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THE COUNCIL NEWS ISSUE

Esplanade and bathrooms discussed at marathon council meeting

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials are having trouble with the construction company tasked with renovating public bathrooms at two parks and on the beach.

City officials released reports updating City Council on this project and the Colorado Esplanade, last week.

Last year, council approved two contracts with G2K Construction, Inc. totaling more than $1.2 million for the replacement and renovation of bathrooms at Marine Park, Hotchkiss Park, and 2400 Ocean Front Walk. The new bathrooms are to be

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FOOTBALL SEASON

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Zachary Cooper from the Santa Monica High School boys varsity football team eludes the tackling attempt of Justin Mason from the Palisades High School varsity football team as Mason is blocked by Coopers teammate DeAndre Parks as he rushes the football at Santa Moncia College on Friday September 12th 2014 as SAMO hosted Palisades High School in a non-league football game and won 15-7. With the win SAMO's record improves to 1-1 on the season.

Council wrap: Minimum wage, green school program, and park improvements

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Discussion surrounding pony rides and development of the Bergamot Station Art Center took up most of City Council's seven hour meeting on Tuesday night (and Wednesday morning) but it was a full agenda and there were other actions, including a decision to watch Los Angeles in its push to raise minimum wage and a decision to financially support an environmental program in the schools.

On Labor Day, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced a proposal to raise the minimum wage in that city. Councilmember Gleam Davis, along with Mayor Pam O'Connor - who was absent from the meeting - asked city officials to watch that process unfold and report back. Council agreed unanimously the request.

"We are, depending on how you want to characterize it, embraced or imprisoned by the city of Los Angeles," Davis said, "so

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Faces of Silicon Beach

BY ERIK HUBERMAN

Scott Kriz is the co-founder of Bitium, an app and password management system. With an impressive background building successful customer-facing products spanning several technology verticals, Scott focuses his energies on fixing inefficiencies he sees around him. Erik Huberman, CEO of Hawke Media, talks to Scott about Bitium, being an entrepreneur and the changing tech scene in Santa Monica.

Erik Huberman: What made you want to be an entrepreneur?

Scott Kriz: Specifically, myself and the co-founder were running the product and engineering department at a gaming company and were using a lot of web based applications like Salesforce and Google Apps. We were frustrated because it was very difficult to manage who had access to what and how to give access to new employees. Interestingly enough, I started my first company when I was in college. It was started out of the same reason as every company I've started; out of frustration and realizing there was a problem that no one had solved yet and wanting to solve it. My first company was developing websites for colleges and universities in 1997. Our college website was horrible, and we couldn't find the information we wanted. We started to rebuild our college website, and that turned into hundreds of colleges. For me, I definitely see inefficiencies as a problem and want to do something to fix them.

E: Tell me a little bit about yourself and Bitium?

S: Bitium is a software service that helps companies gain access to all of their applications in one place. As companies start to use more and more web-accessible software, they can just come to one place and instead of having to remember multiple credential sets, get into applications without even knowing the underlying credentials for those applications.

E: Why did you choose to be in Santa Monica?

S: I live in Manhattan Beach and my co-founder lives in Brentwood, it's relatively between the two of us, but more importantly, it's just an awesome environment to work in. We've worked at companies before where the office building was in an office park and kind of in the middle of nowhere, and both

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday September 16

Sustainable landscape architecture
Santa Monica College Bundy Campus
3171 Bundy Dr. 4 p.m.
Learn how to draw up a planting specification plan including soil reports, plant spacing details, and proper tree planting. Find out how to create a water budget. Learn how to create tree protection plans. Discover how to improve soil structure, analyze deficiencies and specify the correct amendments. Also learn about mycorrhizal fungi and soil biota. Class is intended for professional landscape architects and requires a working knowledge of AutoCAD and Sketchup.

How to write the personal statement
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 p.m.
College essay coach Nancy Gottesman provides tips on what colleges want in a personal statement (and what to avoid), how to choose a topic, and basic rules of essay writing. Grades 11-12

Homework help
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 p.m.
Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only.

Toddler dance party
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
Toddlers and Preschoolers are invited to come wiggle and move, giggle and groove at Ocean Park Branch Library's Toddler Dance Party. This program is children ages 2-5

Wednesday September 17

Knitting
1450 Ocean Ave., 6 - 8 p.m.
Knit a Darling Baby Wash Cloth with Teri of Wildfiber Studio: Simple stitches, sumptuous organic cotton and a fun little technique unite in Teri Artinyan's short and sweet class.

Third Street Promenade's 25th Anniversary Symposium
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
2001 Santa Monica Blvd, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
It didn't just happen. Learn how civic leaders, elected officials, business owners and residents came together in the late 1980s to create what has now become one of the most celebrated and successful pedestrian malls in the world - Third Street Promenade. Hear from urban planning and retail experts about the process used to create and manage the promenade and learn what's in store for the future.

Opera at the Beach
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier
Seating 5:30 p.m. show at 7:30 p.m.
LA Opera is pleased to inaugurate a new biannual series of free live video broadcasts sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. The inaugural presentation, Verdi's La Traviata, will be broadcast live in high-definition from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to the big screen at the Santa Monica Pier. The live broadcast will be captured by nine cameras at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and shown simultaneously on a large LED screen on the Santa Monica Pier deck.

Planning Commission meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St.
7 p.m.
Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission. For more information visit www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission.

Building Emotional Resilience with Jackson Varady
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica Pier

2,100 walk to end global poverty

2,100 participants walked to end global poverty in the annual Los Angeles Partnership Walk at the Santa Monica Pier over the weekend. The Los Angeles Partnership Walk is an initiative of Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. (AKF USA) to raise awareness and funds that reduce poverty, hunger, illiteracy and poor health in Africa and Asia.

Today's event raised over $415,000 for AKF USA programs worldwide. All of the funds raised at Partnership Walk go directly to projects supported by the Foundation; not a cent is spent on administration.

The event was day of fun for the whole family with lively entertainment and activities for all ages celebrating a rich diversity of cultures. Santa Monica Mayor Pam O'Connor noted "Partnership Walk is a local event where you have the opportunity to act as a global citizen, and do your part to humankind ... and that starts here in Santa Monica."

This year marked the 20th anniversary for Partnership Walk events, which are being held in eight major U.S. cities. Since 1995, PartnershipsInAction activities including the annual Partnership Walk and Golf events have attracted over 440,000 participants and raised over $63 million for poverty alleviation projects supported by AKF USA. To learn more about the event, visit www.partnershipsinaction.org/LA.

Participants helped communities in some of the poorest areas of Africa and Asia to create long-term, self-help solutions to lift themselves out of poverty. These contributions make a tremendous impact in creating opportunities for girls in Afghanistan to go to school, for farmers in Mali to feed their families, and mothers in India to lead healthy lives.

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Main Street

Brick and Mortar pleads to 14 misdemeanors

As first reported in the Daily Press on Sept. 11, the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office has successfully concluded the prosecution of the local restaurant Brick and Mortar Restaurant on Main Street. Brick and Mortar had been charged with persistently exceeding permit restrictions by operating as an unpermitted bar/nightclub with alcohol service to persons who did not intend to purchase food, refusing to comply with City Administrative Citations and maintaining a public nuisance.

Prior to referring the case to the City Attorney's Office, Santa Monica Police and Code Enforcement Officers attempted to work with the restaurant's operator for many months, issuing warnings and then later, citations with fines. However, these efforts were unavailing and neighbors continued to be negatively impacted by intoxicated persons leaving the establishment at late-night hours. As a result, the City Attorney's Office commenced prosecution.

