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THE HAPPY CHRISTMAS ISSUE

Hedge fund managers attending Santa Monica High School

BY TONY CAPOBIANCO
Special to the Daily Press

Evan Hiltunen and Nick Gottlieb are 17-year-old juniors at Santa Monica High School. They also run their very own hedge fund. If that's not an indication of either one's own genius or educational institutional success, I don't know what is.

Both kids grew up with a family background in the business world. Hiltunen's father once worked on Wall Street and also managed bonds for TD Ameritrade for 20 years. Business is in his blood. Hiltunen was always a mathematical standout in his class since elementary.

Gottlieb was sitting on $3,500 cash after his bar mitzvah and at first didn't know what to do with it. He learned from his father who managed hedge funds of his own in the past and he picked it up as if he was a natural.

"It was actually really funny," Gottlieb said. "I remember going to the post office when I was 16 years old to file my tax return, and having everyone there surprised that I was already paying taxes."

It is as if their entrepreneurial endeavors serve as their true education. Hiltunen made his first stock market investment in the seventh grade and saw it grow by 25 percent. Before that, he ran his first business selling electronic accessories online.

As sophomores in Samohi, Hiltunen and Gottlieb shared their love of stocks. In April of 2014, the two decided to join together and start their own hedge fund that they now call Alpha Bay Capital.

They got their company incorporated in Delaware with the help of Gottlieb's father, who took care of all the regulatory and legal matters since the two are still minors. Then they got sponsored by TEDx youth for their own home office in the ROC (Real Office Centers) in Santa Monica. Hiltunen's described his role in the hedge fund as the account executive who brings in the customers and keeps them up to date. He even takes them to dinner.

It may sound farfetched and even quite

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NATIVITY SCENES

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The popular Nativity scenes have returned to Mt. Olive Church this year. The displays can be seen lining the church grounds at 1343 Ocean Park Blvd. See pages 6 & 7 for more photos.

Council votes to close housing loopholes

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL After a long discussion about some of the larger issues facing renters earlier in last week's City Council meeting, council tackled some smaller renters' issues later in the night.

Council unanimously approved two pro-renter items - one aimed at protecting Section 8 tenants from discrimination and the other aimed at protecting affordable housing tenants who are ousted when a developer decides to replace their building.

The first item directed city officials to "prepare an ordinance or other means to protect households who have received a rent subsidy from the City of Santa Monica, including Section 8 or Shelter Plus Care, from income source discrimination, including landlord refusal to accept vouchers."

Denise McGranahan, an attorney at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, told a story about representing a tenant in a case against Donald Sterling, property owner and disgraced former owner of the Los Angeles Clippers.

"She was an existing tenant in rent control and he refused her voucher and we litigated it to the California Supreme Court and we didn't prevail because we had to use reasonable accommodations and we had to talk about source of income in the state level," she told council. "I really think that there are tenants like that - elderly, disabled, and on fixed incomes - who really are getting slowly priced out of their homes."

McGranahan spoke in favor of the item.

"We're going to have to do some research," City Attorney Marsha Moutrie told council, "if what this is intended to do is to require landlords to accept Section 8 tenants."

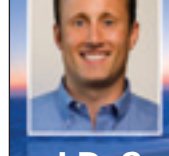
"As one of the preparers of this, that's not the intent," responded Mayor Kevin McKeown. "It's to protect those tenants who are using Section 8 to the extent that we can."

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

New Year's Events

December 31

Wokano
1413 5th Street
8 p.m. -2 a.m.
$40 GA, $50 VIP (early admission)
Confetti & Cocktails New Years Eve Ball will bring in 2015 with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails dancing and, of course, confetti. Guests are encouraged to fill this multi-level nightclub and giant outdoor patio in sparkly cocktail dresses and crisp suits. $40 early admission includes noisemakers, photobooth, a champagne toast, and complimentary appetizers from 8-10 p.m., and $50 VIP ticket offers front of line access.

Del Frisco's Grille Santa Monica
1551 Ocean Ave, Santa Monica
All day
$79
Del Frisco's Grille Santa Monica is kicking the New Year off right, offering a 16oz. bone-in filet and crab cake for $79 on New Year's Eve. Indulge on one of the best steaks in town while overlooking the Santa Monica Pier before your evening NYE celebrations.

The Craftsman
119 Broadway, Santa Monica
8 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Cost: Pre-sale $50
Pre-Sale ticket includes open bar and complimentary snacks from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Live music until 10 p.m. and Dj for dancing after. Includes party favor and champagne toast. Please visit our Upcoming Events section on our website www.thecraftsmanbar.com for more info and to purchase.

