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Life sentence in Juarez murders

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN L.A. An imprisoned gang member will spend the rest of his life behind bars for the murder of Michael and Anthony Juarez, two brothers who were gunned down in broad daylight while visiting their cousin's clothing store on Lincoln Boulevard.

David Robles was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison without the possibility of parole, said SMPD Detective Michael Bambrick.

Robles and his cousin, Jessie Garcia, were convicted last month on two counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder in connection with the deadly shooting at the Westside Clothing store on Oct. 27, 1998. Garcia is scheduled to be sentenced

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Samohi comes from behind to stay unbeaten

Vikings score late to snatch win over rival Beverly Hills

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Nothing like a good old fashioned rivalry to make for interesting baseball.

Down 7-6 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Santa Monica High School rallied for three runs in the frame to steal a win from Beverly Hills on Tuesday on campus. The win gives Samohi a perfect 6-0 record in Ocean League play, good for a tie with Culver City atop the standings. Beverly Hills falls to 3-4 in league, yet clings to third place and a chance to make it to the playoffs.

Junior Adam Padilla again was key for the Samohi Vikings. The outfielder delivered in the clutch during that sixth-inning rally with a two-RBI single to center field that gave the Vikings a three-run cushion. But, the play wasn't without controversy.

With one out and two runners on base, Padilla appeared to be hit in the foot by a pitch from Beverly Hills starter Charlie Bennett. Padilla trotted down to first base, but the umpires huddled after the play ultimately deciding that the ball hit the dirt before striking Padilla. The junior returned to the plate and calmly slapped an outside fast ball to center to secure the victory.

"I was ready to take one for the team," Padilla said of the play. "But I was happy for the second opportunity."

Samohi's late-game heroics aside, the

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RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE: **Santa Monica High School's Alex Turner scored the winning run against Beverly Hills on Tuesday on campus. Samohi won the Ocean League game, 9-7.**

Synagogue blast suspect indicted by grand jury

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A homeless man has been indicted on charges of planting an explosive that detonated outside a synagogue in Santa Monica last month.

A federal grand jury on Tuesday brought four counts against 60-year-old Ron Hirsch, including use of an explosive to damage property. He could face up to 70 years in prison if found guilty of all charges.

Hirsch is accused of planting explosives inside a 250-pound piece of concrete and steel pipe that blasted into the air on April 7, striking the side of Chabad House and damaging a nearby home.

Authorities say Hirsh fled by bus and was taken into custody in Cleveland four days later.

Hirsh is scheduled to be arraigned May 23. His attorney Robert Little said he hadn't read the indictment and couldn't comment.

Bill would make it easier for renters to fight eviction

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A bill that extends renters' rights passed a crucial hurdle at the State Judiciary Committee last week, and will now move onto the Assembly floor.

The bill, called AB 265 and authored by San Francisco Democrat Tom Ammiano, would allow tenants who have been served a three-day notice to "pay or quit" to keep their homes if they pay back rent, new rent costs and reasonable attorneys' fees during their eviction proceedings.

Tenants' responsibility for attorneys' fees would be capped at $350 for pre-trial proceedings, although that cap goes out the window should the process move ahead to formal trial.

The legislation would give renters the

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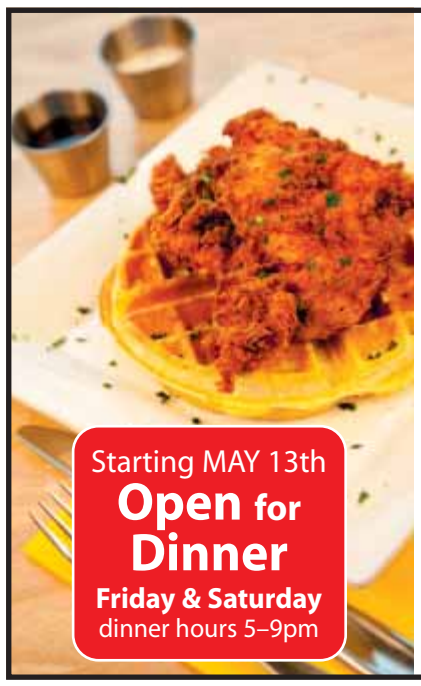


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

'Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Allergies'
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
David Allen, M.D. and Allen Green, M.D., two of Southern California's leading integrative medicine experts from the Center for Optimum Health, will discuss the often misunderstood topic of allergies, as well as cutting-edge testing and treatment of allergic conditions. For more information, call (310) 445-6600.

'Life at the Miramar'
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 Seventh St., 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Learn the early history of the Fairmont Miramar. Images and documents from those early days will be on display at the museum. For more information, call (310) 395-2290.

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Thursday, May 5, 2011

National Day of Prayer
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 a.m.
The 21st annual public observance of the National Day of Prayer in Santa Monica will be held on the front lawn of City Hall. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is this year's theme. Prayers will be offered for community and national leaders, the armed forces, family, personal renewal, and churches and ministry organizations. For more information, call (310) 365-8219.

'Preserving the Bounty'
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
We are in the midst of a canning revolution, from jams and marmalades to pickles. Learn from expert and artisanal preservers, chefs and farmers how to "put up" the best of what the Farmers' Market has to offer and enjoy your favorite fleeting fruits and veggies all year round. KCRW's Evan Kleiman will be the moderator.

Free flick
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 2 p.m.
Catch a free screening of the Angelina Jolie spy thriller "Salt." This event is free. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

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TREE THING: **Canary Island date palms that line Marguerita Avenue could be infected by a fungus. City officials are working on a plan to protect them and plant replacement trees for those that die. This move has some residents upset that they weren't given enough time to comment.**

Canary Island palm trees cause a stir in NOMA

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

NOMA What if Santa Monica planted a tree, but nobody wanted it?

