in the marina with several students early Sunday morning as part of an educational outreach effort organized by the nonprofit, Los Angeles Waterkeeper. Kay said his students were among the first people to report the dead fish and he said the students were deeply affected by the situation.

"We were just held spellbound by the unsightly view and captivated by the shock factor of this massive fish kill," he said.

Kay said official estimates were suggesting more than 70,000 individual fish may have died but that he thought the number was likely higher because the official count was limited to the fish being removed from the surface of the water and his students saw many more dead fish at the bottom.

"They were overcome by shock and expressed how crazy, atrocious, it was," he said. "They said 'how can we let this happen?'"

Kay said he is a strong believer in experiential learning and that while no-one wants to encounter a situation like that, it was a powerful learning experience that put some of his lessons into context.

"We've talked about this in class, we did a mini-unit on ocean dead zones but this takes a text book page and brings that page to life, there's nothing like learning out in nature, that's experiential learning, and that's always superior or more meaningful than a textbook curriculum that teaches the same things," he said. "I'm a fan of students getting outside the class and into nature. You can see the human impacts in the flesh, you can't nowadays, say an incident like Marina del Rey is truly a natural process."

Kay and Murray both said climate change is creating more extreme conditions in the oceans.

"We have units that are dedicated to the impacts of humans on oceanic life and with these massive fish kills a lot are not just connected to a weather pattern that heated up the water and used up the oxygen," said Kay.

Murray said residents who are motivated to get involved should be concerned about coastal development and support restoration projects that include rebuilding dunes or wetlands.

She said even a small increase in water levels could be a problem when combined with other factors.

"With climate change, sea levels will rise and there will be flooding," she said. "In places like Marina Del Rey and Venice, some of those areas are at higher risk of flooding when you couple that with high tides and tack on storm surges."

Brian Meux, a Marine Programs manager with Los Angeles Waterkeeper said educating the public on marine issues could be difficult as it's often hard to perceive the impacts of long-term problems like over fishing or pollution. He said incidents like a fish-kill are never good, but they can be used as powerful motivators. "It's actually pretty rare where you can get these acute devastation impacts on such a large scale in such a short period," he said.

Kay and his students were participating in one of the Waterkeeper's regular trips to monitor the newly established Marine Protection Areas in the Santa Monica Bay. The locally protected areas include parts of the ocean near Malibu, Pacific Palisades and Catalina Island. The areas are part of a chain of protected zones that run the length of California.

Meaux said there are restrictions in the zones that restrict human activity and that his organization offers free public tours of the zones to help residents learn about ocean health.

"We have a program to try to engage the local communities with these marine protected areas … the value of working with volunteers is teaching folks about the ocean first hand," he said. "The best way to teach about ecological habitats is to bring them to that habitat."

Murray said it's important to bring as many people as possible to the ocean as direct contact is an important way people develop a desire to protect the environment.

"I think most people learn by doing, so having hands on experience whether they are actually contributing to science or a beach clean up, they are likely to remember it more," she said. "Another thing is volunteer work, once they've tried it, people get used to the feeling of giving back and it feels good."

She said a reduction in human related factors will make help marine live survive future incidents.

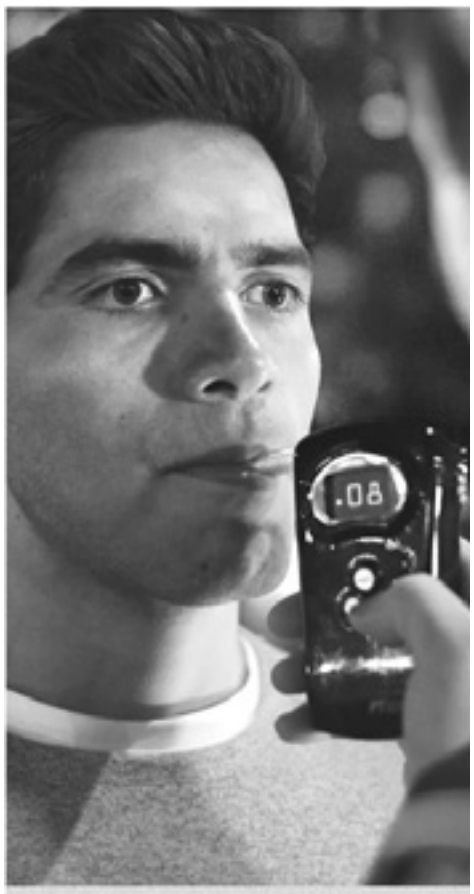
"If we can manage some of the human stressors on the marine environment, the marine wildlife will be likely to be more resilient," she said.

