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Ocean Ave.

World Cup at Hotel Shangri-la

The Hotel Shangri-la will host World Cup enthusiasts in the hotel's Garden Courtyard on the Westside's only 6 by 10-foot wide Jumbotron video display system.

Open to the public on a first come basis, fans can sit back, relax and view every moment of each match in real time while enjoying Hotel Shangri-la's poolside food and beverage service. The hotel will offer internationally inspired specialty food and beverage offerings for purchase throughout the World Cup.

The hotel will host fans for the Brazil and Croatia opening game on June 12 to the final match played on July 13. Matches begin at 9 a.m. on game days; and starting on July 8, the semi-finals will be broadcast starting at 1 p.m.

"For each World Cup, the Hotel Shangri-la has offered soccer enthusiasts a memorable viewing experience, and this year we've thought of it all and more," said Henri Birmele, managing director for Hotel Shangri-la. "The lush Garden Courtyard setting, Jumbotron with music, with food and beverages inspired by the home countries of the competing teams, sports fans' fun can last all day and late into the night."

During the semi-finals, soccer fans can continue to enjoy the late afternoon and evening at Penthouse Suite 700, Santa Monica's only indoor/outdoor rooftop bar and lounge. The hotel is encouraging fans to book rooms if watching back-to-back matches. For reservations, visit www.Shangrila-hotel.com for the latest room rates. Dining room reservations can be made by calling (310) 451-0717. Information on promotional room rates and reservations is available at (310) 394-2791. The hotel is located at 1301 Ocean Ave.

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Council favors taller Downtown development option

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN It hasn't even reached the Planning Commission phase and some residents are throwing around words like "referendum."

The Santa Monica City Council unanimously preferred a taller project proposed for an 112,000-square-foot public plot Downtown, despite resident calls for no development at all.

When council members selected Metropolitan Pacific from a pool of developers last year, they asked the team to provide an 84-foot-tall alternative to their original 148-foot proposal. Eighty-four is a magic number because it's in line with the height limits proposed in the pending Downtown Specific Plan, which will dictate land-uses in the area.

At Tuesday's meeting, developers presented the 84-foot-tall alternative and asked council to pick a direction. The developer, led by John Warfel, requested that council pick the taller design, noting that it would include more greenspace, affordable housing, tax revenue, iconic architecture, and parking spaces.

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NOTICE: The Pico Neighborhood Association is against a plan to redevelop a number of properties on 21st Street into condos.

Community groups to host townhall about proposed condos



KICKER:

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD The Pico Neighborhood Association (PNA) and several other neighborhood groups are taking a strong stance against proposed condominiums that would replace six rent-controlled residential buildings on 21st Street.

The neighborhood groups will host a townhall meeting about the development plans at 7 p.m. tonight in the Thelma Terry Room at Virginia Avenue Park.

"COURTYARDS TODAY. CONDOMINIUMS TOMORROW! UNLESS YOU ACT," reads a release from the PNA.

After criticizing its design and potential impact on the neighborhood, the Planning Commission voted to continue discussing the project at a later date.

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What's Up Westside

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Thursday, June 12, 2014

Artist walk-through and gallery talk
ARENA 1 Gallery
3026 Airport Ave., 2-3 p.m.
Bruria Finkel will present her new work. Aware of time in a heightened, concrete and tactile way, everything immediately in front of her face became a possible source for new work. These works are inspired by the markings that time leaves behind and the marks we create for ourselves to express our needs and ideas. An opening reception will be held June 14 from 5 - 8 p.m. Visit www.arena1gallery.com or call (310) 397-7449 for more information.

Family gaming
Main Library, Children's Activity Room
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Enjoy quality family time at the library. Play and "Kinect" with video and board games. Ages 4 and up.

Friday, June 13

The girl who loved the Beatles
The Elephant Space
6320 Santa Monica Blvd.
Running low on funds having fled to New York from Oak Harbour, Ohio (and her husband), Loretta applies for a position with a one-man advertising firm - only to have owner Leonard greet her with the news that he is going out of business. In fact, he has to scratch to refund the carfare she spent coming to see him. Leonard finds himself drawn deeply into a very funny and progressively revealing conversation that makes both of them face the inescapable truths about love, life, and the need to find your own way, whatever the obstacles. Visit http://www.hollywoodfringe.org/projects/1905 for time and ticket information.

$100 art sale
haleARTS S P A C E
2443 Main St., 5-8 p.m.
The $100 Art SALE features selected works from local and emerging artists for $100 and runs through June 22. As with every $100 Art SALE, the gallery will be filled — floor to ceiling — with ready-to-hang work created by several local emerging artists. White wine and freshly popped popcorn will be available for you to enjoy. haleARTS S P A C E is a Santa Monica gallery focusing on local emerging artists as well as the emerging collector. Visit www.halearts.com or call (310) 314-8038 for more information.