Hotel Casa del Mar
1910 Ocean Way
9 p.m.-1:30 a.m.
Cost: General admission tickets to the NYE party at Hotel Casa del Mar and Terrazza Lounge are available for $50 per person. Or guests can purchase a three-course, prix-fixe dinner at Catch for $185/per person.
Celebrate the New Year in style at Hotel Casa del Mar with a variety of options. Guests can book one of the new indoor cabanas with seating for up to eight people for the evening or purchase a general admission ticket to the party featuring a live performance by the Robin Simone Band.
Other holiday happenings for the occasion include a three-course, prix-fixe dinner at Catch ($185 per person). Reservations score guests a champagne toast, party admission, and the table for the evening. Guests may purchase tickets at EventBrite, reserve a table at Catch via OpenTable or call (310) 581-7714.

Locanda del Lago
231 Arizona Avenue
4 - 8 p.m. limited a la carte menu
After 9 p.m. Bursting with Bubbles Gala $89 seasonal market menu; $115 with all you can drink bubbly. Our Bursting with Bubbles Gala begins at 9 p.m. Featuring a 5 course menu by Michelin starred Chef Gianfranco Minuz, there will also be a live DJ, party merriment and dancing to ring in the New Year.

The Misfit Restaurant + Bar
225 Santa Monica Blvd, 10 p.m.
Cost $95 + tax/gratuity. Please join us to celebrate 2015. Ticket price includes: VIP table from 10 pm to close, Dinner + two cocktails, Complimentary champagne toast and DJ RY Toast. Have somewhere else to be for the ball drop? Join us for dinner earlier in the evening. At 9:30 p.m. the dining room will close for the event. However, the bar will remain open. No reservations taken for the bar. Reservations please call (310) 656-9800

Hotel Shangri-la at The Ocean Dining Room
1301 Ocean Avenue,
3 to 11 p.m.
Cost - The prix fixe price for dinner is $90 per person and children 12 and under are $50.
A specially prepared four-course gala dinner before starting the countdown to 2015 at the Masquerade Party in Suite 700. The New Year's Eve gala dinner begins with an appetizer of Fresh Oysters or Carpaccio; Arugula or Poached Pear salad; and main course selections that include Lobster & Filet Mignon, Rib Eye and & Chilean Sea Bass, or Butternut Squash Ravioli. To satisfy a sweet tooth, choose between Poached Pear or Napoleon pastry.

Hotel Shangri-La Suite 700
1301 Ocean Avenue,
9 p.m. until late
Cost - $150 per person (excludes tax and gratuity) and includes a tray passed menu, three cocktail tickets and midnight champagne toast. Get ready to ring in the new year at Hotel Shangri-La's Suite 700 for an exciting Masquerade Party with food, cocktails and champagne toast included. Come dressed to the nines, enter the mask

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contest for a chance to win a night at the Hotel Shangri-La and enjoy the iconic sounds of DJ Paper's performance throughout the evening to celebrate the arrival of 2015. Diners who book both the New Year's Eve gala dinner and the Masquerade Party will receive a complimentary bottle of champagne or wine with dinner.

Mélisse
1104 Wilshire Blvd,
1st seating 5:30-6:30 p.m., 2nd seating 8:30-9:30 p.m.
Menu: 1st seating - 4-course prix-fixe menu with amuse, $150 per person
2nd seating - 6-course prix-fixe menu with amuse, $275 per person plus live music and dancing. Dishes include Maine Lobster with heart of palm, sweet potato and truffle tortellini, lobster chestnut consommé, Dover Sole with "persillade", sunchoke, wild spinach, sweet onion-meyer lemon jus, and a variety of desserts.
Corkage is $50 per bottle with a two bottle maximum. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (310) 395-0881.

Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
1700 Ocean Avenue
Two seatings: 5:30 and 9 p.m.
5:30 PM - Three-Course Dinner - $75 Per Person
9 PM - Five-Course Dinner - $125 Per Person *includes a champagne toast
Dinner will be served in our intimate and festive Fireside Lounge, one of our most premier spaces, which perfectly frames our stunning views, while offering a cozy environment.

Blue Plate Oysterette Santa Monica
1355 Ocean Avenue
5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
From 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on New Years Eve, come try gourmet options like Lobster Tagiatelle, with hand cut pasta, arugula & cherry tomato lobster sauce for $26, with white alba truffles available for an additional $20. Or mix land and sea with a 12 oz. blackened NY steak complimented with butter poached lobster tail & parsnip puree for $68. And if you're feeling adventurous, dive into a whole Dungeness crab weighing almost 4 pounds for $74.