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Stocks edge higher after drifting in early trade

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Stocks finished slightly higher on Monday, adding to the small gains the market carved out at the end of last week.

A dearth of fresh economic data had many investors focusing on headline-grabbing corporate deals, including a $48.5 billion bid by AT&T to acquire satellite TV provider DirecTV and a joint venture between Johnson Controls and a Chinese company that will form the world's largest maker of automotive interiors.

The latest batch of deals is a good sign for the market and further illustrates that many companies have the financial ammunition and appetite to grow through acquisitions.

Even so, much of the market remained in drift mode Monday, but still near the latest all-time high set by the Standard & Poor's 500 index a week ago.

"We're seeing big deals — this AT&T deal is big," said Marc Doss, regional chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "But it's not enough to drive us dramatically higher in the short run."

The three major indexes were down in premarket trading as investors reacted to the AT&T-DirecTV deal, which was announced late Sunday. The proposed deal would create the second-largest pay TV operator behind a combined Comcast-Time Warner Cable. But such a combination could face close scrutiny from the Federal Communications Commission and Department of Justice.

When regular trading began, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq composite drifted into positive territory, while the Dow Jones industrial average lagged.

AT&T and DirecTV opened lower and never recovered. AT&T ended down 36 cents, or 1 percent, at $36.38. DirecTV fell $1.53, or 1.8 percent, to $84.65.

Word that AstraZeneca rejected rival drugmaker Pfizer's latest takeover offer helped boost Pfizer's shares 16 cents, or 0.5 percent, to $29.28.

Pfizer has been courting AstraZeneca since January. It announced Sunday that it was ready to raise its stock-and-cash offer by 15 percent to $118.8 billion.

By midmorning, major U.S. indexes had each captured small gains that would hold the rest of the day.

The S&P 500 index gained 7.22 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 1,885.08.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 20.55 points, or 0.1 percent, to end at 16,511.86.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 35.23 points, or 0.9 percent, to finish at 4,125.82.

The S&P, which hit an all-time high two days in a row early last week, is up 2 percent for the year. The Dow and Nasdaq remain down for 2014.

The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose to 2.54 percent from 2.52 percent late Friday.

Investors are in a wait-and-see mode, having digested a mostly positive but unspectacular batch of first-quarter corporate earnings in recent weeks, in addition to mixed economic news.

A light schedule of economic reports for much of this week means investors may not get much fresh insight about the economy until later this week, when they'll see new figures on sales of previously occupied homes and newly built homes. On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve releases the minutes of last month's meeting of the central bank's policy committee.

"To this point, we've seen a rotation within and not out of equities, and we expect that trend to continue into the mid-year," said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist for U.S. Bank.

Among other stocks making merger-related gains on Monday was Abbott Laboratories. Financial analysts cheered the medical device maker's proposed acquisition of CFR Pharmaceuticals for nearly $3 billion. Abbott's stock rose 57 cents, or 1.5 percent, to $39.63.

Meanwhile, Johnson Controls jumped $1.91, or 4.3 percent, to $46.69 on news of its planned venture with China-based Yanfeng Automotive Trim Systems.

Seven of the 10 industry sectors in the S&P 500 ended trading higher, led by technology stocks. Utilities were the biggest laggard.

TripAdvisor topped all stocks in the S&P 500, gaining $4.25, or 5.2 percent, to $86.41. American Electric Power posted the biggest decline, falling $1.68, or 3.2 percent, to $51.02.

Campbell Soup also ended lower after the food company reported earnings that fell short of Wall Street estimates. The company also lowered its full-year revenue outlook, noting that it was disappointed that soup sales failed to meet expectations. Its shares fell $1.06, or 2.3 percent, to $44.06.