On Sept. 4, Brick and Mortar pleaded "no contest" to fourteen misdemeanor counts of violating the Restaurant's permit conditions, failing to comply with City Administrative Citations and maintaining a public nuisance. Under a plea agreement with the City Attorney's Office, Brick and Mortar was placed on 30 months of probation and ordered to: not organize or participate in pub-crawl events, not provide alcohol bottle service without meals, allow persons of all ages to enter at all times, not check IDs or queue patrons at the door, operate consistent with a City-approved floor plan that's conducive to a restaurant experience, post signage informing patrons that the restaurant may only serve alcohol to patrons intending to also purchase food, pay over $6,700 in restitution to the City to cover City investigative costs, pay thousands more in court fines and fees, comply with all other applicable laws and permit conditions.

"This is a positive and fair result," said Daniel Salerno, Santa Monica Police Captain in charge of the Department's Vice Unit. "All businesses, including restaurants, must operate within their permit conditions. Under the City's laws, restaurants cannot become bars/nightclubs without first getting proper City review and permits. Restaurants that operate as bars/nightclubs, without proper review and permits, can create many public safety problems for the residents and the Police Department. Noise and the behavior of intoxicated persons, especially during late-night hours, significantly disrupt neighborhoods. The Police Department, in cooperation with our Code Enforcement and City Attorney's Office partners, will continue to aggressively and evenhandedly enforce local laws that protect public health, safety and welfare. Additionally, the Department understands that Brick and Mortar has now committed to changing its operations to comply with local laws. We are very happy about this commitment and we look forward to working with Brick and Mortar, and any other business that needs our assistance, to ensure that they can operate successfully in Santa Monica and within the bounds of the law."

- MH

Beach

Students use beach trip to focus on science

More than 700 2nd to 5th grade students from under-served schools in Los Angeles County will visit Santa Monica Beach for a day of ocean fun and interactive learning games at Heal the Bay's Coastal Cleanup Education Day.

Students will learn about pollution prevention, explore the beach and tour Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. The day includes a group beach cleanup, allowing students to make an immediate, positive impact on the coastal environment.

Heal the Bay is organizing Education Day on Wednesday, Sept. 17 as part of its coordination of Coastal Cleanup Day in L.A. County, which is set for Saturday, Sept. 20.

Participating elementary schools: 61st Street, 112th Street, Estrella Elementary, Grape Street, Robert F. Kennedy, Humphreys Elementary, Sharp Elementary, and Nobel Elementary, all in Los Angeles Unified School District; and Joseph Gascon Montebello Unified; and Clara Barton, Long Beach Unified.

For many of the visiting students, Ed. Day will be their first trip to the beach. The day is designed to connect them to the ocean and its importance to all of Southern California, with the goal of demonstrating how each student can play a role in marine conservation.

Students will meet at Muscle Beach in Santa Monica, just south of the Pier.

The activities being organized include: Schools competing to pick up the most debris through organized relay races, kids discovering sea life along the shoreline, competition to fill the "Butt-o-meter," a clear, six-foot cylinder that students pack with cigarette butts, the most frequently found item at cleanups, visit to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

Since 1990, Heal the Bay has coordinated California Coastal Cleanup Day sites in Los Angeles County, eliminating hundreds of tons of trash and marine debris. Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean.

- MH

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Discover the key to lifelong success by developing emotional resilience - a balance of strength and flexibility. Clinical psychologist Dr. Jackson Varady explains how to reduce stress, control anger, make better decisions, develop a positive outlook, and cope with difficult people.

Job hunting 101
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 p.m.
Explore resources to help you research careers, develop skills, and find a job.

Playwriting workshop
Montana Avenue Branch
1704 Montana Ave. 1 p.m.
This 4-week workshop focuses on the basic elements of playwriting. Learn dramatic structure and engage in the creative process with instructor Anna Stramese.

Grantseeking Basics
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
This introductory course provides an overview of the funding research process for those seeking grants from foundations, corporations, and grant-making public charities. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Seating is first come, first served. Requires familiarity with using a mouse & keyboard. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608.

Coastal cleanup education day
Santa Monica Pier and beaches
9 a.m.
On the sand at Tower 18. Fun in the sun. Help heal our ocean. For more information call Heal the Bay at 1-800-HEALBAY or visit www.healthebay.org/ccd

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Feeding the Beast

Editor:

Ballot time is around the corner and once again Santa Monica property owners are being asked to foot the bill for a project meant to benefit the entire community. This time it is for a program by the city council to develop more "affordable housing," apparently indefinitely. The term "affordable housing" we understand to be a political euphemism - polite speak - for what is in reality subsidized housing.

Ongoing development of "affordable housing" is being enthusiastically backed by most city council members and candidates, as well as by Santa Monicans for Renters Rights (SMRR), in spite of deep concerns expressed by homeowners and other residents regarding overdevelopment in our city. As evidenced by their actions over the past many years, our city council has repeatedly favored development over the interests of homeowners in order to please SMRR - as well as hotel worker and other unions. More "affordable housing" after all means a bigger and more influential SMRR.

Measure H would raise funds by tripling the tax the city currently charges on the sale of properties with a value of over $1 million (from $3 to $9 per $1,000 of value). An accompanying measure - HH - would dedicate those funds to build "affordable housing." By separating the measures, a two-thirds voter approval requirement has been avoided.

If passed, city hall could collect over $14 million yearly from property transfer taxes. Make no mistake here, approval of Measure H will mean significantly more development in our city - more traffic congestion, more noise and pollution and more stress on our infrastructure and water resources. It will add to the numbers of residents in our city that cannot afford to pay the costs of living here.

Why are property owners being tapped to pay the bill for this ongoing development program? Property owners already pay thousands of dollars yearly on top of their property taxes through extra levies and assessments for the community college, the school district, emergency services and even for cleaning up the beach - costs not assessed to renters. Perhaps property owners in Santa Monica have become easy prey whenever funding is needed, considering a home ownership ratio in our city of only around 30 percent - a ratio that favors approval of spending projects by a built-in majority who are not required to share the cost.

Our city government has long been dedicated to controlling housing rents for the benefit of some of our residents. Now it is time for it to focus on controlling taxes on housing for the rest of us.

By the way, only three of the 15-or-so candidates running for city council have indicated that they do not support Measure M. They are Phil Brock, Whitney Scott Bain, and Terrence Later.

Faustino Garza
Santa Monica



TRAVEL

The Barcelona Article

MY CHALLENGE IN THIS TRAVEL PIECE is to describe the magical city of Barcelona, the capitol of Catalonia, in about 800 words. I will do my best, but I will fall short. Barcelona is not only one of the most beautiful cities on the planet but also one of the most cosmopolitan, complex, diverse and fascinating. Its beaches, mountains, architecture, markets, shops, its unique Catalan culture and history, cuisine and language are a lot for the senses to take in. It is a passionate city with its own unique almost European sensibilities. It seems that wherever we went and whatever conversation we were having, the subject of Catalonian autonomy and independence from Spain was foremost on people's minds. The Senyera Estelada the unofficial flag and symbol of support for Catalan independence is displayed everywhere. Although some people speak Spanish, Catalan is the official language and is the language taught in schools, and no, it is not a dialect of Spanish. If you leave the big city and go to the surrounding areas, Catalan is the language spoken.

I first became interested in visiting Barcelona after seeing a documentary about La Sagrada Familia, the unfinished basilica that was designed by Catalonian architect Antoni Gaudi in 1882 and is scheduled to be completed in 2026. What is amazing about this expansive architectural wonder, despite the fact that construction began over 130 years ago is the grandeur, and the exquisite detail. Everything about it is larger than life. It has 18 towers, 22 types of stones (so far). Gaudi even devised a type of column, a double column that had never been used in architecture before. His style is definitely "unique" a combination of Art Nouveau and neo- Gothic, with a little whimsy thrown in.

Love it or hate it, his innovative genius is one of a kind. La Sagrada Familia is one of the main reasons people come to Barcelona. There are many tours that take you to the sites of all his important works throughout the city. You haven't really experienced Barcelona without experiencing Gaudi.