Musical theatre workshop performances
Theatre Arts Studio Stage
1900 Pico Blvd.
The Santa Monica College Musical Theatre Workshop class will present the rousing musical revue "(a very long) [title of show]" June 13-15. The production showcases rip-roaring songs from old and new Broadway musicals written by an array of composers. The workshop, a co-production of the SMC Theatre Arts and Music departments, is directed by SMC theatre arts professor Perviz Sawoski, with music direction by SMC adjunct music instructor Karen Benjamin. The performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. June 13; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 14; and 2 p.m. June 15. Advance tickets are $10, plus a service charge, and can be purchased by going to www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or by calling (310) 434-4319 (M-F). Tickets are $3 higher at the door. Parking is free on Friday evenings and weekends. No late seating. Visit www.smc.edu/studiostage for more information.

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



Rendering courtesy City of Santa Monica

FUTURE: This image depicts what a new development on Arizona Avenue (left) will look like.

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Council members agreed. Their vote asked simply for the developers to focus on the taller project and is far from an approval of the project itself.

Metro Pac will have to go through City Hall's development agreement process, which includes stops at the Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission, and, again, City Council.

Many residents came out to speak on the item with a significant faction urging council to decline both options in favor of a zero-foot-tall park with underground parking.

Those opposed to the project noted, among other things, the shadows it would create and the car trips it would generate.

Armen Melkonians, the founder of Residocracy, which successfully halted a recent controversial development agreement through a referendum process, called the shorter project "horrible."

"I think the developer has come back with an 84 foot project that's completely disingenuous," he said. "It doesn't work. It's not a good project."

Three "specials interests," he said, are the basis for the project: "The hotel, affordable housing, and tax-base."

In just over 24 hours, he said, 586 residents had signed his online petition, promising, collectively, to deliver 6,500 signatures for a referendum if council decides to develop the public land. He called a public park "the only solution."

Several council members, including those who label themselves "slow growth," noted that the park plan would be economically infeasible.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown highlighted the recently-opened Tongva Park.

"(The project site is) a short walk from a $46 million park," he said, "and if you don't think that place is special please go there after the meeting."

McKeown noted that he's stood alongside many of the pro-park neighborhood groups when they were fighting "bad projects" and that he will likely continue to do so in the future.

"This is a different situation," he said.

McKeown and the other council members highlighted the community benefits, which, they said, could outweigh some of the project's downsides.

Councilmember Gleam Davis and others pointed to the project's proposed greenspace.

Councilmember Tony Vazquez and others pointed to the jobs that the hotel would create. Members of Unite Here! Local 11, a hospitality union, voiced support for the project's job creation and affordable housing.

A shorter project would include 24 affordable housing units to the taller project's 48.

Sarah Letts, executive director of CCSM, the city's largest affordable housing provider, noted that the economies of scale in a larger project make affordable housing easier to finance and operate.

Councilmembers Vazquez and McKeown asked about the feasibility of reducing the amount of office space in favor of either affordable housing or hotel rooms, which typically generate less traffic.

Warfel explained that office space is attractive to investors because it is more financially stable.

Council members, including Ted Winterer, were careful to note that while they prefer the taller option, it does not mean that the final project will be 148-feet-tall. Metro Pac will continue to plan and adapt as they negotiate with City Hall.

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HELPING OUT

photo courtesy Donna J. Gentry

Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, represented by Kathy Irby (center), recently presented a grant check for $4,500 to the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) for their Homework Assistance Program. Accepting the donation are Eula Fritz, Executive Director and Thorin Allen, Board President.

What's next for teacher tenure?

LISA LEFF
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO After a two-month trial and another two months of deliberating, a California judge on Tuesday found that a handful of laws governing the hiring and firing of the state's teachers are unconstitutional because they deprive children of a quality education. It was the first time in U.S. history a court has found that teacher effectiveness is an essential component of the right to an equal public education, said Russlynn Ali, a former assistant secretary for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Education.

Here' is a look at the issues in the case and where it goes from here:

PROTECTIONS AT ISSUE

The employment protections teachers in California have are among the nation's strongest, a reflection of the enormous political influence wielded by the California Teachers Association. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Rolf Treu, who was appointed to the bench in 1995 by Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, struck down five laws that dictate when teachers are given tenure, subject to budget-based layoffs and dismissed for unprofessional conduct. The first grants teachers tenure, also known as "permanent employment," after just two years on the job, which is sooner than in all but four other states.

The next bases layoffs solely on reverse seniority, a practice known as "last in, first out" that is carried out to one degree or another in 17 other states. Finally, Treu overturned three laws that spell out some of the elaborate procedures administrators and school districts must follow before they can fire teachers for incompetence or criminal activity.

KEY FINDINGS

The judge concluded that the statutes violate the equal protection and other provisions of the California Constitution by exposing the state's 6.2 million students to "grossly ineffective teachers." He said the laws served no compelling purpose, disproportionately harmed poor and minority children and had led to an unfair, expensive and nonsensical system that drives excellent new teachers from the classroom too soon while

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Stand up for your rights

Editor:

This Elizabeth Riel lawsuit is pure Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights intimidation ("Riel to sue city on First Amendment grounds," June 10). As a tax payer, I will not stand for it! When my opponents don't get what they want they either threaten a law suit or make every effort to censor those who don't march to their drum beat. Whether the residents like it or not the responsibility of democracy and freedom rests on our shoulders, not our elected officials. Hear me clear, my fellow residents: it is your duty to our nation and dignified responsibility to vote. This is the ultimate system of checks and balance, U.S.!