Supreme Court revives 'Raging Bull' lawsuit

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WASHINGTON The Supreme Court ruled Monday that a copyright lawsuit over the 1980 Oscar-winning movie "Raging Bull" can go forward, a decision that could open Hollywood studios to more claims from people seeking a share of profits from classic films and TV shows.

In a 6-3 decision, the justices said that Paula Petrella, daughter of the late screenwriter Frank Petrella, did not wait too long to file her lawsuit against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer claiming an interest in the film.

Petrella's father collaborated with legendary boxer Jake LaMotta on a book and two screenplays, which inspired the movie directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Robert DeNiro. The elder Petrella died in 1981 and the copyrights passed to his daughter.

She sued MGM in 2009 seeking royalties from continuing commercial use of the film. But a federal judge said she waited too long because she had been aware of the potential to file a lawsuit as early as 1991. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, relying on the studio's argument that Petrella's delay of nearly two decades in bringing the case was unreasonable.

The Supreme Court reversed that ruling, giving Petrella a chance to resurrect her lawsuit. The ruling was a blow to movie studios, which have long relied on the legal doctrine of unreasonable delay to prevent distant relatives and estates from bringing copyright claims years or decades after movies have been released.

"What you have now is the ability for a plaintiff to come out of the woodwork and say that some creative work that was a hit in the 70s, 80s or 90s belonged to them," said Brad Newberg a copyright law expert at the Reed Smith law firm in Northern Virginia. "I would say there's now going to be an explosion of these types of cases."

Federal copyright law allows people to bring copyright claims within three years of an infringing act. Petrella's claim fell within that time because the studio continued to release the film on DVD and other formats for years and every new release essentially reset the clock for copyright purposes.

MGM argued that Petrella delayed filing her case on purpose in hopes of getting more money, saying she waited until after the 25th anniversary of the movie in 2005 to press her claim. Meanwhile, the studio had invested $8.5 million to distribute and promote the film assuming there was no other claim to ownership.

That wasn't a problem for the high court. Writing for the majority, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said there "is nothing untoward about waiting to see whether an infringer is making money, so that litigation is worth the candle."

Allowing Petrella's suit to go forward "will put at risk only a fraction of the income MGM has earned during that period and will work no unjust hardship on innocent third parties, such as consumers who have purchased copies of 'Raging Bull,'" Ginsburg said.

Ginsburg was joined by Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

In dissent, Justice Stephen Breyer said the legal doctrine of unreasonable delay should apply to Petrella's case because she waited 18 years after renewing her copyright to file a lawsuit. The effect of delaying legal action can give plaintiffs an unfair advantage in a copyright claim as witnesses die and memories fade, Breyer said, and should be a viable defense.

Breyer was joined in dissent by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Groups including the Motion Picture Association of America, Consumer Electronics Association, DirecTV and TiVo sided with MGM, arguing that it's unfair to allow plaintiffs to wait years or decades to file copyright claims while studios invest millions in their products.

But Petrella won support from groups including the Authors Guild and the Songwriters Guild of America. They argued that the rolling three-year copyright protection is fair to artists and gives them incentive to create their works.

"This is definitely a victory for the little guy," said Jan Constantine, general counsel for the Authors Guild. She called the decision a win for artists "who don't have teams of lawyers and boundless financial resources."

The case is Petrella v. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc., 12-1315.

The Snide World of Sports

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The Sterling silver saga

APPARENTLY, DONALD STERLING, UNTIL recently the "soon-to-be former owner" of the L.A. Clippers, will not be taking his billion dollars and going quietly into the night. He may not be going anywhere.

A few days ago, Sterling's attorneys advised the NBA that he will not be paying the $2.5 million fine levied by Commissioner Adam Silver and he will likely file a lawsuit to reverse his lifetime ban. Instead of weeks to resolve, this could take years. Isn't that just lovely?

Interestingly, Sterling, perhaps the most loathed man in America, has ties to Santa Monica. In 1979, he bought 11 apartment complexes here from, of all people, Jerry Buss. (To help Buss with the down payment to buy the Lakers.)