New Year's Eve Bash at 41 Ocean
1541 Ocean Avenue
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Cost: $100 for non-members, $50 for members. General admission includes entry, live music, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets may be purchased here: https://nye2015at41ocean.eventbrite.com

Tower 8 at Oceana Beach Club Hotel
849 Ocean Avenue
5 - 12 p.m.
Cost: $58 Chef Josiah Citrin has prepared seasonal prefix menus to celebrate New Year's Eve. Highlights include Oysters with Yuzu & White Soy, Crispy Pork Belly with Parsnip, Cippolini, Pommegranate Vinaigrette and Poached Maine Lobster with Cauliflower Puree, Hazelnuts, Raisin Caper Vinaigrette.

FIG Restaurant Santa Monica
101 Wilshire Blvd
Time: 6:30 for first seating; 9:30 p.m. for second seating
We invite you to join us for this festive affair that will feature a 5 or 7 course seasonal menus from FIG Restaurant. The second seating will enjoy a free flowing champagne service throughout the evening and a snack bar after the ball drops to keep the party going. First seating, five courses: $85. Second seating, seven courses: $124

Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows
101 Wilshire Blvd. 7 p.m.
Welcome the New Year with an evening of live entertainment, a champagne & caviar bar, and an exclusive a la carte menu from Chef Yousef Ghalaini of FIG Restaurant. Festive New Years Eve attire. For more information please dial: (310) 576-7777. No cost, a la carte.

Viceroy Santa Monica
1819 Ocean Ave, Santa Monica
New Year's Even Twenty Fifteen
9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
Ring in the new year with Viceroy Santa Monica, featuring a hosted bar and decadent hors d'oeuvers from Cast's executive chef Tony DiSalvo. Dance into 2015 with Los Angeles' top DJs spinning poolside. Purchase your tickets early - the event sells out every year. Event includes: live entertainment, all you can eat bites from CAST, all you can drink. Tickets are $180 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuities. Black and gold attire recommended.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide
Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica Announces New CEO


BLAYLOCK

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, serving the community since 1944, has announced the selection of Tim Blaylock, as its new Chief Executive Officer. Tim will fill the vacancy created by Aaron Young's departure to join the Pacific Youth Foundation earlier this year, and Michelle Arellano, who has served as the Interim CEO. The selection was made after a comprehensive national search and selection process. The appointment will begin on January 5, 2015.

"We feel very fortunate that an individual such as Tim Blaylock," reports Paul Gaulke, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, "with his vast experience and success as CEO of other Boys and Girls Clubs over the years, was so keen on becoming our Club's leader. Our board looks forward to a long and productive working relationship with Mr. Blaylock, as we continue in our efforts to seamlessly serve the children and teens in our community through programs and services that provide hope, confidence, and opportunities that will yield great futures."

Blaylock most recently was the Director of Organizational Development for Major Metro Clubs in the Pacific Region for Boys & Girls Clubs of America, after an award-winning career leading Clubs in Washington State and Oxnard/Port Hueneme. His lifelong focus has been on serving young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. In addition, Blaylock is an alumnus of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ventura. His extensive experience in organization development and systems, strategic planning, marketing, communications and philanthropy has garnered several recognitions, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) 2003 Executive of the Year for the 9-State Pacific Region, a BGCA Horizon Award in 2013, and over the years, his organizations have won numerous marketing and programming awards. Blaylock has served on many committees related to children's issues in Ventura County and chaired the BASICO commission. He was an Executive Steering committee member of the P-16 commission for the County Department of Education in Ventura County. Blaylock earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Washington State University. He is an avid reader and believes strongly that education is the greatest equalizer for our young people. He has been quoted as saying, "Together we achieve more for our greatest asset, OUR children."

"I'm grateful for the opportunity the Board of Directors has given me to lead this wonderful organization that does important work for the youth that need us most," remarks Blaylock. "I look forward to working with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica Staff Team and Board to further our mission and grow the organization. I also look forward to creating partnerships and collaborations with other organizations in the community to serve children at the highest possible level. For as James Baldwin states so very well, "These are all of our Children, we will profit by or pay for whatever they become."

Founded in 1944, Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica currently serves approximately 9,000 youth through memberships and community outreach. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica has 10 sites, serving youth from 109 zip codes throughout Los Angeles. Members pay a $20 annual fee for access to all Club amenities and programs that span across education, leadership, recreation and more. The Club serves children from all backgrounds, regardless of economic circumstances - ensuring that youth ages 6 to 18 have a safe and nurturing environment to develop socially, succeed in school, stay physically active and prepare for positive futures. For more information, visit us at smbgc.org or follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/smbgcfan) and Twitter (twitter.com/SMBGC).

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Main Street
New Group Show at haleARTS S P A C E

haleARTS S P A C E invites residents to the opening reception of a group show featuring works by Kaloust Guedel, Nancy Kamin, and Alexander Sadoyan. An opening reception will be held Friday, Jan. 9, from 5-8 p.m. The show will be available for purchase through Jan. 21, 2015.