How much more intimidation, censorship and betrayal can my fellow Santa Monica residents take? To what end will my fellow voters go to not to stand up for themselves? We are showing the world that we are cowards when it comes to our own rights. If we fail to vote Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights out of office, we will all be responsible for the future of the city: as good or bad as it may become. The question isn't how can Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights push you around, the question is how can you stand by as the essence of your freedoms are being eroded? Where is the courage of our framers that should be running through your veins, where is the payment for the liberty earned by the death of thousands of men and women over the 200-plus years of our history?

If you fail to stand up for your liberty then it's your fault that Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights has a green light to continue to intimidate and bully until our freedoms are taken away.

Robert Kronovet
Santa Monica

Kuehl needs to step up

Editor:

I applaud Bill Bauer for exposing Sheila Kuehl's "old tricks" and her habit of misleading the voters ("Big battles coming in November election," May 9). I went to Kuehl for help when I was chair of the Special Education District Advisory Committee to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Students were not receiving educational support they needed and were entitled to by law. Kuehl was on the state legislature and a group of parents asked her to help us by pursuing the issue with her friends on the school board. Kuehl met with us but did nothing.

A couple of years later, things had deteriorated to the point where parents of disabled students were required to sign "gag orders" to get needed services, which had become known as "secret deals." By then, Bobby Shriver was on City Council and it was he who led a successful campaign to stop "gag orders" in our local public schools.

Sheila Kuehl puts on a good progressive show, but is limited by her loyalties and ambition. Shriver is independent. Shriver comes through and is there when it counts.

Tricia Crane
Santa Monica





Life Matters

Dr. JoAnne Barge — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

It is not so safe anymore

DEAR LIFE MATTERS,

You may have heard about this; several weeks ago a young man shot and killed his father, mother, sister and then himself.

This family lived down the street from us and they went to the same church.

I am still in shock but I am mostly concerned about my 15 year old daughter who was very good friends with the sister. They were exceptionally close.

The funeral is a couple days away and I feel like I need to do more than what I have done which is to be supportive and just listen. The church has counseling set up and she has seen somebody there once or twice.

She is asking me questions about God and asking why this happened to such a good church going family. I have really not known what to tell her. I knew the day would come when she would eventually start to see life as it really is but I never dreamt that she would have to face it so head on, in such a brutal way at such a young age. What do you think I should tell her?

Signed,
Disturbed Mother

(To the reader, I spoke with this woman right away after getting the question but she and I both thought it should be published anyway for others.)

DEAR DISTURBED,

I am so sorry for your family and the family that died. It is clearly tragic and as you put it, very disturbing.

Unfortunately, the world and America are clearly changing. It simply is no longer safe. Of course it never has been 100% safe here but there are big changes now with kids getting a hold of guns and many if not most of them have watched very violent video games. Some of these games actually have the player getting points for shooting someone in a shoot out.

I know these games help kids with hand eye coordination and quickness of thinking but I think some of the time, there are those kids that cannot differentiate between a video game and real life.

If nothing else, they get ideas and if they are mentally disturbed and/or have a lot of pent up resentment, we can have a very dangerous situation.

It seems that we cannot turn on the news these days without hearing about a completely crazy shooting with innocent victims killed.

This is the new reality so if I can put in my two cents, we need to start accepting this and educating our children. If I could design the curriculum in junior and senior high schools, I think this danger should be part of the children's education.

There should be a big emphasis on how to tell if you yourself are vulnerable and how to spot someone who might be. Communications skills, empathy training and resources for young people, or any age for that matter, should be available.

A psychologist should teach these classes and there really is a lot that could be taught and learned that would hopefully help reduce all of these shootings.

Guns are a problem but they are not going away. I just wish there was a way to keep them out of the hands of young people whose brains are not even completely developed (age 25).

I think you should tell your daughter the truth. The truth being that God doesn't control our every move, which is why we have to work on ourselves. And remind her that this young man was not church going and clearly was disturbed about something. And perhaps going forward she should be more aware and notice if anyone around her is acting different or strange and to talk to you about it if so. I wonder if the sister, your daughter's close friend ever made any comments about her brother. That would be an interesting a point of discussion, at some point when appropriate.

We all need to learn, and yes your daughter too, that the world has changed and we need to be more vigilant and perhaps be just a bit more of our brother's keeper.

Tell her that it is completely normal to be really sad and to cry and she needs to cry as long as she needs to cry. If it starts to go beyond sadness and starts to seem like depression, then help her to get some help.

Having said all of this, I would like to remind you that this is not just your daughter's loss. This is a traumatic loss for you as well and probably to some degree for your family and neighborhood. You all need to be thinking about this stuff but also you need to take care of yourself and experience your own grief. Find ways to soothe yourself and your daughter because you are both really hurting.

Again, you have my sympathy. Feel free to write to me again, if you need to.

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California Democrats replace 'spending' with 'investing'

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. As billions of dollars in unexpected tax revenue pour into California, Democratic lawmakers have proposed all kinds of ways to distribute the windfall after years of recession-era budget cuts.