Two years later, Buss encouraged Sterling to buy the San Diego Clippers whom he soon moved to L.A. Thus Sterling is the longest tenured NBA owner at 33 troubled years. But nothing matches the idiocy of his ill-fated CNN appearance with Anderson Cooper on "AC 360" last week during Sterling's "apology tour."

Sure enough he began by apologizing for his "horrendous mistakes." Frankly, as he shed crocodile tears, his whiny, overly-contrite voice was downright annoying. If for no other reason than it was fake. This was revealed after Cooper's next question, "Do you trust anyone now?"

Sterling said the only person he had chatted with about his racist comments was Magic Johnson with whom he spoke twice. And then began Sterling's infamous melt down during which he might as well have been wearing a KKK sheet. "What has Magic done for his community?" Sterling asked suddenly, accusatorily.

Sterling was just getting going. "He has AIDS!" he barked. (Bigoted and stupid, Sterling didn't know the difference between AIDS and HIV.)

"He slept with women all over the country," Sterling continued, "I don't think he's a role model for our children." Brilliant. In attempting to apologize, Sterling attacks the most popular person in all of Los Angeles, Magic Johnson. What's next? At Christmas he'll blast Santa?

Up until this revealing moment such disparate figures as conservative radio talk-show host, Dennis Prager, famed writer Joyce Carol Oates and even Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, had expressed that, given the original tapes were recorded without his knowledge, Sterling had been unfairly stripped of his privacy. But that night on "AC 360" Sterling essentially told the entire world that he was more of a racist than we ever thought. Picture Cliven Bundy but with money.

The truth, of course, is Sterling has a long history of bad deeds. Labeled the "Slumlord Billionaire," he settled racial discrimination lawsuits going back to 2005. In one he shelled out millions to settle a suit charging that he tried to drive Korean residents out of apartments he owned, in of all places, in L.A.'s Korea town. (In Korea town, who did he want in their stead?)

In 2009, Sterling paid $2.7 million to settle a Department of Justice lawsuit, at the time the highest fine in history, charging he had discriminated against blacks, Latinos and families with children. (Apparently Sterling was an equal opportunity offender.)

Then, inexplicably, Sterling suggested that Jews help "our community" more than blacks. It appeared that he was searching for the proverb, "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day, teach him to fish and he eats for a lifetime." Instead, Sterling blurted that Jews lend less fortunate Jews money (at no interest, mind you) for things like "a fishing pole." Did he say "fishing pole?"

I suddenly had the image of traditional Jewish parents encouraging their children to, "Be a doctor, lawyer, CPA, or … a fisherman?" Comedian Albert Brooks tweeted, "Donald, for the sake of all humanity, STOP TALKING!"

The truth is there's plenty of blame to go around. How did a blatant racist like Sterling actually receive an NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award? (He was about to receive another when the tapes aired.) Why did former commissioner, David Stern, void the Chris Paul trade to the Lakers and instead send him to the Clippers owned by Sterling with such a checkered past?

Furthermore, how could the seemingly classy Jerry Buss have ever been friends with crude Donald Sterling? And, as it was a ratings bonanza, how many more shows might Anderson Cooper milk out of all of this?

To be honest, after lambasting Sterling, I'm kind of worried. I mean, he's a billionaire, after all and obviously likes real estate in Santa Monica. What if after reading this he winds up owning The Shores? What will become of me? Being Jewish, maybe I'll just ask him for a loan so I can buy a fishing pole.

For hopeful Laker fans tomorrow is the NBA Draft Lottery. If he's not too busy crossing his fingers, **JACK** can be reached at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth or jnsmdp@aol.com.





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More SW/SSW swell moves in for exposures, modest windswell continues;
Onshore flow likely out west with more light variable winds inside Santa Monica Bay

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
Easing SSW swell; trace NW windswell; keeping an eye on the winds

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Easing SW/SSW swell; NW windswell leftovers; New long-period SW swell
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FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
More long-period SW swell slowly fills in through the day (largest late); trace NW windswell

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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ns -- no sample taken

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California Chrome cleared to deploy nasal strip

BY RICK FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK California Chrome beat out an idiosyncratic racing rule — by a nose.

The colt is back on track for his Triple Crown try after an only-in-New York equipment ban appeared ready to put a kink in his Triple Crown try at the Belmont Stakes.

The Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner was cleared to wear the nasal strip he has worn all through a six-race winning streak that has set him up for a chance at horse racing's 12th Triple Crown.

New York racetracks have a rule prohibiting any equipment not specifically approved by stewards, and nasal strips were not on their list. A statement from the New York Racing Association and the state's Gaming Commission on Monday said the track's three stewards unanimously agreed to lift the ban.

The strip worn by California Chrome during his six-race winning streak is thought to assist airflow through the nostrils — something that should come in handy June 7 for Belmont's grueling run.

"I think it opens up his air passage and gives him that little extra oomph that he needs, especially going a mile and a half," trainer Art Sherman said. "Any time you can have a good air passage that means a lot for these thoroughbreds."

Other states allow equine nasal strips while racing, and even some jockeys wear them, as do humans in other sports. American marathon star Meb Keflezighi can be seen sporting one during his winning run in Boston last month.

California Chrome doesn't need to go 26.2 miles to reach racing immortality, though. Just 1? will do.

Racing hasn't had a Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978, and the sport's popularity has waned in the nearly four decades since. But it gets a boost every time a horse heads to the Big Apple with a Triple Crown on the line.

Sherman raised the possibility his horse wouldn't run in the Belmont if barred from using a nasal strip, but the problem was solved in about 24 hours, clearing the way for big crowds and plenty of betting at Belmont in less than three weeks.

Two years ago, Doug O'Neill trained I'll Have Another to victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness with the colt wearing a nasal strip. New York officials told O'Neill his horse couldn't wear one in the Belmont. The issue became moot when I'll Have Another was scratched the day before the race because of a leg injury.

This Belmont Stakes is shaping up as a possible 11-horse race, including two newcomers to the Triple Crown trail: Commissioner, sixth in the Arkansas Derby; and Tonalist, the Peter Pan Stakes winner.

Other probables include the second-through fifth-place finishers in the Kentucky Derby: Commanding Curve, Danza, Wicked Strong and Samraat. Intense Holiday, 12th in the Derby, is on the list.

Three Preakness runners could return: Ride On Curlin (second), Social Inclusion (third) and Kid Cruz (eighth).

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ An offer might seem too good to be true, so check it out. You could find an associate to be difficult and possibly touchy as well. Right now, certain associates might feel as if they can't say "no" to you, even if they want to. Tonight: Hang with your pals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take charge of a situation, especially if someone involved is being somewhat hostile. Check out an invitation carefully before expressing your decision. Do not share a certain emotional choice yet. Tonight: Be careful with your spending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll be unusually verbal, and therefore capable of seeing the big picture. Curb a tendency to allow situations to get out of control, especially those that demand your self-discipline. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal with others on a one-on-one level. You might want to understand more before making any decisions. A boss or an older person could express him- or herself easily. This person could be full of praise for you. Tonight: Why not initiate a close encounter?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others won't hesitate to challenge you. Your sense of humor will emerge. You could feel as if you can't approach a loved one. This person's importance to you can't be denied.Tonight: Go along with someone else's choice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Dive into work, and get past a problem that keeps reappearing. You have enough energy to make a boss more than content with your participation. Verbalize more of what you want with an expectation that your desires will be fulfilled. Tonight: Get some exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by an offer from someone you look up to. Don't worry about your finances today. A loved one will go out of his or her way to let you know how much he or she cares. Tonight: Go for offbeat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be in a position of making a change on the homefront. You'll see a personal matter a lot differently because of a problem that arises. Family plays a significant role in what occurs. A co-worker could care about you more than you are aware. Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Make the most of some extra time and catch up on calls. A partner or loved one will go overboard for you. Remain upbeat with a new, flirty friend. Listen to this person's news; you will discover that you have reason to celebrate. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might want to change directions, especially when the issue is financial. Understand where a loved one is coming from. This person might be moody right now, but keep in mind that he or she usually is more upbeat than down. Tonight: Make it your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your gentle manner will open up doors and allow a lot more give-and-take. Your smile and relaxed style will draw others to you. Be willing to listen and brainstorm with a contemporary who needs you to play devil's advocate. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You'll need to say less and remain more anchored than you have in the recent past. Your impulsive ways emerge, no matter how much you hold yourself back or try to restrain yourself. Tonight: Not to be found.