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A Christmas poem

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Putting a lift in your spirit
Naughty & nice girls & boys.
Remember to be thankful
For all that you receive,
Include god there too
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Take your children out for a ride
For all the pretty Christmas lights,
Tell them Christmas stories
Till they drift off to sleep at night.
Awaking on Christmas morning
The happiness in their eyes,
At all their gifts
Their laughter and cries.
Time to end
My words of wit,
I hope I made you smile
A little bit!
Ron Gray
Santa Monica



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Attorneys will come back next year with options for council.

AUGMENTING STATE LAW

On Jan. 1, a new state law, AB 2222, will go into effect requiring developers who seek to replace affordable housing units to build more affordable housing.

"Well that's wonderful," said McKeown. "But what happens to the people who lived in that old affordable housing? That's not covered by the state law. What we're asking staff to do here is to develop a plan to augment that state law that says that housing has to be replaced by seeing if we can't give some local protection to those tenants who have been displaced."

Evicted tenants, he suggested, would be first in line to get back into those affordable units once construction is completed.

"We might also look at ways to require some kind of interim housing support from the developers so that person isn't forced entirely out of our community never to return," McKeown said.

City attorneys will come back with a plan in the new year.

"We'd like to do this as soon as possible," McKeown said, noting AB 2222's looming enactment.

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possibly unsettling for an adult to trust a kid with their hard earned money to go invest in the stock market with the expectations of achieving capital gains. However, in Santa Monica fortune favors the bold, and investors of all ages have sought out these two wonder kids for both their brains and their boldness.

"Our customers like to invest with the younger people because we're willing to take risks," Hiltunen said. "So we're investing in stocks that have a higher beta, which means they move up a lot faster than the market does. For example, if a stock has a beta of two, the market moves up 100 points, this stock will move up 200 points but also if it goes down 100, it'll go down 200. So we like to mess with those and we're really confident in what we invest in."

Despite not even being old enough for happy hour, Hiltunen and Gottlieb have a wealth of trading experience and claim the track record to back it up as well.

"The numbers is what makes it count," Hiltunen said. "It does not matter of the age. You can invest with someone who is 50 years old and doesn't have the numbers but you would invest in him because you think he has the experience."

"I was always good with numbers and [Hiltunen] has always been great with graphs," Gottlieb said. "This has made us an amazing team, we get both sides of the analysis. In recent months, Evan has transitioned into account executive. This means that his main job is gaining new clients making sure that they want to keep investing with us. I manage more of the accounting and analysis side of things, as I have a lot of experience with that."

One could only imagine how far their business will go by the time they both go to college. Each have family legacy at the University of Michigan and both share a dream of going there. Their other top choices are New York University and Boston University.

Hiltunen said he'll likely go into finance to learn some much needed traits in business. The purpose of college for him is the experience and a chance to finally get a break from California where he has spent his whole life.

With their small business growing, Hiltunen and Gottlieb ran entrepreneur clubs in school teaching others the art of the trade as well as holding a paper-trading contest to see who is worthy of interviewing for a position for Alpha Bay Capital.



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Courtesy photos

ART: Several new works will be on display at the haleARTSSPACE in January

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Nancy Kamin lived many years in the state of Puebla in the historic village, Santa Maria de Tonantzintla, where she crafted a personal expression from diverse interests in Mexican folk art, the works of Cezanne, the Post Impressionists, German Expressionists, such modern Masters as Kandinsky, Miro, Karel Appel, Rufino Tamayo and the infinite wonder of the shapes and colors of Rural Mexico. She currently resides in Santa Monica, and continues to exhibit and work in Mexico as well. Recently she has had One Woman shows of current work in The Mexican Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art and at The Gallery of the University of Tlaxcala in the Capital of the Tlaxcala State.

"In my paintings, I start by erasing, as best I can, the mechanism by which we process our 'objective' reality," said Kamin. "The only things that are real for me become the ground on which I paint, the infinite possibilities of the paint at hand, and patterns and textures that grow out of working the materials onto the canvas. Of course, I am guided by natural rules of human aesthetics. Unconscious application of the natural rules makes the colors relate to one another. Then, instinctively my own emotions, and knowledge, and sensibilities boil through these natural principles. Thus I discover a new universe, of non objective- objects and forms, and, little by little, a unique painting is shaped. In each abstraction I paint, not only are the colors and shapes freed to be seen only as they exist, but so too, the viewer is freed and challenged to see only the universe immediately in front of his eyes. The observer will find a new way to experience paint and light and shape and form and sensation; he becomes a creator of his own unique reaction and aesthetic experience. The process for the observer, as for the painter, is an exploration, an adventure, an experience, a struggle, to see and feel the infinite variety of Creation."