The seemingly unlikely scenario reared its head in this tree-hugging city when officials told residents of Georgina and Marguerita avenues that dying Canary Island date palms would be replaced with California native sycamore trees.

"We were mildly distressed," said resident Margaret Bach, who also serves on the Landmarks Commission. "Through frantic phone calls and e-mails, we were able to suspend the planting process within days of when they were going to start."

Upset, a group complained at the April 12 City Council meeting, and council directed staff to come back with an information item describing how, exactly, the process had been conducted.

The results of that inquiry, posted to the City Hall website last week, describe a process with little public inquiry and a lot of miscommunication.

According to the information item, the sycamore had been chosen for Georgina and Marguerita avenues based on the size of the streets, size of existing canopies and health and condition of existing trees, which was none too good.

Several of the Canary Island date palms already in place were suffering from a fungal infection, in part because the trees passed the disease back and forth, city officials said.

Staff decided to plant sycamores to increase the tree canopy and improve the chances of the remaining palms avoiding the fusarium fungus.

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Santa Monica Farmers' Market gets new barricades

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOWNTOWN Heavy duty nets will be in place next month to protect pedestrians at the Santa Monica Farmers Market where 10 people were killed when an elderly motorist sped through the open-air marketplace in 2003.

The city says highway-style barricades and nets capable of stopping errant vehicles will be installed on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the entrances to the downtown Arizona Street farmers market.

Market supervisor Laura Avery tells the Los Angeles Times that the safety netting is the most effect and nonlethal way to stop a car from entering the market areas.

Nearly eight years ago, 86-year-old George Russell Weller was behind the wheel of a Buick that crashed through a wood-and-plastic barricade and struck 10 people. Investigators say he mistook the gas pedal for the brake.

Never too old to ride a bike

ALICIA CHANG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES We pushed off from the Bicycle District in East Hollywood, a mob of two-wheelers that for a few hours on a recent Sunday ruled a 7 1/2-mile stretch of car-free Los Angeles streets.

Pressing down on one pedal, I repeated the motion with the other. Before I knew it, I was zipping along with stranger cyclists, dodging the occasional pothole while soaking in a different angle of Los Angeles from my bike seat.

Six weeks earlier, I did not own a bicycle or know how to ride one. Yes, I am one of those adults who never learned as a kid.

Here I was at an organized event modeled after Bogota, Colombia's ciclovia, in which residents are encouraged to ditch their cars and take to the streets on bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades or their two feet for a day. As a novice cyclist, I worried. Do I have the endurance? What if I'm too slow? What if I get in an accident?

When one thinks of bicycle lessons, the image that usually comes to mind is that of a parent hanging on to the seat of a child's bike and eventually letting go. But some bike organizations that only catered to kids in recent years have added adult learn-to-ride classes.

The reasons for the surging interest vary: gas prices, exercise, the desire to check this off one's life list of goals.

"Lots of folks seem to have learning to ride a bike on their list of 100 things to do," says Glen Harrison of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, which has taught more than 200 adults in the metropolitan D.C. region since 2008.

Students learn the basics, including how to start and stop, balance, pedal and turn. Many schools start off by removing the pedals and lowering the seat so that beginners can get the feel for bike-riding by scooting around with their feet. Once they can roll some distance and hand-brake to a smooth stop, the pedals are put back on.

"The rest seems to happen naturally, just like they've been riding a bike their whole lives," Harrison says.

Not that it's easy.

"Adults have a harder time relaxing," says instructor Rich Conroy of Bike New York, which offers lessons for children and adults. He said older students are urged to loosen their grip on the handlebars, and slacken their elbows and shoulders.

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Redefine First Amendment

Editor:

The only defense to avoiding a life of smoking, alcohol and porn, is limiting exposure ("Porn doesn't belong in library," Daily Press Editorials, April 29). The fact porn is even available at a public library is baffling to me. Our First Amendment is archaic and needs to be refined to "freedom of speech, within reason."

Hank Baylis
Santa Monica

No time to rest

Editor:

What a difference a day makes. Bold headlines point out that Osama bin Laden is dead. Don't breathe too easily yet; seething just beneath the surface in America is a serious problem. Fringe and splinter groups galore, not the least of which, anti-abortionists, anti-immigrationists and the anti-gay forces, who have all huddled under the big tent of the Tea Party. They espouse an ideology that is not unlike Osama bin Laden's: hate, hypocrisy and intolerance.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Leave the flight schools alone

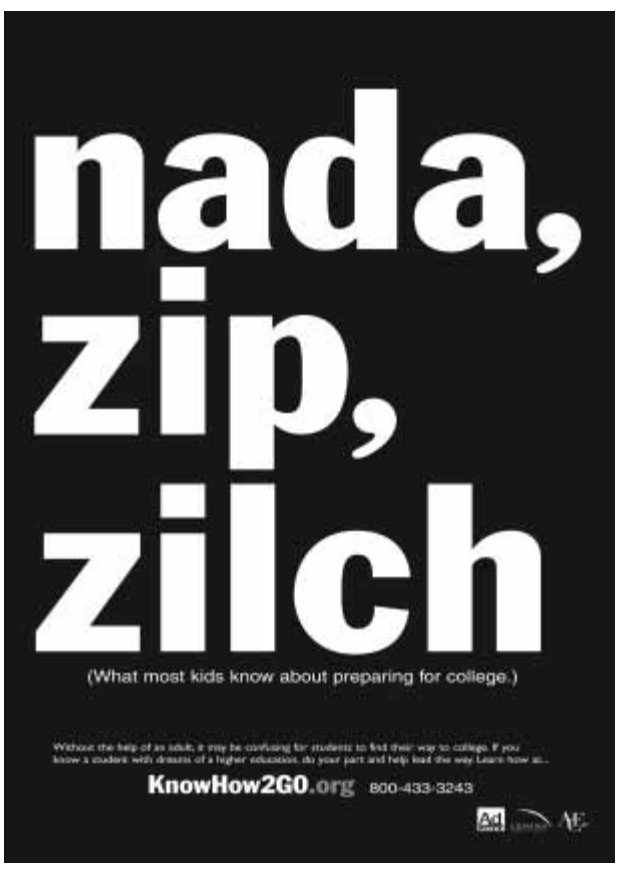
Editor:

As a general aviation pilot who learned to fly at Santa Monica Airport, I am appalled at the "ballot box" mentality taken by L.A. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, et al, regarding local flight schools and unsubstantiated concerns regarding air pollution at the facility. The flight schools operate under strict federal aviation regulations and their safety records are impeccable. They provide a needed service to casual aviation enthusiasts as well as initially preparing career bound pilots for service in our nation's airlines. Are we to shut down automobile driving schools because they may operate in the vicinity of homes?

Secondly, air quality being impacted from the operation of aircraft is a national concern. Various agencies, including the FAA, aircraft engine manufacturers, and fuel producers, are studying the issue to produce a product that is the least invasive environmentally. Nevertheless, an EPA study performed a few years ago in and around the Santa Monica Airport showed no significant detrimental effects from aircraft operations.

Lastly, just what would be put in the airport's place if it were shut down? It is a big piece of real estate, perhaps prime for development. Do we need more traffic congestion and pollution on the Westside?

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President, Santa Monica Airport Association





Your column here

Mary Luevano

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Santa Monica needs a bike share program

A FEW YEARS AGO, I WAS IN DENVER for the Democratic National Convention when I witnessed a revolution taking place. Not the political revolution that the rest of America heard about; no, this was a bicycle revolution. All around me, professional, working citizens of Denver and visitors who had come for the convention were taking part in Denver's recently launched bike share program.

Dressed in suits and business attire, these people were choosing to hop on a rented bike instead of a car in order to get to their meetings or to lunch, and then dropping the bike off once they reached their location. The program was easy to use and easy to understand, and succeeded in getting people out of their cars and into the community.

With our perfect weather, flat terrain, and thriving tourism industry, the time has come for Santa Monica to join the revolution and launch a bike share program.

Like the well-known Zipcar program, a bike share provides short-term bike rental through an automated system, such as a computerized kiosk. Bike sharing systems contain a large fleet distributed at high and medium density areas, yet unlike car sharing it allows one-way trips. Many require users to first become members, which allows participants to more easily check out a bike from a docking station.

Bike share programs make bicycles available for people who do not own a bicycle or may only want to use one for a short part of their day. It's ideal for urban settings, where commuters, tourists and shoppers can make short trips without sitting in traffic, contributing to climate change or having to find a parking space.

Bike sharing isn't new; in fact it's been a popular mode of transportation for years in Europe. Many international tourists who come to visit the city will already be familiar with how the program works, and would have little hesitation about touring the city on bike rather than in a car.

But let's break it down for our city: what exactly could a bike share program do for Santa Monica? Santa Monica has a population of 86,294. If just 10 percent of Santa Monica residents rode a bike instead of a car for just 30 minutes, it would reduce traffic by 8,629 cars. It would prevent 124 tons of CO_2 from entering the atmosphere, and would save 12,814 gallons of gas. If 10 percent of residents used a bike for 30 minutes, they would save $189,881 that could be used on other things. Imagine the possibilities then if these same people rode a bike not just once for 30 minutes, but for 30 minutes once a week, or for 30 minutes five days a week. It could fundamentally change the city and the way people interact within the city. And these numbers don't account for the thousands of tourists who come to Santa Monica on the weekends or those who work in the city but live elsewhere.

Despite Southern California's generally progressive environmental goals, we are not known as leaders when it comes to alternative forms of transportation. We are, after all, home to Los Angeles, the city that has glamorized the car culture; we are as well known for our traffic as we are for our landmark environmental victories. But slowly, things are starting to change. Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa made headlines when he approved a plan to create over 1,600 miles of bikeways throughout the city, and the two most recent CicLAvia's have had overwhelming success. If the city of Los Angeles can make these changes, the city of Santa Monica should be able to as well.

My DNC realization took place three years ago, and since then, California communities ranging from Fresno to Irvine to San Diego to Davis have adopted bike share programs (most often through their city or local university). These cities are still behind places such as Des Moines, Iowa, New York, Hawaii, and Minneapolis, which are launching full city-wide programs. Santa Monica, which usually sets the bar for innovative, environmental action, is now behind in terms of bicycling.

On May 16, Santa Monica will be revealing the first draft of its bicycle action plan, a comprehensive vision for how the city should prioritize and plan for bicycle transportation over the next few years. Early versions of the plan indicate that it will include necessary goals such as more bike lanes, interconnected bike lanes and increased safety for bicycle lanes. The plan will also recommend a bike share program. It's a great start, but until the Santa Monica community starts taking an interest, the bike share component will probably remain on the back burner.

Local businesses, students, and residents should let the city know that we're ready to make biking a serious priority, and that a bike share program is a visible, fun component of that broader vision. Until then, we will continue to lag behind cities like Fresno. Santa Monica, we can do better.