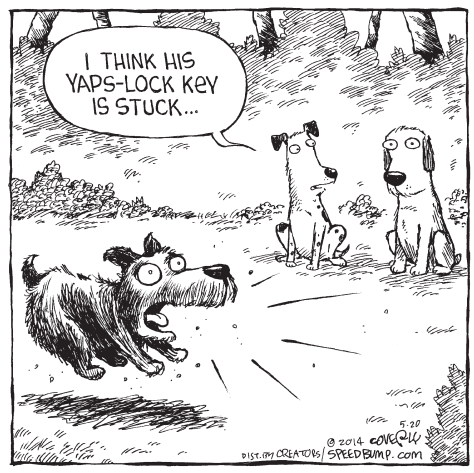
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

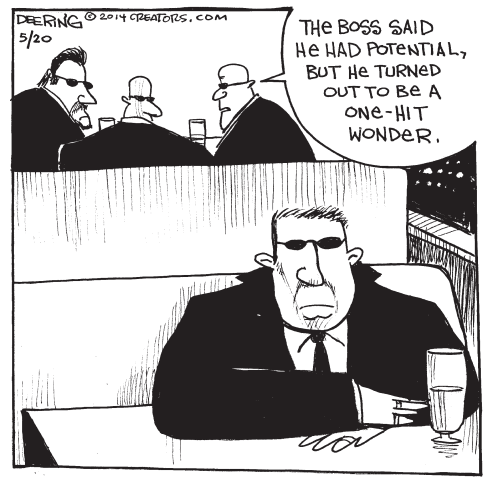
This year you will start enjoying all the excitement that surrounds you. At first, you might be exhausted by the unexpected changes. You will get used to this high frequency in your life, and it will energize you. If you are single, with so much going on, you inevitability will meet several potential suitors. Don't commit too quickly. If you are attached, be willing to verbalize what you desire, and remain equally as sensitive to your sweetie. Look at what is behind a short fuse and consider the trigger, especially if it is a repeating issue. Schedule a special trip together that the two of you have been discussing for a long time. AQUARIUS can be provocative.

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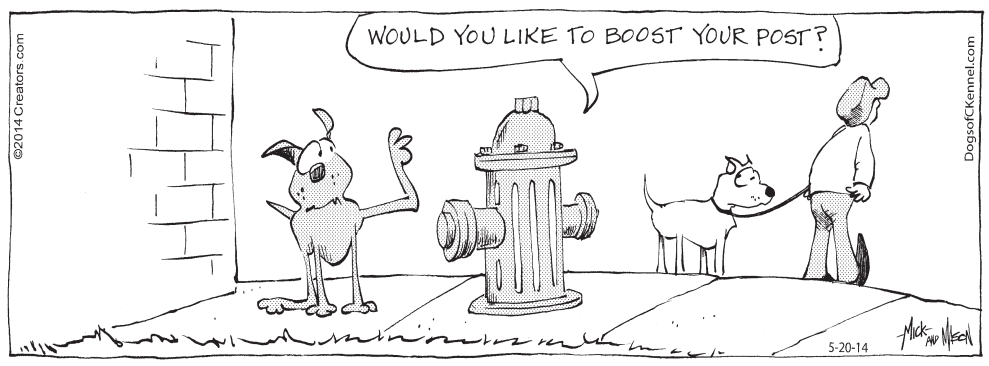
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