We were fortunate to stay at the chic and luxurious Mandarin Oriental that is located on the famous Passeig de Gracia, in one of the most exciting parts of the city, and walking distance to many things I wanted to see. It is one block from Las Ramblas, (or Les Rambles, or La Rambla) the most famous pedestrian street in Barcelona. It is so much fun to walk the miles of shops, watch the street performers, peruse the stores especially their open air market the Mercatle Saint Josep de la Baqueria, or Boqueria food market which dates back to 1217 and is one of the most well known markets in the world. You can easily spend hours there, it is bright and clean and the offerings seem endless, every type of flower, vegetable, cheese, seafood and more. Not to mention the great people watching from their always busy bar style restaurants. Be prepared for a wait for a seat, but its worth it.



Carole Orlin

GAUDI: The basilica is a must see

It is fascinating to see the transformation of Barcelona since it hosted the 1992 Olympics, which was really the beginning of its modern day Renaissance. Just one of many examples of the positive changes is their waterfront. Prior to 1992 the beaches were not available to the public as they housed factories, storage crates etc. It was a rundown decaying area that most people avoided. This was all cleaned up and cleared away before the Olympics and miles of beautiful Mediterranean beaches were available to the Catalans for the first time in many of their lives. Today the waterfront and beaches are world-renowned.

We cannot talk about Barcelona without discussing Catalan cuisine. Yes, they will serve paella to the tourists who don't know better, but paella is more of a Spanish dish. Due to their close proximity to the sea Catalan cuisine is based around seafood and meat (especially pork) from their mountains and lots of vegetables, especially tomato, eggplant and garlic. I dare say there is not a restaurant in Barcelona that does not have pan con tamate, sometimes called pan a la Catalina a simple dish of toasted bread with tomato, olive oil, garlic that is delicious and wildly popular in Catalan. Cod in all forms is very popular as is suquet a traditional fish stew. Iberian ham is another gastronomical delight Cava or Catalan sparkling wine, is synonymous with Catalonia. Tapas are very popular, you might consider doing a tapas crawl. We had our first Catalan meal at the fantastic Blanc Brasserie at the Mandarin Oriental.

Catalonia is a bustling, friendly walkable city with wide clean streets.



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MARKET: Catalan food is some of the best.

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Biofuel confusion

Dear EarthTalk:

I thought that putting ethanol in our gas tanks was going help fight climate change, but lately I've heard reports to the contrary. Can you enlighten?

Bill B.,
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ETHANOL AND SIMILAR "BIOFUELS" MADE from corn and other crops seem like a good idea given their potential for reducing our carbon outputs as well as our reliance on fossil fuels. But recent research has shown that the federal government's push to up production of corn-derived ethanol as a gasoline additive since 2007 has actually expanded our national carbon footprint and contributed to a range of other problems.

U.S. corn producers started ramping up ethanol production in 2007 as a result of President George W. Bush's Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS), which mandated an increase in the volume of renewable fuel to be blended into transportation fuel from nine billion gallons in 2008 to 36 billion by 2022. Ethanol now makes up 10 percent of the gasoline available at filling stations.

But environmentalists now say that the promise of ethanol has turned out to be too good to be true. For one, there is the issue of net energy produced. According to Cornell University ecologist David Pimentel, growing and processing corn into a gallon of ethanol requires 131,000 BTUs of energy, but the resulting ethanol contains only 77,000 BTUs. And since fossil-fuel-powered equipment is used to plant, harvest, process and distribute ethanol, the numbers only get worse.

The non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG) warns that continued production of corn ethanol is not only "worse for the climate than gasoline" but also bad for farmers, the land and consumers: "It is now clear that the federal corn ethanol mandate has driven up food prices, strained agricultural markets, increased competition for arable land and promoted conversion of uncultivated land to grow crops."

Additionally, the group reports that previous estimates "dramatically underestimated corn ethanol's greenhouse gas emissions by failing to account for changes in land use," citing a 2012 study documenting the conversion of eight million acres of Midwestern grassland and wetlands to corn fields for ethanol between 2008 and 2011. "These land use changes resulted in annual emissions of 85 million to 236 million metric tons of greenhouse gases," says EWG. "In light of these emissions, many scientists now question the environmental benefit of so-called biofuels produced by converting food crops."

Given the potential negative impacts of so-much corn-based ethanol, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reportedly weighing a proposal to cut the amount currently required by law to be blended into gasoline by 1.39 billion gallons. If the federal government decides to do this, it could lower U.S. carbon emissions by some three million tons-equivalent to taking 580,000 cars off the roads for a year.

Meanwhile, researchers are trying to develop greener forms of ethanol, but none are ready for market yet. "The lifecycle emissions of ethanol 'from seed to tailpipe' depend on how the ethanol is made and what it is made from," reports the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). The best ethanol, they say, can produce as much as 90 percent fewer lifecycle emissions than gasoline, but the worst can produce much more. So there still may be room for ethanol in our energy future, but not if we keep doing it the way we are now.

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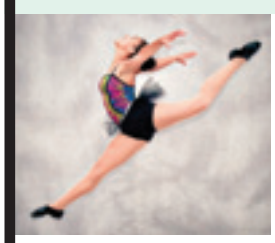
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USC breaks ground on $650 million campus village

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) The University of Southern California broke out the Trojan Marching Band on Monday to beat the drum for a $650 million expansion that school officials say will not only transform the campus but also the rapidly gentrifying neighborhood surrounding it.

When completed in 2017, officials say the project will replace what was once a seedy old shopping center adjacent to USC with a bucolic, village-like setting of walkways, plazas and green space that will be dotted with retail outlets such as a grocery store, salons, boutiques, coffee shops, restaurants, a bank, a 30,000-square foot fitness center and on-campus housing for 2,700 students.

"It will be transformative, not only for the university but for the community," Thomas Sayles, USC's senior vice president for university relations, told The Associated Press. "I think we will have one of the most attractive, most interesting urban campuses in the country, if not the most, when this is completed."

Officials say it is the most ambitious expansion undertaken in the prestigious private university's 134-year history and perhaps the largest in south Los Angeles as well. Although Monday marked the project's official groundbreaking, the shopping center has already been torn down.

To formally kick the project off, a cannon blasted confetti into the air as the band played and several people wielded shovels.

When the city of Los Angeles approved the development last year, university officials said they expected the project would bring as many as 8,000 permanent new jobs to the community and about 4,000 temporary ones. University officials say they plan to fill at least 30 percent of the jobs with local residents.

Officials also stressed that USC is footing the bill for the development, which will also include a community room and other educational and community facilities.

"It's a $650 million investment in our community," said Sayles, who himself grew up in the neighborhood. "There is no taxpayer support, and there are no subsidies."

While many of the 15-acre village's amenities will be open to the public, for security reasons it will be closed to all but students, faculty and approved visitors between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Although much of the neighborhood surrounding USC has gentrified in recent years, there are still pockets of poverty, crime and gang violence in the area south of downtown.

In July, an engineering student from China was beaten to death by a group of attackers as he walked to his apartment from campus following a study-group meeting. In 2012, two students from China were shot to death during a robbery near campus.

"We do a lot to ensure the safety of our students, and we'll continue to do that," Sayles said. He added that the campus is particularly excited about the opportunity to add housing for 2,700 more students. That will bring the total number of students housed on campus to about 10,000.

The university currently has about 41,000 students.

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Southern California swelters in heat wave

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Southern California roasted in triple-digit temperatures Monday and forecasters predicted potentially record-setting heat for at least another day - along with extreme fire danger for baking hillsides.

The National Weather Service issued heat warnings or advisories through Tuesday for valleys, mountains and inland areas from Ventura County to the Mexican border. Increasing humidity beginning later Monday would do nothing to cool things down and, in fact, will make heat illnesses more likely, forecasters said.