Kaloust Guedel is an American artist born in Nicosia, Cyprus. He lives and works in Los Angeles. Guedel is very comfortable of pushing the boundaries of what is accepted as the norm or the status quo.

"My latest body of work evolved through defining and redefining physical and spiritual boundaries of set values of painting," said Guedel. "It reflects the capitalist system, where excess is constantly encouraged for the benefit of profit. The primary medium I use is reflective and possesses transparent properties. These characteristics take the conversation beyond the surface of the subject, creating internal and external relationships.

In contemporary circumstances the excessive use of resources has been magnified, when across the globe, millions go on living malnourished and at the edge of survival. The sole purpose of the capitalist system is to deliver profit, which fails to consider all other factors, including human and environmental. In consumerist based societal structure, there is a mechanism that encourages constant expansion of limits to realize continual growth of profit. This factor is inserted into the fabric of our daily existence; as revealed by determinism, freedom of choice is illusory and society is imposed to function as a reliable produce of excess."

Alexander Sadoyan was born in 1954 Yerevan, Armenia. In 1975 he graduated from Terlemezian Art College of Fine Arts. Sadoyan has participated in more than 100 exhibitions around the world. Sadoyan now lives in Los Angeles where he continues to create vigorously and exhibit his work.

"I paint forms and shapes to convey energy and spiritual condition," he said. "The colors and rhythms become the theme. The images are put together in a dreamlike sequence to reinforce the realty of metaphysical world. Forces of nature and mysterious inner life of mankind are themes that have been constant in my work. My paintings are inspired from the human life in conjunction with landscape of nature's abstract colorforms. With association of color and shapes, I strive to communicate my feelings and convey inner-personal emotions."

Alexander Sadoyan's works can be found in private collections throughout USA, France, Germany, Canada, England, Italy, Japan, Russia, Switzerland, Korea, China, Norway and Lebanon. His artworks have been published in Art World News, World Art Celebrities Journal (Berlin) Art Business, ArtScene, Art&Frame Review, Armenian Art magazines, catalogs and many newspapers. Sadoyan's work has been gaining attention not only internationally but also throughout Southern California. He was chosen artist of the month (World Art Celebrities Journal) 2003, the recipient of the Digital Color Awards (2008), Art'Majeur Silver awards (2007) and Kennedy Publishing's best of the Artists (2008).

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **62.6°**

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** Knee to shoulder high
WNW swell to fade; small SSW swell

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** Ankle to knee
Very Small mid period swell from the west-northwest holding during the day. Light northeast winds with a slight chop, Increasing later.

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** Ankle to knee
Very Small mid period swell from the west-northwest holding during the day. Light northeast winds with a slight chop all day.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** Ankle to knee
Trace mid period swell from the west-northwest holding during the day. Light and variable north winds, Increasing later and switching to the west-northwest.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **December 11, 2014**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A+	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
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+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	F	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	F	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND
- **DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
- **WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
- **ns** -- no sample taken

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

Orion featured at SMC planetarium in January

The Santa Monica College John Drescher Planetarium launches 2015 with a special feature show and two telescope-observing events on Friday evenings. The January shows are:

Starbirth in Orion's Sword on Jan. 9 and 16. Explore the massive Great Orion Nebula and learn about recent discoveries that reveal the hundreds of stars and potential planetary systems forming within.

Special Observing Event: Orion and the Winter Hexagon - with a Special Guest on Jan. 23. Come view the winter sky, including the bounty of bright stars surrounding its signature constellation, Orion the Hunter - and as a special guest, Jupiter! - through a variety of telescopes, with guidance from the planetarium director.

Special Observing Event: A Gibbous Moon and Jovian Clouds and Moons on Jan. 30. Follow up last week's moonless observing night with a look through a variety of telescopes at the 11-day-old gibbous Moon and several of its large craters, and at Jupiter at a time when all four of its Galilean moons will be visible.

The feature shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, a family-friendly "tour" of the constellations, and the chance to ask astronomy-related questions

The John Drescher Planetarium, which features a Digistar projection system, is located near the elevators on the second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica). Tickets are available at the door and cost $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single show.

For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

- SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

City Wide

City Announces New Holiday Tree Collection Program

After years of 'Parking Your Tree', the City is moving to a more convenient pickup plan. Holiday tree collection is coming to you, residents no longer need to cart their holiday tree to a City park. Rather, residents are encouraged to place their tree out for collection in their alley. If regularly scheduled trash and recycling are collected at the curbside and not in the alley, place trees at the curb on your scheduled trash collection day.