Just don't call it spending. In recent weeks, Democrats have been using a more palatable and fiscally responsible term to characterize their individual priorities.

Instead of spending the taxpayer surplus, they want to invest it.

Last week, Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley, opened up a joint legislative budget committee hearing by saying she hopes the state will make "meaningful and strategic investments in early and higher education, in health care access and closing that opportunity gap."

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D- Sacramento, has said in recent weeks that he would like to "make sure that there is room left for some investment to meet the needs of the people."

Shortly after being sworn in as Assembly speaker last month, San Diego Democrat Toni Atkins said she wanted to help craft a budget that "expands opportunity by making smart investments."

Webster's dictionary defines investment as "the outlay of money, usually for income or profit." But Democratic lawmakers are framing their spending proposals for welfare, health care, child care, education and preschool for low-income families as a human investment. They say it will pay off with a more productive workforce and higher future tax revenue for the state.

Jessica Levinson, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, described Democrats' replacing the word "spending" with "investment" as a rhetorical device to make their budget proposals more acceptable.

"Is it smart rhetorically to categorize this as an investment rather than just an expenditure? Absolutely, because it makes it sound like we're not just spending money," she said.

Whether Gov. Jerry Brown buys it is another matter. The Democratic governor preaches austerity and wants to funnel most of the state's surplus into a rainy day fund and paying down the state's unfunded pension obligations and other debts.

Spending or saving most of the surplus is the main point of contention between Brown and Democrats who control the Legislature as lawmakers face a Sunday deadline to send the governor a balanced budget.

The Brown administration is using a more conservative revenue estimate for the $107.8 billion general fund budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1. It warns against

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The six buildings contain 15 occupied rent-controlled units. The new building would include 19 market-rate units and two units set aside for very low-income tenants.

If approved by the Planning Commission, it would trigger some involvement from the Rent Control Board. The Landmarks Commission would also have a say, given that at least one of the buildings dates back to 1935 and the most recent was built in 1951.

Mid-City Neighbors and Friends of Sunset Park are co-sponsoring the event along with the PNA. Also on board is the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City and Residocracy, the community group responsible for successfully challenging the controversial Hines Bergamot Transit Village development agreement.

PNA co-Chair Oscar de la Torre said that these types of issues are going to keep popping up as the Expo Light Rail Line gets closer to opening.

"When light rail comes to a community it exacerbates market pressure," he said. "This is a movement that will give residents an opportunity to fight for their neighborhood."

De la Torre is also working to build an anti-resident-displacement campaign that would, among other things, map evictions in the city. They are working with members of the Rent Control Board and the San Francisco-based Anti-Eviction Mapping Project to gather about five years of eviction data to be used for the map.

The campaign, de la Torre said, will also attempt to impact policy that might lead to or prevent evictions.

He plans to inform tenants about their rights.

"As we're out flyering for these campaigns, we're hearing from a lot of residents whose rights are being violated and they don't realize it," he said. "We want to give them the resources they need to understand what they can do when a landlord is giving them bad information."

De la Torre, a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Board of Education, said that he's not yet decided whether or not he plans to run for City Council this year.

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The Q Line

Fan of Tongva Park?

The city of Santa Monica was recently honored with a Los Angeles Architectural Award honoring its work on Tongva Park, the city's newest park.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Now that Tongva Park has been open for some time, what are your thoughts on the $42.3 open space and why?

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allowing incompetent senior ones to remain.

NEXT STEPS

Treu put his decision on hold to allow for appeals that California's teachers unions said they would pursue. Gov. Jerry Brown and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, the two main defendants, have not said if they would do the same. It typically takes about three years for appeals of trial court decisions to work their way through a midlevel appeals court and ultimately the California Supreme Court. Lawyers for the nine students on whose behalf the case was brought said Tuesday they hoped to get the process expedited.

One issue that is likely to come up on appeal is the relatively little ink the judge devoted to explaining his rationale. His opinion ran just 16 pages, and the unions complained Tuesday that he had failed to explain how getting rid of job protections that have been in place for generations would improve classroom performance while overlooking the roles that poverty, segregation and inadequate school funding play in student learning.

In the meantime, reform advocates and some lawmakers who support the ruling said they would push the governor and Legislature to take immediate steps to replace the problematic statutes.

RIPPLE EFFECTS

Because state-specific laws were at issue and the decision relied on the California Constitution, the ruling would not have a direct effect on teacher-protection laws in any other states. Education experts noted, however, that the case was likely to inspire similar lawsuits or fuel demands for change elsewhere.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Lawmakers and elected officials across the country have been moving in recent years to make teacher performance the defining feature of layoff and tenure decisions, The Education Commission of the States reported last month that 10 states now prohibit the use of tenure or seniority as a primary factor in making layoff decisions, twice as many as did in 2012. Meanwhile, the number of states that use performance evaluations instead of years of employment to guide tenure decisions rose from 10 in 2011 to 16 this year.

BIPARTISAN ISSUE

Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger tried to take on teacher tenure in 2005 with a ballot initiative that would have increased the probationary period for new teachers in California from two years to five and allow tenured teachers with two consecutive poor performance evaluations to be fired without an appeal hearing. Proposition 74 failed with only 45 percent voter support.