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Yes we can ... wait in line

IN THE NINE YEARS, SEVEN MONTHS AND 24 days since Sept. 11, 2001, not too many cloudless, crystal clear blue sky days have passed in which I haven't been reminded of that one that shone brightly in the warm, early autumn morning when I scrambled desperately along with most of my immediate family to get in touch with each other and out of Manhattan as two nearby buildings collapsed with thousands of people trapped inside.

When the news broke on Sunday that Osama bin Laden had been killed in a firefight in Pakistan, my 2-year-old daughter was still awake in her bed and calling out to me to join her for our nightly show tunes duet ritual. However, instead of climbing into her bed, as is our custom, I carried her into mine as I waited for President Obama to address the nation.

"Amewican fwag," she said matter-of-factly as she snuggled down under the covers, pointing to the red, white and blue stripes hanging on the pole to the left of the podium adorned with the presidential seal on the television screen. "Dat's music."

When we were in the airport a few weeks ago, she pointed to another American flag and when I identified it for her, she assumed there was a correlation between it and the Don McLean song, "American Pie," which is one of her favorites.

"Dat's music," she said of the flag that day, too.

It feels perfectly appropriate to me to associate music with the American flag. I usually associate more traditionally patriotic tunes with the flag, and even with airports — more specifically, with airport security — but the sight of anything red, white and blue is worthy of breaking into song nonetheless.

Since becoming a mom, the process of getting through airport security is even more laborious than just kicking off my shoes, shrugging off my jacket, emptying the contents of my carry-on and enduring a wand scan of my bra and the button on my jeans.

Added to the process now is collapsing a stroller, taking the Children's Motrin, formula and applesauce and diaper cream out of the diaper bag — all while holding and explaining to a sleepy toddler why the baby doll and bottle had to be snatched from her arms as her cries implicitly express that she neither cares nor understands that each item needs to be X-rayed, and that we had to wake up earlier than we would have a decade ago because the lines are longer than they've ever been because of a few box cutters that changed the world in which we live.

And on the occasions that I've set off the metal detector and been pulled aside for a more in-depth screening, my daughter really doesn't care or understand why I can't continue carrying her, but she knows she feels helpless and sad while she watches a strange person pat her mom up and down.

NINE YEARS, SEVEN MONTHS AND 24 DAYS LATER, I NEVER FORGET WHILE STANDING IN A LONG AIRPORT SECURITY LINE THE FAMILIES WHO SUFFERED REAL LOSSES ON 9/11.

Only it's neither, fortunately. Helpless is when it takes hours to drive a couple of miles as fighter jets roar overhead and others on foot run away from smoke and debris, bloody and hot under the blazing sun on an Indian summer day. Sad is when your friends and friends of friends mourn the untimely and unthinkable loss of their own loved ones. Enduring long lines and taking your computer out of its case while inching through a metal detector is hardly a sacrifice.

Nine years, seven months and 24 days later, I never forget while standing in a long airport security line the families who suffered real losses on 9/11. Since becoming a mom, my empathy for them has grown exponentially.

I feel aches and pains in my bones when I think of the parents who never saw their children born, or the children who never saw their parents walk through the front door again. And I think of my own little girl and how much we enjoy crystal-clear blue sky days together. And cloudy ones. And rainy and snowy ones. And ones when we never even go outside to see what the sky is doing because we're holed up in the house because she's got the sniffles or I've got work or we're feeling lazy or whiny or content or bored.

It doesn't really matter to me that the security lines in the airport will likely remain long, even though Osama bin Laden is dead. Because we'll keep singing show tunes in bed and "American Pie" when we see the American flag. Because we're still here, and because we can. Yes we can.

More at MeredithCarroll.com.

The Q Line

A better buffer

Residents got a rare opportunity last week to weigh in on a 2-acre buffer zone meant to shield them from the noise made by the future Expo light rail line. Some would like shops, others open space.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think should be built on the site near Exposition Boulevard and Stewart Street?

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Police clear backpack left near courthouse

Los Angeles police investigated a backpack that was found in front of the downtown criminal courts building but it was found to be harmless.

City News Service reports that police cleared streets around Temple Street and Broadway at midmorning Tuesday until a bomb squad found there was nothing harmful in the backpack.

Law enforcement has been on alert for potential reprisals since the U.S. killing of Osama bin Laden and are urging citizens to report anything suspicious.

On Monday, a Metrolink commuter train was evacuated in Riverside because a backpack had been left in a restroom, and in San Diego debris suspected of being a pipe bomb shut down the Coronado Bay Bridge for a time. Both items turned out to be harmless.

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INDUSTRY

Car crashes into taco restaurant, burns

Los Angeles County fire officials say three people were hurt when a car smashed into a Del Taco fast-food restaurant and burst into flames.

Fire Inspector Quvondo Johnson says the car went out of control and slammed into the business at about 8:15 a.m. Tuesday in the city of Industry, east of Los Angeles.

The car went all the way into the building, came to rest in the kitchen and caught fire. Two Del Taco workers and the driver received minor injuries.

It took more than an hour to douse the fire.

There's no word on what caused the crash.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Heat's Bosh sues ex-girlfriend over reality show

Miami Heat star Chris Bosh is suing the mother of his child for appearing on a reality TV show called "Basketball Wives," which he said intrudes on his private life.

Bosh claimed in a lawsuit filed Monday in Los Angeles federal court that Allison Mathis and Shed Media are trying to unjustly enrich themselves by using Bosh's name and intruding into his private affairs.

He acknowledges he and Mathis have a child together.