"The body's not able to cool itself" because more moisture in the air makes it harder for perspiration to evaporate, said Kathy Hoxsie, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Oxnard.

The heat began building over the weekend. By noon Monday, temperatures hit 106 in Mission Hills in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles; 101 in San Fernando; 102 in Riverside and 107 in Palm Springs. It was 93 in downtown Los Angeles and 97 in San Diego.

The heat wave, caused by a ridge of high pressure over the area, kept temperatures 5 to 15 degrees above normal for the season, Hoxsie said.

Los Angeles County designated dozens of libraries, senior centers and recreational buildings as cooling centers where people could go to beat the heat.

Officials urged people to drink lots of water, take it easy and stay out of the heat if possible.

"When temperatures are high, even a few hours of exertion may cause severe dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke," said a statement from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Children, the elderly and pets shouldn't be left unattended in homes without air conditioning or cars, even if the window is left open, agency said.

The San Diego Unified School District said all of its schools that don't have 100 percent air conditioning in classrooms would be on a minimum-day schedule on Monday.

The temperature will begin to fall Wednesday but at the same time, moisture from Hurricane Odile in Mexico's Baja California would increase Southern California humidity.

"Most people won't notice a big difference on Wednesday," Hoxsie said of the heat. "When it's more humid, it feels just as miserable."

Thursday will see even more humidity - perhaps as much as 40 percent in some areas - and with it, a chance of thunderstorms in the mountains.

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for personal happiness reasons, and for recruiting talent, we decided it would be a better idea to be in a place where we're happy every time we have to work rather than dreading walking through the doors.

E: What do you think of the whole Silicon Beach scene that's come out of Santa Monica?

S: Specifically for us, I think it's exciting that there are more software companies being developed. We're going through a transition in West LA to more diverse companies doing serious tech and getting graduates out of USC and UCLA and keeping those people in Southern California. When they previously didn't have an option before and went to Northern California because that's where all the jobs were.

E: How is Bitium changing the world?

S: Our goal is to make people more efficient at their work. We're changing the world by allowing people to focus on their jobs and support them in changing the world. We help business run more efficiently and focus on what they do as a business rather than the distraction of things like how to use software and how to get access to different applications. Essentially allow them to not think about efficiencies - we want to remove that layer.

E: What is one piece of advice you want to pass along to entrepreneurs?

S: Try to remove any fear that you have, and just do it. It's never a good or bad time to start business so try to resolve the fears you have and just jump into it.

E: Is there anything you want to share with local people in Santa Monica?

S: We live in a great place, and everyone that works for Bitium feels lucky that we're located in Santa Monica. We're really enthusiastic that there are a number of companies that are likeminded in wanting to make Santa Monica not only a destination for people that are going to the beach and surfing, but also a place where we can balance work life. Santa Monica is a great place.







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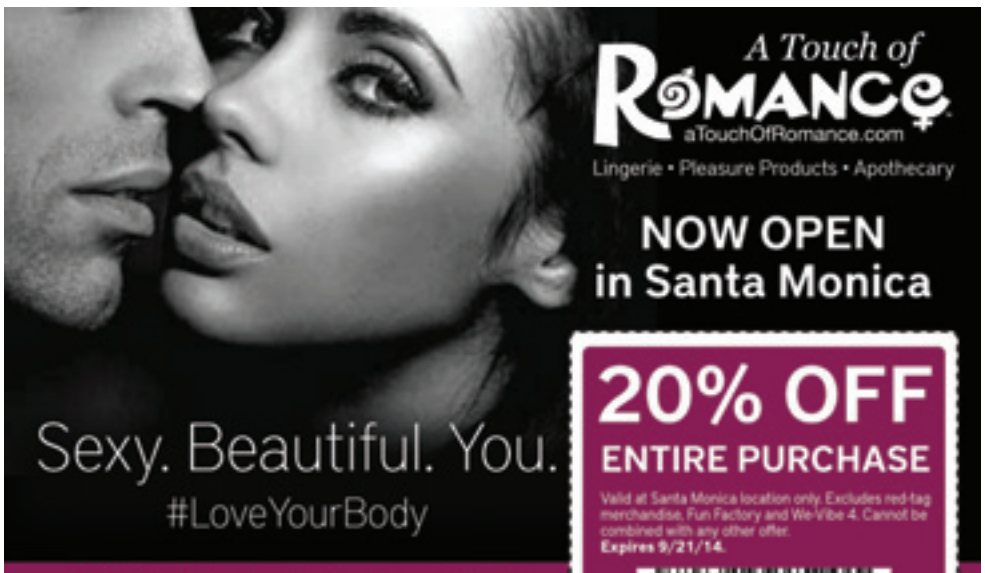
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compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

G2K submitted the lowest bid for the Ocean Front Walk bathrooms and the second-lowest bid for the parks, according to city documents. In that case the lowest bidder, "received lower scores on previous work experience, references, and self-performed work measures," city officials said.

Last month, city officials issued notices of default to G2K Construction, "due to ongoing substandard performance in quality, labor compliance, and project scheduling."

They were given 10 days to correct the problems and city officials are in the process of checking on those corrections.

If the corrections are deemed insufficient, city officials will select a contractor from a pre-qualified list to complete the required work.

Both projects were initially scheduled to be completed earlier this year.

COLORADO ESPLANADE CHANGES

A portion of the Colorado Esplanade will have less landscaping and more open space than in previous iterations of the design.

The esplanade is a pedestrian-friendly project proposed to connect the terminus of the incoming Expo Light Rail station with Downtown and the Santa Monica Pier. The project also includes plans to re-align Second and Main streets.

The Gateway Triangle, which was initially intended to be a decorative landscape feature between Main Street, Colorado Avenue, and Sears, will now function more like a small park.

"The original design consisted of the planting of shrubs that made the area unusable to people who wish to walk or sit in the area," city officials said in the report.

At the request of council, city officials went back and developed a minimal design for the area, providing an open turf area, an open meadow grass area, and keeps existing palm trees adjacent to Sears in place.

"The original concrete path design will remain," city officials said, "but a simplified planting scheme will be constructed similar to the existing condition of the turf open space currently located along the southern edge of Colorado Avenue, at the intersection of Main Street and Colorado Avenue."

The entire project, including the triangle, will be irrigated by Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility (SMURFF), which treats urban runoff for reuse throughout the city.

"Another benefit of the updated design is that it significantly lowers construction costs because it consists of only turf, meadow grass, concrete and irrigation as opposed to the original design which has more extensive landscaping," city officials said in the report.

Construction is slated to begin early next year.

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obviously any change in the minimum wage in our neighbor to our north, east, and south, would create an opportunity, perhaps, for us to raise the minimum wage as well."

Council voted earlier this year to raise the minimum wage for city employees and contractors of City Hall to $15.37 per hour. Likewise, they have required some developers to pay their workers at least $15.37 per hour.

Council also voted unanimously to give $20,000 of its discretionary funding to a program that promotes environmental thinking in the public schools. Grades For Green, a nonprofit, worked with Franklin, Grant, and McKinley elementary schools last year through the Trash Free Lunch Challenge, which pitted L.A.-area schools against each other in a competition to see who could reduce the most lunchtime waste. All three schools reduced waste by more than 80 percent.

The funding would allow the three schools to continue participating in the program and add three new Santa Monica schools to the program.

Council voted unanimously to approve a two-item $167,050 consent agenda.

City Hall can pay Katherine Spitz Associates $116,637 to design improvements at Reed Park and Ozone Park.

"Through a community process, best uses for the area north of Miles Playhouse at Reed Park would be explored, including consideration of drought-tolerant landscaping and water efficient irrigation," city officials said in a report. "Ozone Park requires updated equipment and materials improving safety and accessibility."

Reed Park's improvement design would require a majority of the available cash.

Council added $50,000 to a contract with the designers of Buffer Park, bringing the total to $372,957.