Since then, a growing number of prominent Democrats — President Barack Obama chief among them — have called for reforms designed to hold individual teachers more responsible for student outcomes through merit pay, evaluations linked to standardized test scores and rules that make it easier to weed out ineffective educators.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **67.6°**

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
SSW swell continues - some larger sets possible for select standouts; Trace NW windswell

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
SSW swell holds - some larger sets possible for select standouts; Minor NW windswell

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
SSW swell continues - some larger sets for standouts; Modest NW windswell pulses up a touch

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
SSW swell continues - some larger sets for standouts; Modest NW windswell holds

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alisos 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 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.	A	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.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	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.	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	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.	D	ns
Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW 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
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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DEMS

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starting new programs based on increases in tax revenue that will likely be fleeting.

Lawmakers want to use more optimistic figures from the Legislative Analyst's Office, which predicts the state will collect $2.5 billion more.

But the flood of additional cash may be starting to ease. On Tuesday, the state controller's office reported that revenue fell short of projections for the first time in six months by 5.5 percent, or $389 million. Overall, tax collections are still up $1.8 billion, or 2.1 percent, for the fiscal year.

California's fiscal turnaround is caused in part by voter passage of Proposition 30 in 2012, which increased the state sales tax for four years and taxes on high-income earners for seven years.

Republican lawmakers generally agree with Brown that the Legislature should not commit to ongoing programs based on the current spike in revenue.

"Call it what they will, the Democrats seek to spend one-time money that is largely the result of the voters approving a $45 billion tax increase that was intended for education and public safety," said Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway, R-Tulare. "Their 'investments' will be in law and come with a bill year after year, regardless of having the revenue to pay."

California Democrats aren't the only ones to play the semantic game.

"The point is that for the average young person, an investment in college is always going to be a smart investment," President Barack Obama said Tuesday during his first Tumblr session in discussing student loans. "Making sure you know what it is that you're investing in is important."

Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, defended the Democrats' use of the word investment. He said they agreed with Brown that California needs to build a savings account for future downturns and start paying down its pension obligations. But he also said the state's surplus should be used to restore or expand social, education and college programs that were reduced during the recession.

"There's no disagreement about that," Leno said. "But yes, we do believe we need to begin to reinvest in the people of California."

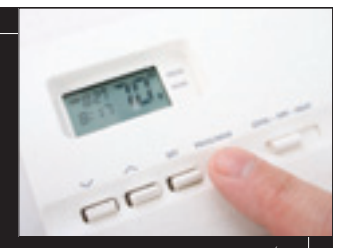
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How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D (PG) 1hr 05min
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X-Men: Days of Future Past in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
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Neighbors (R) 1hr 36min
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ACCEPT AN OFFER, GEM

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might feel that a partner is overly assertive at present. Understand that you are more than capable of handling this person's energy right now. Fatigue could mark an interaction. Tonight: Too much to juggle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You will have the best intentions, but somehow you'll get stuck in a difficult or awkward interaction. A discussion about money could get out of hand, and you might want to drown your sorrows in some wild spending. Say "no." Tonight: Try to keep a lid on a volatile situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You will be out of control, swinging from one wild situation to another. Today's Full Moon might bring chaos into a relationship. Know when enough is enough. You could be causing yourself a problem if you continue with a heated discussion. Tonight: Accept an offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and do what you must. Your emotions might make you feel as if you can't reach a resolution. If you tap into your logical side, others will think that you make sense; however, they still might head in a different direction. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your imagination takes a different stance on what is being discussed. You could have difficulty following through on a key task because your mind is elsewhere. A sticky situation involving your personal life might not be resolved easily. Tonight: Play the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You will need to anchor in and work through a problem involving a misunderstanding. Be aware that others are likely to overreact. A child or new friend could express his or her caring. Tonight: Discuss a potential trip with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Do not put off a call for too long. Make it happen today; otherwise, the results won't be nearly as good. You'll have a lot of energy; use it to make a situation work better for you. You could be surprised by what a partner does. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be aware of the costs of continuing as you have been. Ask questions. Someone is likely to respond in kind and give you an explanation. You'll see that you can mend a fence, but you might wonder whether you really want to. Tonight: Treat a loved one to dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You will feel as if you are in your element and able to achieve much more of what you want. Your energy is high as is your charisma. You can't be stopped once you get going. You naturally dominate anything you decide to do. Tonight: Extend an invitation to a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Know what is happening behind the scenes. You might choose to share more than you normally do. Expect the unexpected, and you will not be thrown off-kilter. If you are single, someone you meet today could become a lot more to you. Tonight: Go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Zero in on priorities during a meeting. You'll find that you are juggling two different situations. Realize that one or both situations could become explosive. Know what you want from each one. Tonight: Ever playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be more forthright than you have been in a while, especially as you might be dealing with someone's overly dominant attitude. Touch base with someone you care a lot about, and he or she will appreciate your thoughtfulness. Tonight: Out late.

Thursday, June 12, 2014

This year you are able to make a difference in what goes on in your immediate environment. Unexpected news from a friend could surprise you, but it also allows you to look at a new possibility. If you are single, you will meet people with ease, especially after July. Your popularity will soar at that point. If you are attached, you might be surprised at the controversy that surrounds a child. Try to prevent a problem before it happens. Know that your significant other might be more grounded than you realize. SAGITTARIUS always adds lightness to the moment....