The City of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery & Recycling Division will begin collecting live holiday trees and wreaths from the alleys on Monday, Dec. 29 through Friday, Jan. 23. All decorations, lights and tree stands must be removed. Do not put trees in plastic bags.

The City would like to remind residents that composting and mulching are the greenest ways to both reduce waste and create useful fertilizer for your yard. It's natural, easy, requires almost no maintenance and can be done in any number of ways.

For questions regarding holiday tree pickup procedures, please call (310) 458-2223. You may also visit the City's web page at www.smgov.net/r3.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You seem to get caught up in the excessive emotions of the day. You'll feel fortunate just to see a child's glee as he or she opens up gifts. The laughter and fun around you could take a toll, so you might feel ready for a quiet walk or nap by mid-afternoon. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. This person might feel isolated on this holiday, and your call will mean the world to him or her. A discussion with a friend could be quite emotional. Tonight: Speak your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your words will mean a lot to a loved one who can be rather controlling. Recognize the emotional power behind the holiday, and look at the big picture. Don't forget to touch base with a loved one you care a lot about. Tonight: Relax and watch a favorite holiday movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal with someone directly. A discussion could offer you some insight and understanding into this person's behavior. Try to look at the situation from a different perspective. Indulge others with your time, as well as with your gifts. Tonight: Honor the spirit of the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You seem to have a great time no matter where you are or whom you are with. This Christmas holds a very special meaning for you, and it shows. Make time for a talk with an important friend; it could be more important than a present ever would be. Tonight: Join friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could feel way below your normal level of activity. You have been so busy making sure that everything is done, you probably are very exhausted. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be enchanted by a child's excitement about what is going to happen next. Later in the day, you'll want to seek out a favorite spot. Tonight: Consider an early bedtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You'll feel the need to take care of those in your immediate surroundings. A surprise visit or gift could lift the mood of the day and solidify the moment. A private discussion, possibly on the phone, does need to be kept a secret. Tonight: Add some mischief to the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to turn a situation around quickly. If you or the other party involved can stay away from the materialistic part of the issue, you'll be able to transform the situation. Someone could help you ease up a bit. Tonight: Asleep at the drop of a hat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Do something just for you this morning. You might be more uptight than you realize. You could discover that someone has picked the perfect gift for you. You love the holiday festivities, and you are likely to go overboard. Tonight: Share a favorite piece of music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could feel as if you're running around in all directions. Somehow, this holiday has unusual significance this year. You might want to defer to others if you are involved in making dinner and cleaning up. Tonight: Enjoy the moment with loved ones.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be exhausted by the morning calls or/or hectic activity. Smile through a problem, and open up to a delightful day that happens only once a year. Get into the mood of the holiday, and you will connect with others. Tonight: Favorite place, favorite people.