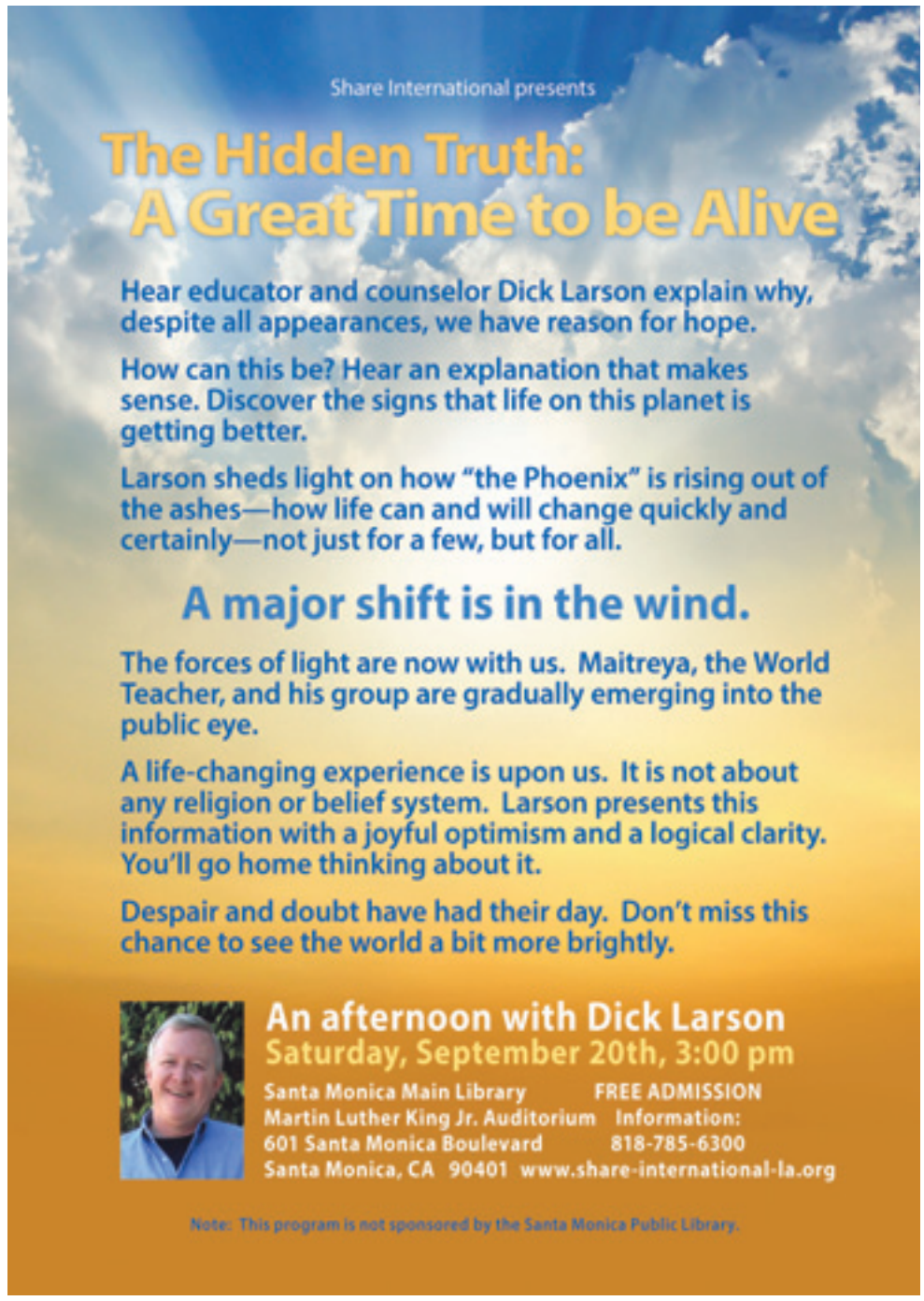
The added funding to City Hall's contract with Mia Lehrer Associates stems from needs presented through community input, which has been strong, according to city officials.

"Community input emphasized the desire for a park with durable materials, large trees to help block noise from the maintenance facility, a variety of exercise options and good lighting and paving that was 'nicer than grey concrete,'" city officials said in a report. "The initial project budget was insufficient to meet all of these requested amenities and the park design was scaled back."

Buffer Park (which will be renamed through a public process) is meant to shield residents from noise created by the incoming Expo Light Rail's maintenance yard.

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Cat Stevens announces 5-city US concert tour

DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) New Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member Cat Stevens is taking the "Peace Train" back on the road.

He announced Monday that he will make a six-city concert tour in North America this December, his first series of shows in the U.S. since 1976. His conversion to Islam followed, putting his music career on hold for a quarter century.

Stevens, who also is releasing a blues album on Oct. 27 produced by Rick Rubin and titled "Tell 'Em I'm Gone," is using that stage name along with Yusuf, the name he took when he converted. The performer of 1970s-era hits "Wild World," ''Morning Has Broken" and "Peace Train" has slowly broken back into secular music during the past decade and has made only a handful of semi-public and television appearances in the U.S.

"I've been a bit slow in coming around to the United States, but there were so many people asking me to do that, that I just felt an obligation," Stevens said in a telephone interview from Dubai, where he lives most of the time now.

The title of the "Peace Train ... Late Again" tour refers to his unhurried music career. Only six dates are scheduled so far - starting Dec. 1 in Toronto and hitting Boston, New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Stevens said he frequently gets feedback on Facebook asking him to perform more and that it makes him feel guilty "because I'm not doing as much as they want me to do. Then again, I'm 66 years old, and I do take things in my stride."

Stevens, who was inducted into the rock hall this spring in Brooklyn, said he had a lot of hesitation about getting back into the music business.

"That's something I ran away from a long time ago," he said. "But that's not to say the music business is the same as making music. When I finally reconciled my questions about the issue - where it should be in my life - by that time, I had something to say. I wouldn't be writing songs if I didn't have something to say."

Despite the political climate, with the U.S. fighting Islamic State militants in the Middle East, Stevens said he didn't expect his faith to be an issue when he goes on the road in this country.

"I'm afraid that a lot of things that people believe about Islam are totally different from the religion that most of us recognize," he said. "I was really fortunate that I got to know Islam before it became a headline."

Gary Bongiovanni, editor of the concert industry trade publication Pollstar, said he didn't expect problems, although it would be different if Stevens had spoken out in favor of the Islamic State militants, for instance. He said it looked like a modest tour designed to test the waters and that if Stevens makes clear he'll be playing his old hits - Stevens said he will - he should get some interest.

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Raiders embarrassed after 0-2 start

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA After an offseason overhaul that brought on board veteran players with playoff pedigrees, the Oakland Raiders were optimistic for a turnaround after back-to-back four-win seasons.

After just two games, that optimism has quickly turned to frustration and disbelief as the Raiders have been physically dominated in losing to the New York Jets and Houston Texans.

With a trip to New England this week to face the Patriots followed by a "home" game in England against Miami, the Raiders (0-2) need to fix things quickly or the season could spiral out of control.

"We're two weeks into the season. At the same time, you don't want to bury your head in the sand," coach Dennis Allen said Monday. "We've got to get better. We need to do it fast."

The disappointment is already mounting with veteran safety Charles Woodson sounding off after the game, saying he was embarrassed by the team's play and that the performance in the 30-14 loss to Houston "sucked."

"I think that's something that is spoken out of frustration," Allen said. "When you watch Charles Woodson play in that game and the effort that he gave in that game and the passion in which he played in that game, it's a tough pill to swallow. When you go out there and don't perform like you're capable of performing. He gave everything he had in that game and we have to get more guys playing like that."

The biggest issues have been on run defense, where the Raiders have allowed an NFL-worst 400 yards rushing in just two weeks. They have been gashed by long runs from Chris Ivory in the opener and Arian Foster on Sunday and have consistently been beaten at the line of scrimmage despite the additions of Justin Tuck, LaMarr Woodley and Antonio Smith in the off-season.