The suit said Mathis was hired to appear in the third season of the VH1 reality show and wants to use it to become a TV star. He seeks damages and an injunction to block her and the media company from trademark infringement by using his name and disclosing private facts about his life.

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CBS 1Q beats profit forecasts amid new deals

Broadcaster CBS says its first-quarter earnings grew as it cut costs by not hosting the Super Bowl this year and by sharing coverage of the NCAA college basketball tournament in a new programming deal.

Net income in the three months through March 31 was $202 million, or 29 cents per share, compared with a loss of $26 million, or 4 cents per share, a year ago.

Revenue fell less than 1 percent to $3.51 billion.

The results beat the forecast of analysts polled by FactSet, who expected earnings of 19 cents per share on revenue of $3.46 billion.

CBS says results were also helped by advertising revenue growth, after excluding a boost from the Super Bowl last year.

CBS also doubled its quarterly dividend to 10 cents per share.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Officials try to ID body in home of 1959 Playmate

Former Playboy playmate and B-movie actress Yvette Vickers kept to herself and tended her flowers on a quiet, tree-lined street perched above Beverly Hills that actors, producers and writers call home.

So it came as a shock when neighbors learned a badly decomposing body had been inside the home for several months to a year.

"There is a feeling of safety on this street," said Terri Cheney, an author and entertainment attorney who has lived there since 1994. "You don't feel like that would happen here — someone being neglected like that."

It was still unknown if it was the body of Vickers, who appeared in "Attack of the 50 Foot Woman," "Attack of the Giant Leeches" and other cult films of the 1950s.

It could take a week to determine the identity, coroner's Lt. Cheryl MacWillie said Tuesday.

By the looks of Vickers' one-bedroom home, it might have been difficult to detect anything unusual had happened inside.

The two-story, brown dwelling is rustic and sits next to two modern homes that dwarf it. Ivy and bougainvillea are draped on a front window, and the grounds on a steep hillside are overgrown with foliage.

A handwritten note at the front gate reads: "Deliveries, please ring doorbell." Guests had to climb a stone walkway that wrapped around the house.

Cheney, 51, said she didn't know Vickers had been an actress or was a Playboy magazine playmate in July 1959. Cheney only said hello to Vickers a few times and noticed the woman liked to water her flowers.

"She seemed lovely," Cheney said. "She went with the house, it was a little bit unusual. It has a fairy-tale kind of charm to it."

AP

LOS ANGELES

Police pursuit ends with arrest

Los Angeles police have captured a suspected car thief after a chase through eastern suburbs that ended with the man being dragged from the back seat.

TV news helicopters showed officers shattering the car's side window Tuesday morning after it stopped in a driveway in an El Sereno neighborhood. Officers then swarmed the car and hauled out the bloody man.

His name wasn't immediately released.

AP

Pair of daring musicals lead the Tony Awards race

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK Who says Broadway won't take a risk? "The Book of Mormon" and "The Scottsboro Boys" — two very different musicals with very different fates — have emerged with the most Tony Award nominations this season.

"Mormon," which induces giggles with its diarrhea jokes and songs about body parts, and "Scottsboro," a searing look at a racial injustice that featured a graphic whipping, clearly pushed the boundaries of traditional Broadway fare. One paid off, the other did not.

"People are excited when they sit down in those seats because they don't know what's going to happen," said Rory O'Malley, whose turn in "Mormon" earned him a nomination for best featured actor in a musical. "This is dangerous in the best sense."

That could also sum up the sentiment created by John Kander and Fred Ebb's "Scottsboro," based on the real story of nine black teenagers wrongly put on death row in the 1930s for allegedly raping two white girls. It closed abruptly in December after playing just 49 performances and 29 previews.

The musical frames the story as a minstrel show — that deeply racist storytelling device performed by whites in blackface — and then immediately subverts it by having an all-black cast. Some performances of the show even drew protesters who claimed the musical was actually embracing the minstrel convention.

"It was a subversive piece, and a piece that was going to push buttons, stir hearts, but we also knew that it was the truth," said Joshua Henry, who won a best leading actor nomination for playing the lead Scottsboro boy. "I'm just happy that we weren't forgotten and it does give me faith in daring theater."

"Mormon," which received 14 nominations, and "Scottsboro," which got 12 nods, face competition for the title of best musical from two shows inspired by movies: "Catch Me If You Can" and "Sister Act." With "Scottsboro" closed, though, the odds are against it winning.

The four nominated plays include the heartwarming human-puppet hybrid "War Horse," which was a huge hit in London, David Lindsay-Abaire's blue-collar "Good People," Jez Butterworth's vanishing English tale "Jerusalem" and Stephen Adly Guirgis' searing recovery story "The Motherf---- With the Hat."

Among individual actors who earned nominations were Al Pacino, who played Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice," Vanessa Redgrave in "Driving Miss Daisy," Edie Falco in "The House of Blue Leaves" and Ellen Barkin in "The Normal Heart."

Overlooked were James Earl Jones in "Driving Miss Daisy," Daniel Radcliffe in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," Ben Stiller in "The House of Blue Leaves" and Aaron Tveit from "Catch Me If You Can." Kathy Griffin, not surprisingly, did not get a nomination, despite calling her one-woman show "Kathy Griffin Wants a Tony."

With 14 nominations, "The Book of Mormon" takes its place among Broadway musicals with the most Tony nominations, just below "The Producers" and "Billy Elliot," which each won 15 nominations.

About two Mormon missionaries who find more than they bargained for in Africa, the musical was written by Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the creators of Comedy Central's irreverent "South Park," and Robert Lopez, co-creator of the equally irreverent Tony Award-winning musical "Avenue Q." All got nominations for the music, book and lyrics. Casey Nicholaw won a best choreography nomination for the show and shared honors with Parker for best direction of a musical.