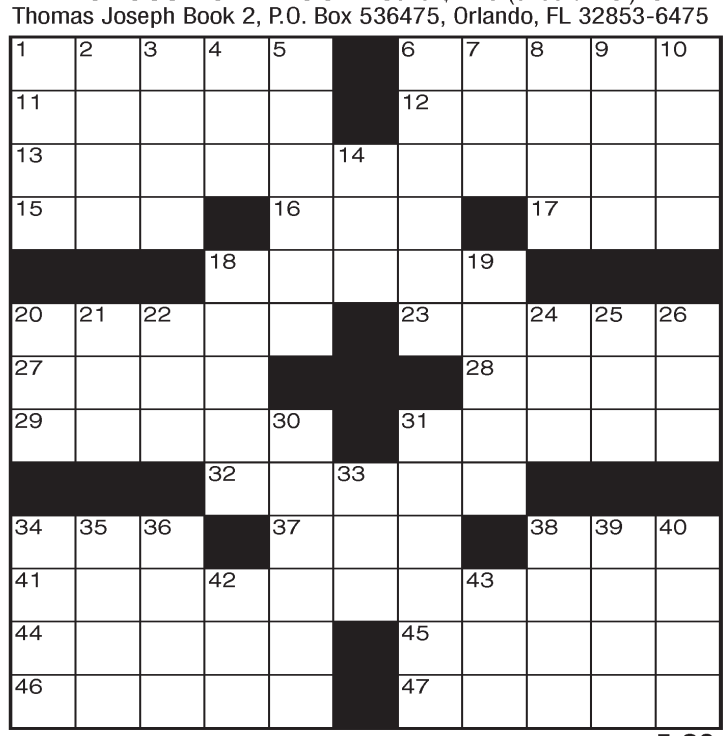
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15 Messy room
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23 Defy authority
27 Gung-ho
28 Extra amount
29 Used a keyboard
31 Alamo setting
32 Emergency sound
34 Emergency broadcast
37 Day warmer
38 Hunk of gum
41 Warn
44 Sky blue
45 Violinist's stuff
46 Maguire of "The Great Gatsby"
47 Run-down

DOWN
1 Lights-out tune
2 Touch on
3 Mayor's domain
4 Wedding words
5 Muscle connector
6 Roman ruler
7 — Baba
8 Equips
9 Dull pain
10 Henri's head
14 Bowl-shaped pan
18 Helpers
19 Nation on the Red Sea
20 Diet no-no
21 Wall climber
22 Waiter's reward
24 Compete in the ring
25 Memorable time
26 French article
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36 Ticket half
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40 Turn down
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43 Bunion spot

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EVENING: 1 6 9

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Unclear on the Concept: Britain's most-tattooed man (the former Mathew Whelan, 34, now "King of Ink Land Body Art The Extreme Ink-Ite"), whose body is 90-percent ink-covered, finally acknowledged in March that he needed to undergo laser removal to clear up his skin. However, "Body Art," as he is known, then explained that he was spending the equivalent of about $10,000 on removal just so he could start over with new tattoos.

■ (1) In February, East Detroit High School swim instructor Johnathan Sails, 24, sitting poolside, dived in to help a drowning student -- but only after first going to the locker room to change from his street clothes. He was charged with involuntary manslaughter when the student died. (2) When a 6-year-old girl had her finger severed by a closing door in school in December, administrators at the Dickinson School District near Houston merely called her parents to come take the girl to the hospital. The principal denied it was an "emergency," since the girl's finger, after all, had already been bagged in ice. (3) When a fire alarm sounded in February at Como Park High School in St. Paul, Minnesota, one girl was in the school swimming pool, and the outside temperature was minus 5 F, but several faculty members insisted (by protocol) that she leave the building dressed as she was (barring her, even, from waiting in a teacher's car because it is against the rules).