The problems were especially bad at the start of the game when Foster had 12 carries for 76 yards on the first two drives as the Texans took a 14-0 lead.

"You can't allow a team to just run the football down the field on you," Allen said. "That has to change. Like I told the players today, run defense is a mentality. Run defense is about lining up across from somebody, hitting them in the mouth, knocking them back, getting off a block, and making a play. That's what run defense is all about. Until we get to that point, where we understand that, then we're not going to be very good at run defense."

Despite plenty of reasons for pessimism, the Raiders believe the problems are fixable. Tuck said they might have underestimated how difficult it was for the defense to gel after starting the season with eight new starters.

Tuck said the major issue has been inconsistency, where one player might miss an assignment that turns into a big play.

"We're not that far off," Tuck said. "I know with the way we played yesterday it looks like we're a long way off. There are so many little things that happened in that game that could have changed the course of the game completely. Four or five plays. And that's the frustrating part about it. And it all comes back to like I said earlier, being consistent."

NOTES: LB Sio Moore (ankle) and WR Rod Streater (hip) had MRIs on Monday but there was no update on their status. ... Allen had no update on the status of LB Nick Roach, who has been out since suffering a concussion in a preseason game Aug. 22.

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WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7ft
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THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
Long period SW groundswell holds/eases; SSE groundswell holds; most size showing out west in the region; watching the tropics for SE swell; small NW swell; stay tuned

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Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
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Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
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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 18948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
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.	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	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.	B	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	B	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
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	F
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 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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NFL and players' union close to finalizing new drug policy

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK The NFL and the players' union are close to finalizing the drug policy changes they tentatively agreed upon last week.

Union spokesman George Atallah told The Associated Press on Monday that the "drug policies are currently getting finalized." League and NFL Players Association attorneys and officials are reviewing the documents and could approve them this week.

One key element is how the changes affect players currently under suspension, including Denver receiver Wes Welker (four games) and Browns receiver Josh Gordon (entire season). Their bans would be reduced, and the union wants to see that happen before Week 3 games are played.

Welker was suspended for amphetamine use in the offseason, but punishment for that is being switched from the performance enhancers policy to the substance abuse program - except for in-season violations.

Hours after the union voted Friday to accept the NFL proposal on changes that included HGH testing, the league said it was not a done deal. Further discussions have taken place since then.

Player representatives to the union also voted for changes to marijuana testing, classification for amphetamines, punishment for driving under the influence, and neutral arbitration on appeals.

Testing for human growth hormone was originally agreed upon in 2011, but the players have balked at the science in the testing and the appeals process for positive tests. If the proposal they voted on Friday is put into action, testing would begin for this season.

The player reps also approved an increase for the threshold for positive marijuana tests. Some players have complained that the NFL threshold of 15 nanograms per milliliter is so low that anyone within the vicinity of people smoking marijuana could test positive. The threshold was increased to 35 ng/ml in the league's proposal.

A two-game suspension would be issued for a player convicted of driving under the influence. But an NFL proposal to immediately suspend a player, owner, coach, team executive or league employee for a DUI arrest was rejected by the union.

The players approved arbitration for appeals under the substance abuse and the PED policies. The NFL and NFL Players Association would hire between three and five arbitrators.

The league and the union also would retain independent investigators to review cases in which player confidentiality under the drug policy had been breached. Punishment for leaks could range up to $500,000 and/or termination of a job.

Chargers RB Mathews has sprained MCL in right knee

BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO San Diego Chargers running back Ryan Mathews has a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee and will be out for an undetermined amount of time.

Mathews was taken off the field on a cart Sunday after hurting his knee trying to recover his own fumble in the fourth quarter of a 30-21 victory against the Seattle Seahawks.

The Chargers didn't say to what degree the ligament was injured, which would help narrow down how long Mathews is expected to be out.

"In all fairness to him and the training staff, everyone recovers differently," coach Mike McCoy said Monday. "I'm not a doctor by any means so I can't look at an X-ray or a picture and say, 'Oh it's going to be this long.' We've had players who were supposed to be done for the season and the next thing you know they come out there Monday or Wednesday and they're practicing with something torn or something broken or this or that. I don't want to put a timetable on anything. It's unfortunate but it's part of the game."

Mathews, who is in the fifth and final year of his contract, was injury-prone in his first three seasons. Last year was the first time he played all 16 regular-season games, rushing for a career-high 1,255 yards. He did sprain an ankle late in the season but played through it until finally being forced to the sideline during the Chargers' divisional-round playoff loss at Denver. Mathews also has had trouble holding onto the ball during his pro career.

The Chargers (1-1) have Danny Woodhead, Donald Brown and rookie Branden Oliver at running back.

This was the kind of situation the Chargers envisioned when they signed Brown in the off-season as an unrestricted free agent from the Colts, who drafted him in the first round in 2009.

McCoy said he expects Brown to step in just as Rich Ohrnberger stepped in at center after Nick Hardwick was lost for the season following the opener due to a recurring neck stinger.

"Donald's played a ton of football," McCoy said. "The number of snaps he got in Indy in a very similar system, when he was with Peyton (Manning), so coming here we knew exactly what he can do. We've got a lot of confidence in him. We've said that we're going to play all our backs, certain rotations, certain number of plays. Some weeks it's going to be more than others and it's the second week in and they'll take a few more snaps. We have confidence in all our players. That's why they're here."

The Chargers say nothing changes in the wake of their big victory over the defending Super Bowl champions. Tight end Antonio Gates caught three touchdown passes from Philip Rivers and the offense controlled the tempo to help keep Russell Wilson and Marshawn Lynch off the field.

Up next is a trip to Buffalo, which leads the AFC East.

"Victory loves preparation," Ohrnberger said. "It's a motto we have in the offensive line room. It's something that's important to us. Regardless of the opponent, we're going to respect them just the same. The defending world champs came in here yesterday, and we're going to prepare for the Buffalo Bills, who are 2-0, just the same way we did for Seattle. That's just it. It's all in the preparation. You've got to give all these teams respect."

MOVIE TIMES

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
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Boyhood 2:43 (R)
1 p.m., 6:55 p.m.

The Hundred-Foot Journey 2:02 (PG)
1:15 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Something Wicked 1:30 (R)
1:30 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:35 p.m.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 1:41 (PG-13)
1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:15 p.m.

The Giver 1:37 (PG-13)
4:30 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Dolphin Tale 2 1:47 (PG)
11 a.m., 1:35 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13) 3D
1:50 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13)
11 a.m., 4:40 p.m. 10:20 p.m.

If I Stay
11:30 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:05 p.m.

Let's Be Cops 1:44 (R)
11:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

No Good Deed 1:24 (PG-13)
11 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

The November Man 1:48 (R)
11:15 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

The Drop 1:46 (R)
11:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

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RUN SOME ERRANDS, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Use the early morning to make calls and have meetings. As the day goes on, you might need some time to tackle a problem. You will benefit from having private time. Tonight: At home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Handle a financial matter immediately, and you will be more relaxed. Act quickly and ask questions. Seek out the information you want. A wide range of opinions could be difficult to handle at times, yet they will prove beneficial to your long-term goals. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You'll breeze through the morning until you might trip over an obstacle involving your funds or a financial agreement. You might feel confused, as what you are seeing won't be the same as what you are hearing. Tonight: Go over your budget before making any plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ By mid-morning, you'll perk up and seem more interested in others. You'll have the energy and right attitude to get past any problems. Others might step back and become less helpful because they assume you can handle it all. Is that what you want? Tonight: Pace yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might choose to have a low-key day, yet someone could decide to invade your space. You will have no choice but to deal with the issue at hand. Responsiveness will help facilitate a sense of mutuality. Know what you want to deal with. Tonight: Do your vanishing act.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Look at the bottom line during a meeting. Others likely will feel differently than you do. You might decide to go out on your own. The question remains: What is best for you? You will discover that others will join you along the way. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll feel relaxed as long as you look at the big picture. A problem is likely to occur when you become too immersed in an issue. Frustration and anger easily could come to surface. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You finally will achieve the level of understanding and relaxation you've been seeking. Your ability to see past the obvious defines a situation. Your detachment allows others to come to you in order to gain a deeper perspective. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your energy could greenlight a conversation that someone has been trying to have with you. Stop resisting, and be open to the process. The other party might be very sensitive, yet he or she will understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others seem to rule the roost today. Consider your options, and decide not to fight what the majority wants. Try to express your feelings in a way they can be heard. You might have a lot of questions to ask at this present moment. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by recent events. You might decide that you have had enough and head in a different direction. A friend is likely to push you hard to do what he or she wants to do. Honor who you are. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination emerges once more to help you find your way. Your caring toward a loved one won't go unnoticed. Be careful with those in charge, as they might have some kind of grievance with you. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with.