As for the real Mormons, the church would not add to the comment they first issued when the musical opened: "The production may attempt to entertain audiences for an evening, but the Book of Mormon as a volume of scripture will change people's lives forever by bringing them closer to Christ."

The Tony nominations for "The Scottsboro Boys" may give producers an argument to put the work back on Broadway. It had started off-Broadway and critical acclaim paved the way for a Broadway run. Producer Barry Weissler had been seeking support from the theatergoing public to resurrect the show by pledging to buy tickets if it is remounted.

In the best actor in a musical category, Henry faces competition from Norbert Leo Butz in "Catch Me If You Can," Tony Sheldon from "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" and Josh Gad and Andrew Rannells, both in "The Book of Mormon."

Butz told his 14-year-old daughter about the nomination after she got home from school. "She's thrilled," he said. "She said, 'Dad, maybe this time I can come.' She's trying to bribe me into coming to the ceremony. I said, 'You know what? Let's just take it a day at a time.'"

Redgrave faces competition in the leading actress category from Nina Arianda from "Born Yesterday," Frances McDormand in "Good People," Lily Rabe from "The Merchant of Venice" and Hannah Yelland in "Brief Encounter."

The category for best featured actress in a musical will contain Laura Benanti from "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," Tammy Blanchard in "How to Succeed," Victoria Clark of "Sister Act," Patti LuPone, "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" and Nikki M. James for "Mormon."

The good news came on a special day for James: Tuesday was also the 12th anniversary of her father's death. "It's sort of a bittersweet moment but I bet he has something to do with it. It feels almost like kismet," she said.

Clark learned she had won a nomination while walking her dog, which was appropriate since she was also walking her dog when she found out she'd gotten the part of Mother Superior in "Sister Act."

"I always get important phone calls when I'm walking the dog," she said.

Blanchard said she started shaking and crying when she got the news. "You spend your whole life as an actress as some kind of gypsy woman, facing rejection," she said. "Just waiting for months — sometime years — for that special role."

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Online support for parents after pregnancy losses

FREIDA FRISARO
Associated Press

MIAMI Kristin Cook was 26 weeks pregnant last May when doctors delivered devastating news. Her baby, a little girl already named Stevie Joy, no longer had a heartbeat.

The next few days were a blur. She was admitted to the hospital, gave birth and planned her baby's funeral. Feelings of isolation set in. This wasn't supposed to happen to someone like her — a 24-year-old, healthy woman who was having a problem-free pregnancy until everything went wrong.

But Cook quickly found she wasn't alone. Some online research revealed that 1 in every 160 pregnancies ends in stillbirth, or fetal death after 20 weeks of pregnancy. About 15 to 20 percent of known pregnancies end in miscarriage, with rates higher among women who don't yet realize they are pregnant, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Cook began pouring out her feelings in the "happy little blog" she had created early in her pregnancy as a way to keep her mom updated. Her blog, called "Letters to Stevie," soon linked Cook to others who had joined a group none of them wanted to be part of: the baby-loss community.

"Sometimes I feel like I've recently mastered a whole new language. No, not Chinese. No, not Spanish. No. The language I now consider myself fluent in is the language of Baby Loss," she wrote in the blog on July 29, 2010.

"I kept blogging for myself because it made me feel good," Cook recalled in an interview. "I didn't think anyone was reading, but I started getting emails saying you've put into words what I'm feeling. It made me feel good that other people were finding support through my blog."

As she corresponded with other "baby loss mamas," Cook found common ground. They all wanted to tell their story and hear from others who had suffered similar losses.

Cook, who works in the nonprofit industry in Minneapolis, said she came up with an idea for a website, called "Faces of Loss, Faces of Hope," where baby-loss moms — and dads — could share their experiences.

I'm a part of this community too. My daughter, Kristina, lost her first child, Jeremy, at 27 weeks in 2009. She was only 21 years old and was leaning on me for answers, which I didn't have. That's when I hit the Internet and started finding blogs like "Letters to Stevie." I saw how people were able to turn tragedy into positives, and how by sharing their experiences, they helped not just themselves, but others.

Kevin Bailey also started looking for answers online as he tried to help his heartbroken wife Angie Bailey following the loss of their son, Aiden. The Baileys, of Huntington Beach, Calif., were just 17 days shy of their baby's due date last August they learned during a routine doctor's visit that his heart had stopped beating.

Kevin noticed that while some fathers may lurk on loss websites, few are active.

"In the baby loss community, there are not a lot of guys who are putting their feelings down in blogs," said Bailey, who began blogging after his wife suggested it as a way to deal with his sorrow.

In his first post, Kevin told of his brief time with Aiden. How he begged God to let his son breathe.

"Two months and 14 days ago I had a son. ... His name was Aiden, and he was the spitting image of his old man: Tall, skinny, fiery red hair ... and eyes like... Well, I never got to see his eyes, and that's something I regret profoundly. You see my son, my little Aiden, was stillborn at 37 weeks," Bailey wrote in October 2010 in the blog called "Life Askew.'"

"So that's the story. The reason my life is on a different path than it should be. The reason that inspired me to make this blog. Not everything I write here will be about Aiden, but everything will surely be inspired by how he has affected my life," he wrote.

Soon Bailey, like Cook, discovered he had readers. They left emails of encouragement. They told him their stories.

Blogging, Bailey said, has "helped reaffirm that I'm not insane."

Connecting with others who've gone through similar experiences and getting support from them helps parents through the grieving process.