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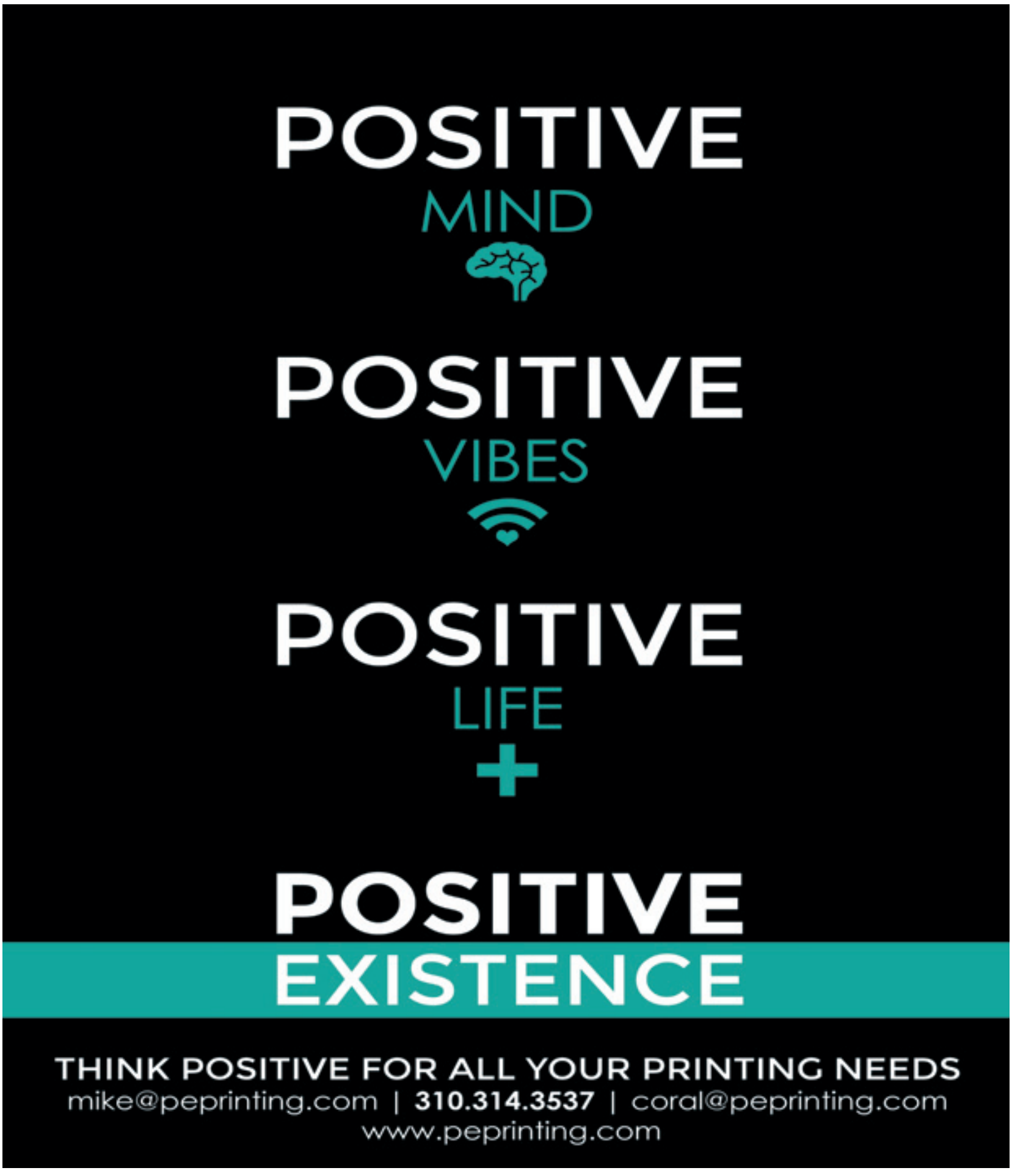
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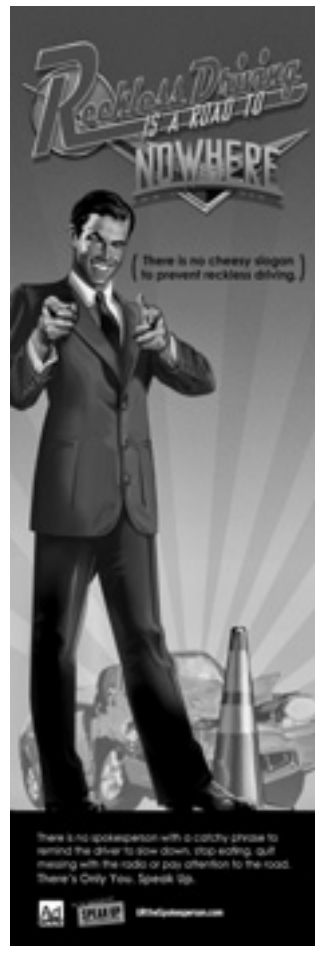
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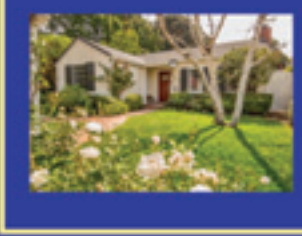


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