Thursday, December 25, 2014

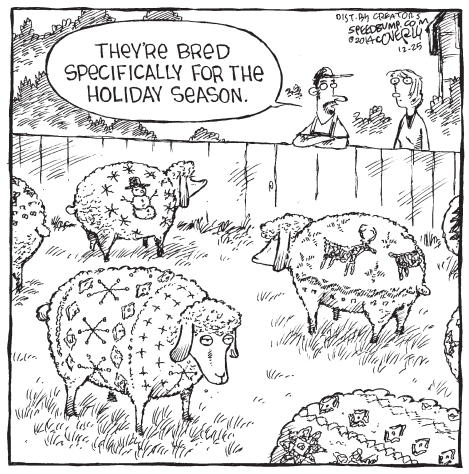
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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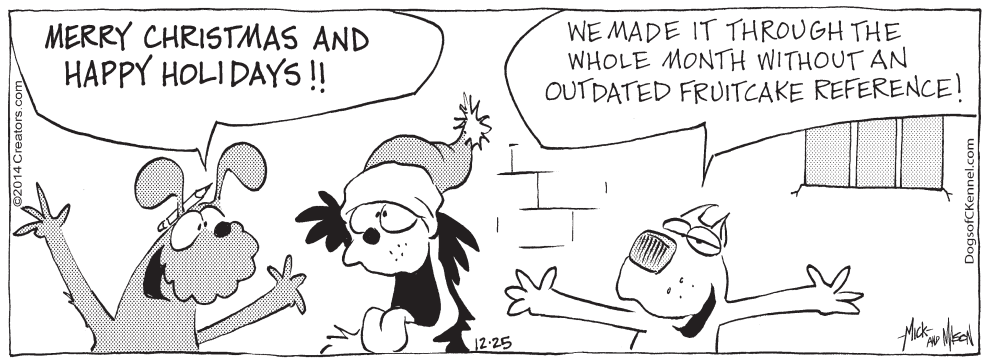
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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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	4	7	5	8	3	9	2	6
5	6	9	2	1	7	3	4	8
2	3	8	9	4	6	5	7	1
4	8	6	1	5	2	7	9	3
3	7	1	6	9	4	8	5	2
9	5	2	7	3	8	6	1	4
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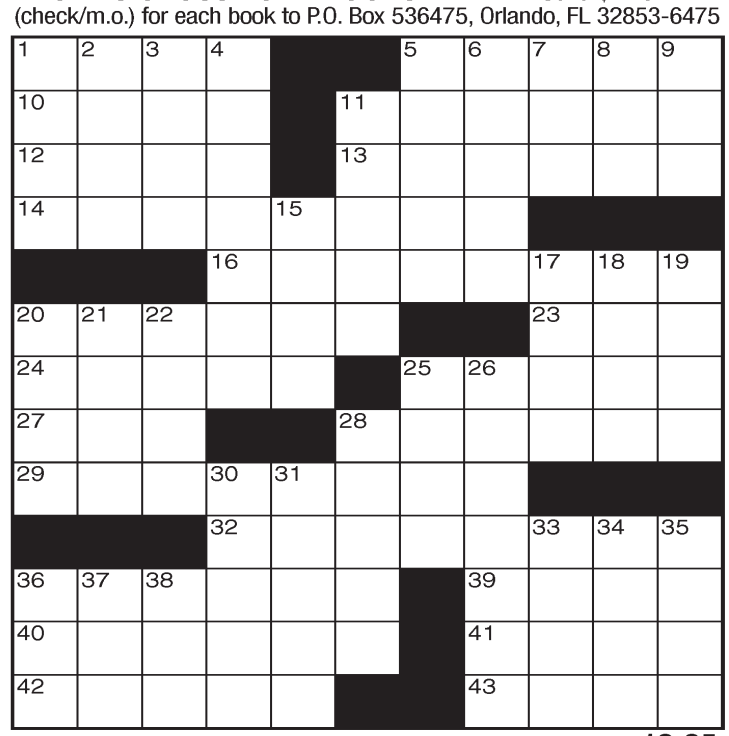
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1 Classic Christmas gift
5 Eyelashes
10 Game with mallets
11 Planters
12 Declare
13 Christmas decoration
14 Christmas pullers
16 Christmas exchange
20 Baby
23 Spanish gold
24 "Keen!"
25 Prepare to propose
27 Playing marble
28 Disrobed
29 Christmas decoration
32 Christmas activity
36 Christmas decorations
39 Clarinet cousin
40 For each
41 Blood fluids
42 Rushing sound: Var.
43 Christmas decoration

DOWN
1 Rigging support
2 Cherish
3 "The Time Machine" tribe
4 Perfectly memorized
5 Hearts
6 "If — a Rich Man"
7 Pasture
8 NYC subway
9 Fireplace bit
11 Adorable
15 Bond foe
17 Christmas song
18 Christmas symbol
19 Hawked
20 Fond of
21 At hand
22 Forest youngster
25 Casino game
26 Annual statement amount
28 In itself
30 Needs a massage
31 Fire starter
33 "Yeah, right!"
34 Director Ephron
35 Bike part
36 Bar concern
37 Wall St. debut
38 Joe, in Italy

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Three homes on the Pacific Ocean near Grayland, Washington, were washed away by violent rainstorms in early December, but the residents had seen it coming. The longtime local name for the area is "Washaway Beach." Said one, "I knew it was going to happen sooner or later, but I had hoped it wasn't this soon." (2) In November, an airline's advertising staff created the catchy slogan (to attract impulse travelers), "Want to go somewhere, but don't know where?" and convinced management to send it, via Twitter, to the airline's thousands of followers. (Spoiler: The airline was Malaysia Airlines, whose Flight 370 still has not been found.)

■ Hide the Show Program Inside the Porn: A theatrical producer in Madrid found a way around Spain's recent steep sales tax increase on certain entertainment venues (sports, movies, live theater): It sold back issues of vintage pornographic magazines for the equivalent of $20 -- with a "free" ticket to its latest stage production by noted director Pedro Calderon de la Barca. (A show ticket would carry a 21 percent tax, but a pornographic magazine is still taxed at 4 percent.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1974 – Cyclone Tracy devastates Darwin, Northern Territory Australia.

1974 – Marshall Fields drives a vehicle through the gates of the White House, resulting in a four-hour standoff.

1977 – Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin meets in Egypt with its president Anwar Sadat.

1989 – Deposed President of Romania Nicolae Ceau?escu and his wife, First-Deputy Prime-Minister Elena Ceau?escu are condemned to death and executed after a summary trial.