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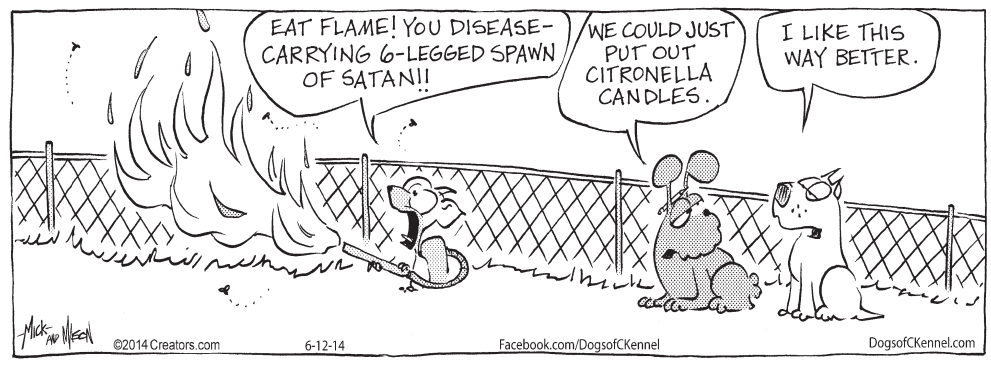
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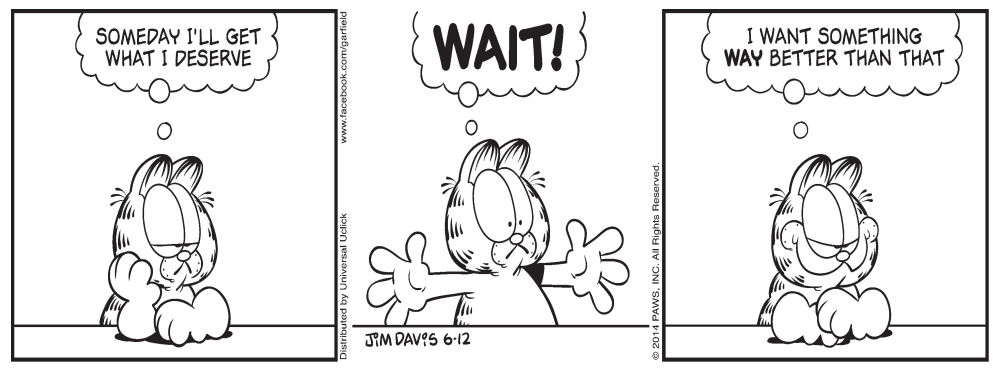
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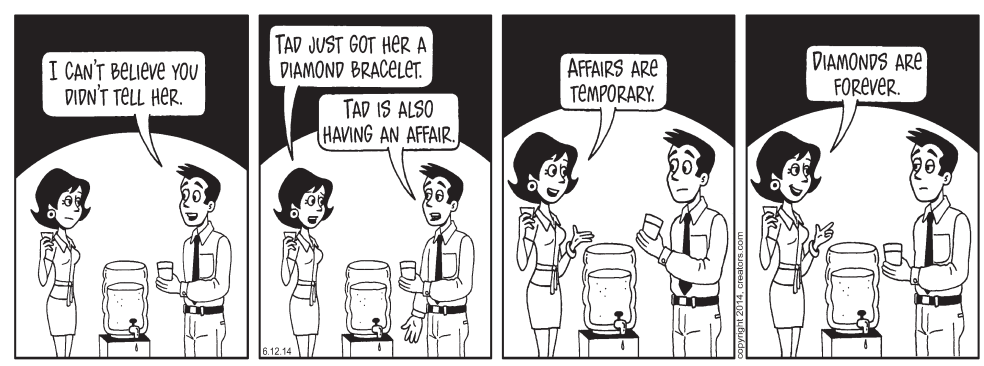
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 409 calls for service on June 10.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Fight on Pico Blvd. at 1:04 a.m.
Traffic accident on Lincoln Blvd. at 8:16 a.m.
Grand theft on Lincoln Blvd. at 8:31 a.m.
Auto burglary on 14th St. at 9:55 a.m.
Burglary report on Broadway at 10:21 a.m.
Traffic accident on 2nd St. at 10:48 a.m.
Auto burglary on 12th St. at 10:53 a.m.
Identity theft on 3rd St. at 11:15 a.m.
Traffic accident on 2nd St. at 11:21 a.m.
Identity theft on Arizona Ave. at 12:15 p.m.
Elder abuse on Pico Blvd. on 12:40 p.m.
Person with a gun on Lincoln Blvd at 12:53 p.m.
Assault on Lincoln Blvd at 12:57 p.m.
Petty theft on Santa Monica Blvd. at 1:01 p.m.
Vandalism on 23rd St. at 1:23 p.m.
Traffic accident on Cloverfield Blvd. at 1:50 p.m.
Traffic accident on Santa Monica Blvd. at 1:52 p.m.
Burglary on Wilshire Blvd. at 1:58 p.m.
Identity theft on Ocean Ave. at 1:59 p.m.
Burglary report on 14th St. at 2:30 p.m.
Theft on Wilshire Blvd. at 3:17 p.m.
Bike theft on Colorado Ave. at 3:52 p.m.
Grand theft on Broadway at 3:59 p.m.
Petty theft on Yale St. on 4:04 p.m.
Defrauding an innkeeper on Ocean Ave. on 4:24 p.m.
Auto burglary on 12th St. at 4:32 p.m.
Hit and run on Colorado Ave. at 4:34 p.m.
Petty theft on Colorado Ave. at 5:15 p.m.
Petty theft on Cloverfield Blvd. at 5:29 p.m.
Assault on Michigan Ave. at 5:56 p.m.
Burglary on Chelsea Ave. at 6:05 p.m.
Hit and run on Wilshire Blvd. at 6:54 p.m.
Bike theft on Santa Monica Blvd. at 7:03 p.m.
Fight on 31st St. at 7:36 p.m.
Hit and run on Pico Blvd. at 7:41 p.m.
Petty theft on Santa Monica Place at 7:45 p.m.
Traffic accident on 4th St. at 8:27 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Some babies
5 Alacrity
10 Touch on
11 Put away
12 Robin Cook book
13 Undermine
14 "I agree wholeheartedly!"
16 "That's so not true!"
20 Gallery star
23 Future embryos
24 Is sulky
25 Caesar's language
27 Flow out
28 Find a new star
29 "Oh my!"
32 "Alright, I get it!"
36 Worn down
39 Entice
40 Router connections
41 Turkey neighbor
42 Strata
43 Ear centers