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

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

This year you open up to many new adventures. Your drive and energy will make a difference on the homefront. You could move, remodel your home and/or build a new addition. You also could be prone to fighting with those you live with, especially if you don't have a good outlet for your high energy. If you are single, you are drawn to people who inspire you. Get to know someone before you become emotionally involved. If you are attached, the two of you often differ when it comes to deciding on plans. Go along with your significant other's choices more often, as he or she tends to let go more easily than you do. CANCER helps you create more of what you want.

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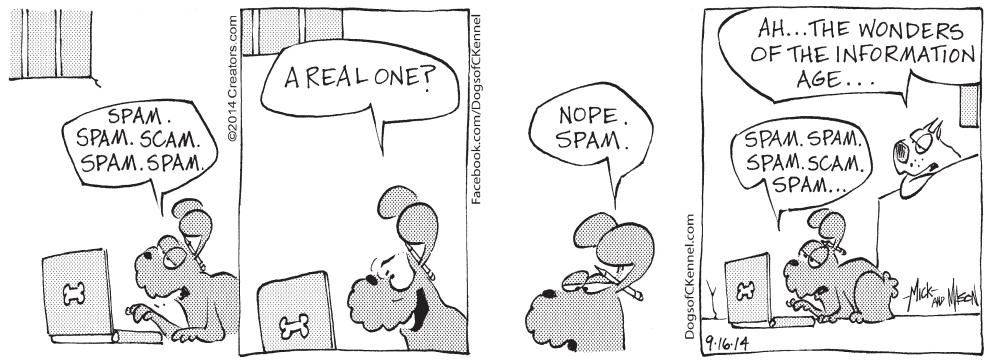
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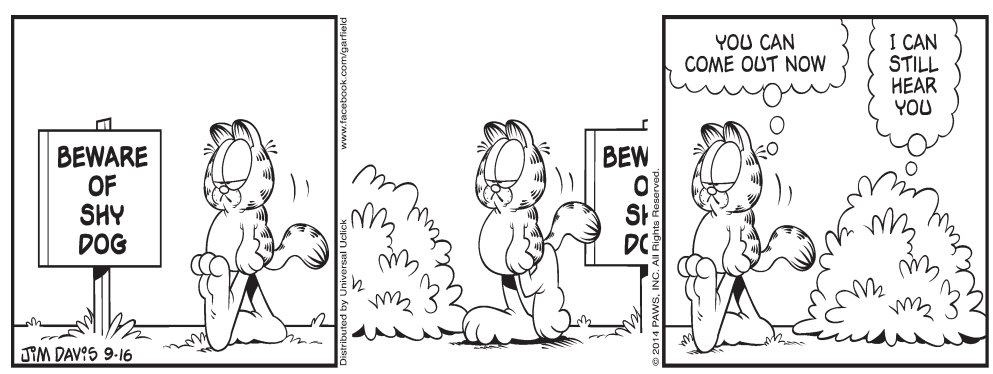
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Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

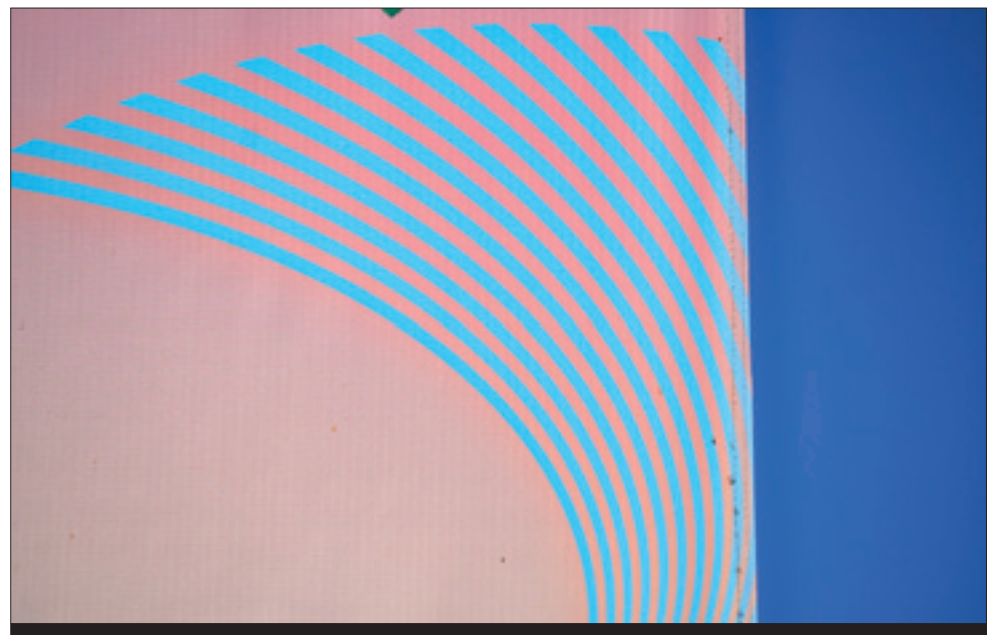
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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 343 calls for service on Sept. 14.

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

Family disturbance on the 300 block of 16th St. at 12:36 a.m.
Party complaint on the 800 block of 3rd St. at 1:47 a.m.
Arson on the 600 block of Adelaide Dr. at 2:22 a.m.
Drunk driving at Cloverfield and Interstate 10 at 3:07 a.m.
Rape on the 1100 block of Norton Ave. at 3:51 a.m.
Traffic accident on the 400 block of Pico Blvd at 5:16 a.m.
Battery on the 1300 block of 3rd Street Promenade at 7:40 a.m.
Battery on the 1200 block of 15th St. at 9:13 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1000 block of 5th St. at 9:17 a.m.
Traffic accident on the 2600 block of Barnard Way at 10:02 a.m.
Traffic accident at 17th and Arizona at 11:03 a.m.
Fraud at 17th and California at 11:06 a.m.
Petty theft on the 1300 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 11:42 a.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 900 block of 2nd St. at 11:47 a.m.
Battery on the 2100 block of Ocean Ave. at 12:20 p.m.
Battery on the 1800 block of 9th St. at 12:28 p.m.
Vandalism on the 700 block of Cedar St. at 2:02 p.m.
Vandalism on the 1600 block of Appian Way at 2:22 p.m.
Burglary on the 600 block of San Vicente Blvd. at 2:52 p.m.
Petty theft on the 2600 block of the beach at 3:50 p.m.
Theft on the 1200 block of the 3rd Street Promenade at 4:52 p.m.
Petty theft on the 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk at 5:04 p.m.
Fight on the 1400 block of Marine St. at 5:56 p.m.
Battery on the 700 block of Broadway at 6:10 p.m.
Domestic violence at 29th and Ocean Park Blvd. at 7:01 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1600 block of the beach at 7:04 p.m.
Burglary on the 1700 block of Franklin St. at 7:17 p.m.
Drunk driving on the 600 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 7:26 p.m.
Strongarm robbery on the 1900 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 7:43 p.m.
Vandalism on the 800 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 8:56 p.m.
Burglary on the 1000 block of 5th St. at 9:50 p.m.