1991 – Mikhail Gorbachev resigns as General Secretary of the Soviet Union (the union itself is dissolved the next day). Ukraine's referendum is finalized and Ukraine officially leaves the Soviet Union.

2000 – Russian President Vladimir Putin signs a bill into law that officially establishes a new National Anthem of Russia, with music adopted from the anthem of the Soviet Union that was composed by Alexander Vasilyevich Alexandrov.

2003 – The ill-fated Beagle 2 probe, released from the Mars Express Spacecraft on December 19, disappears shortly before its scheduled landing.

2004 – Cassini orbiter releases Huygens probe which successfully landed on Saturn's moon Titan on January 14, 2005.

2009 – Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab unsuccessfully attempts a terrorist attack against the US while on board a flight to Detroit Metro Airport Northwest Airlines Flight 253

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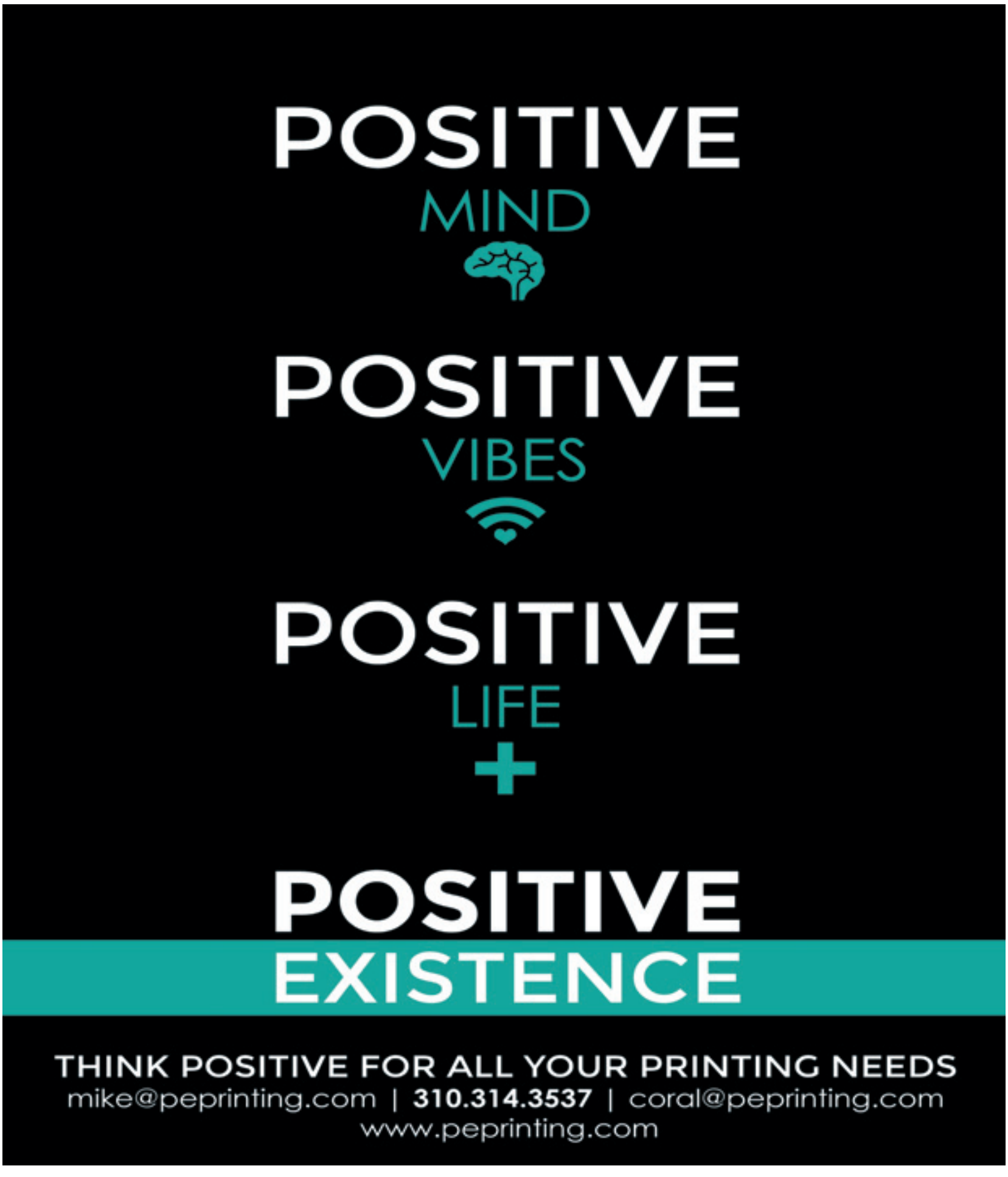
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