"This is a very helpful social media site for women who typically experience what is known as disenfranchised grief, particularly with miscarriages and stillborn losses," said Debra Dobbs, an assistant professor in the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences at the University of South Florida in Tampa. "Disenfranchised grief occurs when losses are not socially supported."

The Baileys experienced that social disconnect. "People went back to their regular lives and it felt as if they expected us to do the same," said Angie Bailey, who shared her feelings in a blog called "Expectations Revised."

"I try not to identify myself solely as the mom of my dead son. Although, as of right now, that's honestly all I've got. I hope this status will change one day," she wrote.

She said others blogging about baby loss "allowed me to vent when I needed to and helped me feel like what I was experiencing was okay. We have a tremendous online fellowship."

In the almost 17 months since Jennifer Klock-Davis lost her son, Avery, she's also found comfort from those who have experienced child loss. She was just over 35 weeks pregnant when Avery's heart stopped due to an umbilical cord accident.

Klock-Davis, of Pasadena, Md., wrote about Avery's death on "Faces of Loss." Now, she is a leader for a support group which offers parents who are part of the "Faces of Loss" community a chance to share their grief in person, in a more traditional setting.

"It is extremely important to be with others who have experienced a baby loss, because grieving itself is extremely isolating," Klock-Davis said.

"The power of social media is that we can find communities to connect with others outside our regular social circle," said Kelli Burns, an assistant professor at the University of South Florida's School of Mass Communications. "The simple message that is learned through participation in these communities is that you are not alone."

My daughter and I will always be part of the baby-loss community, and we'll always be grateful for the support we received. But in June of last year, we were blessed with a new chapter in the evolution of our family life: Following a high-risk pregnancy, beautiful Kaitlyn Nicoletta was born on June 8, 2010.

BIKE
FROM PAGE 3

"Kids are less fearful. They'll take more risk. They're also more familiar with bumps and bruises," he says.

Conroy said he once had a student who was so terrified that she kept jumping off her bike while it was still moving. "You've got to stop doing that because you're not in control here," he recalls saying. "Quit bailing on the bike and letting it go down in flames."

The nonprofit has taught a version of Bike Riding 101 to about 1,900 adults since 2008. It recently added an intermediate course for adults, too.

Adults who sign up for classes typically grew up in cities or countries where cycling conditions were unsafe or nonexistent. Conroy of Bike New York said more than 95 percent of its students are women, many of them immigrants who want to teach their own kids.

My foray into biking had been riddled with false starts. My parents never learned to ride themselves, so they never taught me how when I was growing up in New York City. As an adult, I tried several times to get the balance right, but never quite did.

It wasn't until this past winter that I carved out time to learn, in part because my husband had bought me a cheap mountain bike from Craigslist and fixed it up himself. Seeing it untouched in the apartment parking garage was a shame.

Under the tutelage of my husband, a cyclist and motorcycle rider, I pedaled slowly around the garage. The first few tries were wobbly, and I kept praying I wouldn't bump into parked cars.

Once I felt somewhat comfortable, we loaded up our bikes and headed to Griffith Park, where I looped around the spacious parking lot and then pointed my wheels toward a small downward slope. It was a disaster. Whenever I gained speed, I would get scared and brake so hard that I flew off my bike.

At my lowest point, I secretly wished for training wheels.

Every adult who learns to bike has to confront fears. My breakthrough came when I internalized a few things: Speed is my friend. A light squeeze of the brakes goes a long way. Shifting gears makes the ride more efficient.

An accident, however, was inevitable. After a month of practice, I felt ready for the Venice Beach bike path. Toward the end of a leisurely ride along a curvy, crowded section, a young cyclist crossed the yellow line and crashed into the rider in front of me. I braked, but got caught in the collision. Luckily, the only injury was a damaged derailleur on the other guy's bike.

A week after the spill, my husband thought it would be a good idea to join thousands of cyclists at the CicLAvia in April. We weaved through neighborhoods that we would normally breeze through in a car. Families on beach cruisers and mountain bikes towing children pedaled by. Teenagers on fixed-gear bicycles zigged in and out. Even carnie folks on double-decker bikes zipped through the crowd.

The terrain was mostly flat, but there were several dismount areas at the top of hills. I wondered for a split second whether to walk my bike, but pushed on.

The most nerve-racking part was waiting with a horde at the occasional intersections where motorists were allowed to cross, and pedaling in slow unison when the traffic lights turned green.

Eventually, we reached the park at the end of the route. I made it. Do we cycle back or hop on the subway?

We pedaled toward home.



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SAMOHI
FROM PAGE 1

Vikings actually struck first with three runs in the first inning. That lead was short lived as Beverly Hills scored four runs off starter Andrew McRitchie in the second inning. In fact, Beverly Hills' lead would have been 5-3 had Sam Mason stepped on the plate scoring what appeared to be the first run of the inning. Samohi catcher Lino Lares protested the run, with the umps agreeing that Mason didn't touch the plate.

Despite the questionable calls by the officials, neither coach went as far as to say that the umpires were off their game.

"At least the calls were consistent is all I'll say," Samohi head coach Sheldon Philip-Guide said. "It seemed to go both ways."

Aside from being league rivals, the game had an added dimension that bred familiarity.

Samohi relief pitcher Albert Garcia was pitching against his teammates from a year ago. The first-year transfer from Beverly Hills relieved McRitchie in the sixth inning. He walked the first batter he faced, ultimately allowing Jason Ross to score the then go-ahead run, but settled down to stop the bleeding. He benefited from the late rally and collected the win after pitching a one-two-three seventh inning.

"It meant a little something extra to do it against my old friends," Garcia said.