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Singer Lou
6 Jeans material
11 Knock for —
12 Bitter humor
13 Act of betrayal
15 TV's Curry
16 Gorilla, for one
17 Stomach
18 Overnight flights
20 Fuming feeling
21 Petite
22 Tavern order
23 Run, as color
26 Impudent
27 Camera part
28 Tooth-paste type
29 Play division
30 Wallet fill
34 Shop tool
35 Low digit
36 Sturgeon eggs
37 Racing feat
40 Bert's buddy
41 Domesti-cates
42 Ocean trenches
43 Rude look

DOWN

1 Air traffic aid
2 Unaccom-panied
3 Battle injury
4 High hit
5 Spread apart
6 Chops into cubes
7 Miscalcu-late
8 Playful knuckle-rubs
9 Covers, in a way
10 Whodunit
14 Fencing sword
19 Flock females
22 Ump's call
23 Criticized strongly
24 "Smiley's People" author
25 Become twisted
26 Chooses
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30 Parcels out
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33 Good judgment
38 Card spot
39 Scoundrel

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9-16

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 9/13
1 6 16 37 53
Power#: 27
Jackpot: $171M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/12
18 28 33 36 42
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: $62M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 9/13
36 37 38 41 47
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: $9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/14
7 19 28 30 31

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/15
MIDDAY: 9 3 1
EVENING:

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 9/14
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:45.78

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Among the more than 350 convicted violent felons whose right to carry guns has been restored over the past six years by the state of Georgia were 32 who had killed another person and 44 who were sex offenders, according to an August report in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. As pointed out by ThinkProgress.com, among those who once again can carry is Dennis Krauss, a former Glynn County police officer convicted of raping a woman after a traffic stop. According to the 2003 Georgia Court of Appeals decision affirming his conviction, Officer Krauss had drawn his service weapon and said he wanted to anally penetrate the woman with it. (However, he was convicted only for his extortionate demand for sex.) [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 8-23-2014]

■ On Aug. 21 and 22, in front of Linwood Howe Elementary School in Culver City, California, traffic officials posted a towering parking regulation sign pole (reportedly, 15 feet high) with at least eight large white signs, one on top of the other -- in familiar red or green lettering, restricting access to the school's curb lane. Each sign contains orders either to not park or to park only under certain conditions, each with its specific hours or other fine-print limitations. The mayor ordered the signs replaced on Aug. 22. [KABC-TV (Los Angeles), 8-22-2014]

TODAY IN HISTORY

1987 – The Montreal Protocol is signed to protect the ozone layer from depletion.

1990 – The railroad between the People's Republic of China and Kazakhstan is completed at Dostyk, adding a sizable link to the concept of the Eurasian Land Bridge.

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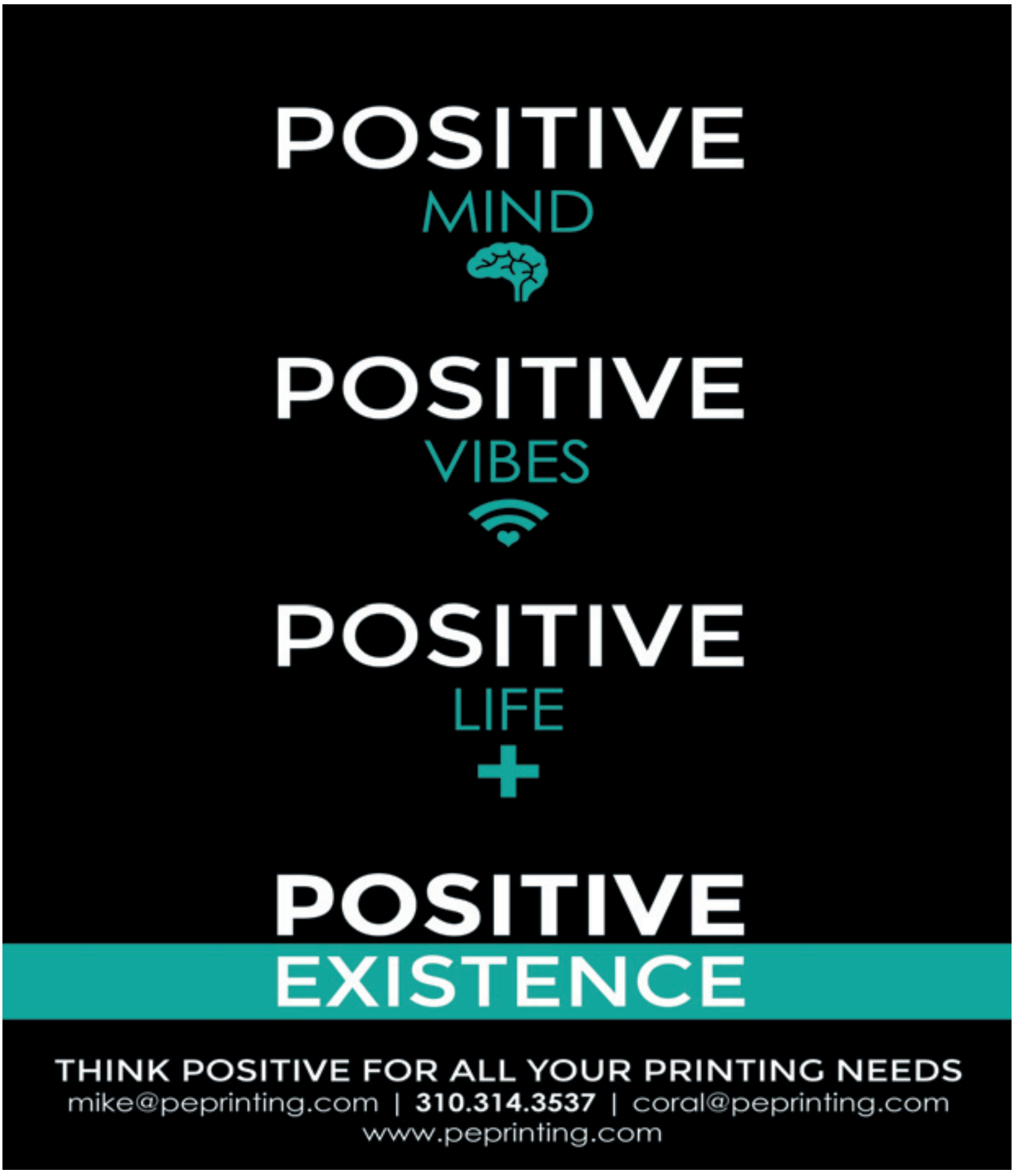
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• Single Family Home • Santa Monica, Brentwood, Malibu (close in) or Westwood • Minimum 3+1.75 • Pool or room for pool • $1,200,000 - $3,500,000	• Income Property • Santa Monica, Brentwood, W. LA, Mar Vista, Venice, Marina, Playa or Culver City • 3 or more units • $1,000,000 - $3,000,000
• Single Family Home • Ocean or Sunset Park • Minimum 3+1.75 • Minimum 1,800 sq ft. • Up to $2,500,000	• Single Family, Condo or Townhome • Santa Monica or Mar Vista • Minimum 3 Bedroom or 2 Bedroom + Den • Up to $1,600,000

Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica
Single Family Homes
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale as of Mid September 2014

Santa Monica Canyon	=	$ 2,031,500
North of Montana	=	$ 6,355,727
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$ 3,466,800
South of Wilshire	=	$ 1,201,200
Sunset Park	=	$ 1,717,429
Ocean Park	=	$ 2,309,750

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