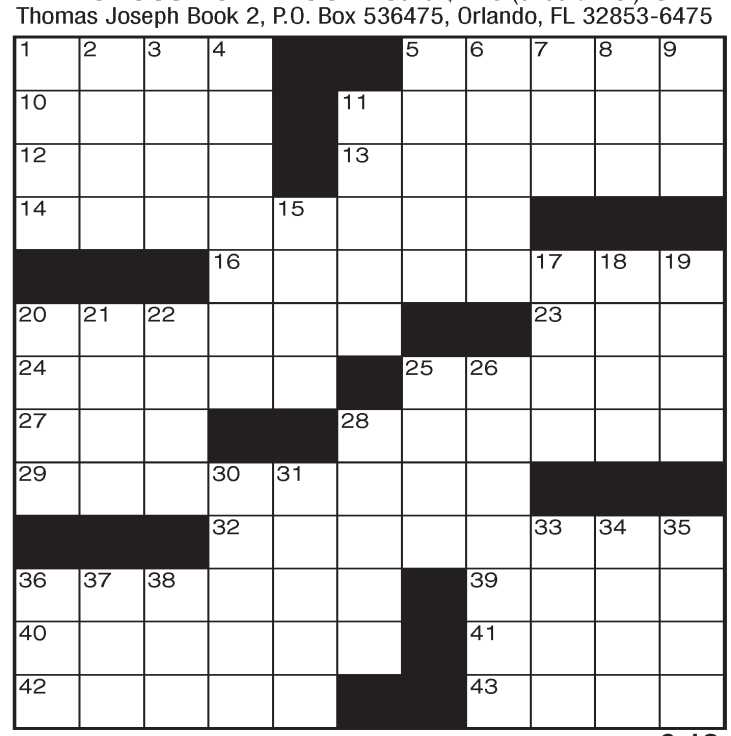
DOWN

1 Brandenburg Concertos composer
2 Clarinet cousin
3 Arizona city
4 Like clear nights
5 Cut off
6 Strand unit
7 Yellowstone grazer
8 Cain's mother
9 Bear's lair
11 Work byproduct
15 Radiator sound
17 Greek vowel
18 Rara —
19 Tirade
20 Made fun of
21 Lounge attire
22 Sousaphone's kin
25 Remini of TV
26 Type of paint
28 Peruses
30 Winona of films
31 Considers
33 Franc's replacement
34 Swift horse
35 Coop group
36 CPR expert
37 King, in France
38 Shelley work

S	T	O	P			R	A	M	S	
C	A	R	O	B		C	A	N	A	L
A	B	A	T	E		A	G	I	L	E
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D	O	G	G	O	N	E		A	D	S
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			N	E	I	G	H			
	N	I	A		R	O	O	K	S	
C	O	N		G	O	N	E	A	P	E
A	L	L	G	O	N	E		T	A	X
B	O	A	R	D		O	R	A	T	E
L	A	N	E	S		N	I	N	E	R
E	D	D	Y			P	A	S	T	

Yesterday's answer

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6-12

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Draw Date: 6/7
28 30 35 58 59
Power#: 15
Jackpot: $257M

Draw Date: 6/10
2 10 24 26 74
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: $66M

Draw Date: 6/7
1 3 8 25 40
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: $11M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/10
20 21 23 37 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 6/10
MIDDAY: 8 0 8
EVENING: 0 8 7

Draw Date: 6/10
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:41.08

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1992) A 38-year-old man, unidentified in news reports, was hospitalized in Princeton, West Virginia, in October with gunshot wounds. He had been drinking beer and cleaning his three guns -- and had accidentally shot himself with each one. He said the first shot didn't hurt, the second "stung a little," and the third "really hurt," prompting him to call for help.

■ (1996) A pre-trial hearing was scheduled in Lamar, Missouri, on Joyce Lehr's lawsuit against the county for injuries from a 1993 fall in the icy, unplowed parking lot of the local high school. The Carthage Press reported that Lehr claimed damage to nearly everything in her body. According to her petition: "All the bones, organs, muscles, tendons, tissues, nerves, veins, arteries, ligaments ... discs, cartilages, and the joints of her body were fractured, broken, ruptured, punctured, compressed, dislocated, separated, bruised, contused, narrowed, abrased, lacerated, burned, cut, torn, wrenched, swollen, strained, sprained, inflamed and infected."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1972 – The fast food restaurant chain Popeyes is founded in Arabi, Louisiana.

1978 – David Berkowitz, the "Son of Sam" killer in New York City, is sentenced to 365 years in prison for six killings.

1979 – Bryan Allen wins the second Kremer prize for a man powered flight across the English Channel in the Gossamer Albatross.

1987 – The Central African Republic's former Emperor Jean-Bédel Bokassa is sentenced to death for crimes he had committed during his 13-year rule.

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1. a quick raid, usually for the purpose of taking plunder: Vikings made a foray on the port .

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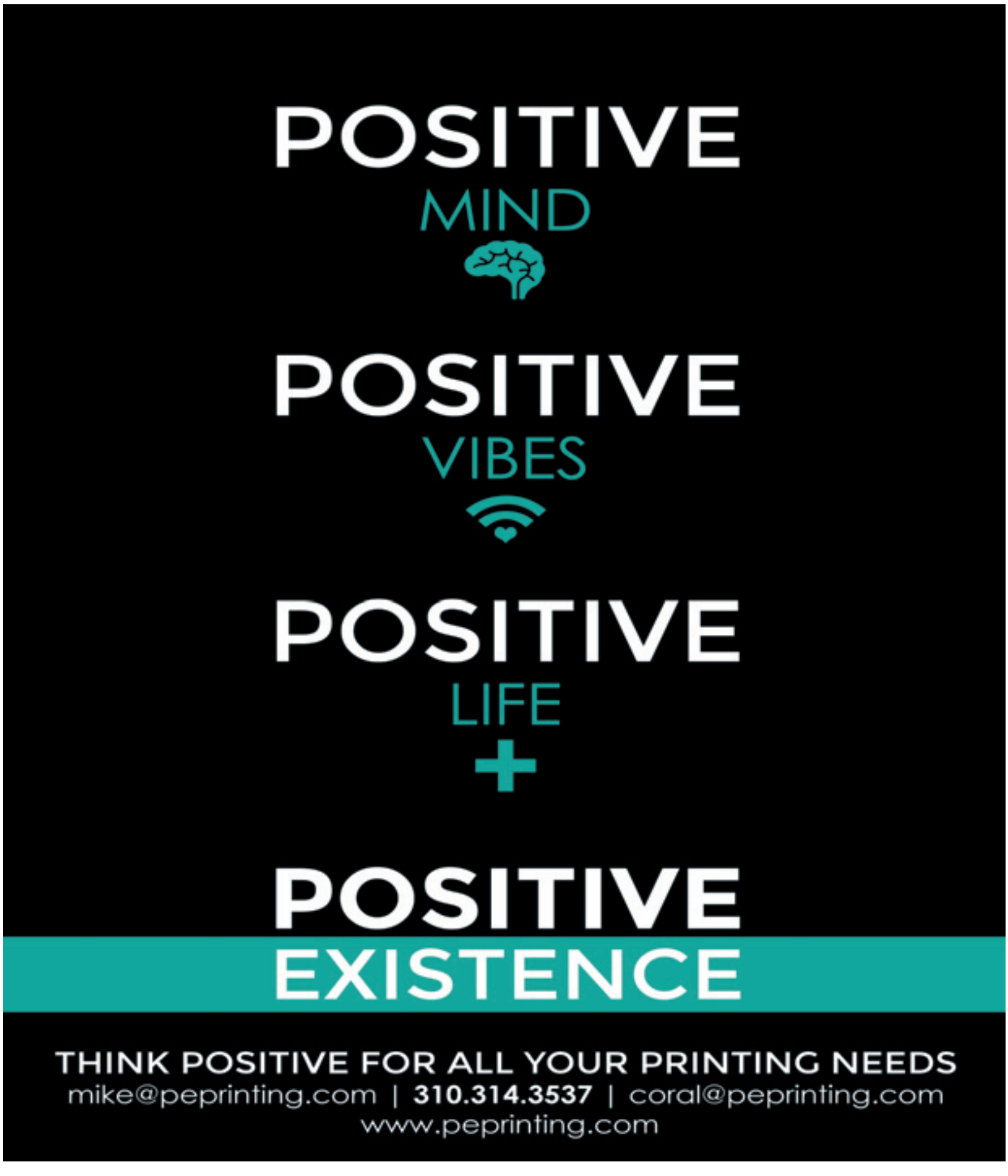
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