The two teams don't have long to wait until the rematch. The teams are scheduled to meet at La Cienega Park in Beverly Hills on Thursday. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m.



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SO CLOSE: **Samohi's Max Fanali appears to be tagged out after a Beverly HIlls pick-off attempt Tuesday on campus. Fanali was called safe and ultimately scored the tying run in the sixth inning. Samohi went on to win, 9-7.**

Beverly Hills head coach Vonzie Paysinger isn't sure who will start on the mound, but Philip-Guide already has a hurler in mind. Tuesday's hero Padilla will get the nod and is looking forward to throwing under the lights for the first time this season.

"Adam is a proven vet," Philip-Guide said. "He's my guy who I don't mind pitching in hostile environments.

"He knows how to get it done in different situations."

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BILL
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"right of redemption," a protection that homeowners going into foreclosure in California already enjoy.

"Rents in California are the second highest in the nation, second only to Hawaii," said Dean Preston, executive director of Tenants Together, a tenants' rights group based in San Francisco. "We think this is a good time for the state of California to pass a right to redemption, which would prevent unnecessary evictions."

Tenants Together worked with Ammiano to draft the legislation, which Preston characterized as friendly to both tenants and landlords.

Landlords don't necessarily agree.

"This bill really only protects potentially nasty tenants as opposed to helping the down-and-out tenant that only wants to pay the rent, because the landlord will accept it," said Carl Lambert, of the Action Apartment Association in Santa Monica.

Most of the time, landlords want to keep tenants that are capable of paying rent, even if they're a little late. If a tenant is a "problem tenant," however, the new law would divest landlords of one method of evicting people that might harass other tenants, Lambert said.

"Eviction could take upwards of 90 days, during which landlords will often accept back rent from the tenant," Lambert said. "If it's otherwise an OK tenant, it's about getting the money."

The new bill would put an undo burden on landlords who might get saddled with a tenant that just tries to run up attorneys' fees and pressure the landlord into submission, Lambert added.

Tenants' rights groups, and the author of the bill, find the landlords arguments specious, pointing out that the bill caps the tenants responsibility for attorneys' fees to $350 only for pretrial hearings, not for the formal trial.

"It's difficult to respond to almost persistent cries of wolf regarding almost any tenants' rights bill that comes through Sacramento," said Quintin Mecke, spokesman for Ammiano's office.

The specter of the "evil tenant" is thrown around a lot in these conversations, Mecke said.

"Can you always present a worst case scenario of an evil tenant who would run up fees? Of course," Mecke said. "Is that the reality of what happens day to day in California? I don't think so."

The bill codifies the informal process that both sides of the argument acknowledge is already in place — giving tenants more leeway to keep their homes if they can make rent, even if it's late.

"We don't pass laws to regulate the landlord for acting in good faith, we pass them for the landlord acting in bad faith," Preston said.

Often, the targets of "bad faith" landlords are those with the least recourse, particularly rent-controlled apartment tenants because landlords can raise rents on the incoming occupant.

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights co-chairs Patricia Hoffman and Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein drafted a letter in support of the bill earlier this year. Since that letter was signed, however, the content of the bill changed considerably.

In its original form, the bill extended the "pay or quit" period from three days to 14 days, which would give renters more time to come up with back rent or make other accommodations rather than go to court.

That provision changed on April 26 to the current version of the bill, according to the legislative history.

"I don't think many tenants would be able to come up with past rent, court costs and next month's rent. The law as changed, I don't know if it would be that utilized," Hoffman said, acknowledging that she hadn't been able to speak to legal counsel about the changes in the bill.

The right of redemption versus pay or quit extension are two sides of the same coin, Preston said. "Overall, it remains a strong bill. It just approaches the same issue in a different way."

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TREES
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Those criteria stemmed in part from a separate tree initiative launched in August of last year by the City Council in partnership with the South Coast Air Quality Management District that funded the purchase of 1,000 native drought resistant California trees in Santa Monica.

Those trees, like the sycamores that almost found their way into palm territory, are part of a study with the United States Forest Service's Center for Urban Forest Research.

A main objective of that study is to record tree growth and then measure how much carbon is taken out of the atmosphere by publicly-owned and managed trees.

Santa Monica's public works division has already planted 274 of the trees in non-residential public areas like the Woodlawn Cemetery and two beach parking lots, wrote Public Landscape Manager Randy Little in an e-mail.

City Hall's Urban Forest Task Force is looking at ways to integrate some of the other 700 trees into a selection process that will identify tree species that can be planted on Santa Monica streets as other existing trees die or need to be removed.

A subcommittee of that task force creates its own criteria for trees for each street, said Barbara Stinchfield, director of community and cultural services.

"It depends street by street, and they apply the criteria for that street given the characteristics of the street," Stinchfield said. "They've spent hundreds of hours going through how they made those proposals, based on grow space, existing species and if those species are healthy and thriving."

In some cases, the committee is recommending that the same tree be planted. In others, like Georgina and Marguerita avenues, it's not.

Those recommendations will be vetted in three upcoming meetings in May and June, with a special sneak preview at the Santa Monica Festival on Saturday.

Based on those pre-determined criteria, the sycamore had been selected to intermix with the still-healthy palms on Georgina and Marguerita.

"The city was going to interplant our street trees, which are mostly Canary Island date palm trees with sycamores," Bach said. "Many of us love sycamores, but we were shocked on two counts."

The first: That the plan had been implemented with no discussion, and the second that the sycamores were so wildly out of place with the existing trees.

In the information item, staff acknowledge that they should have discussed the matter with residents before deciding to go ahead with the planting.

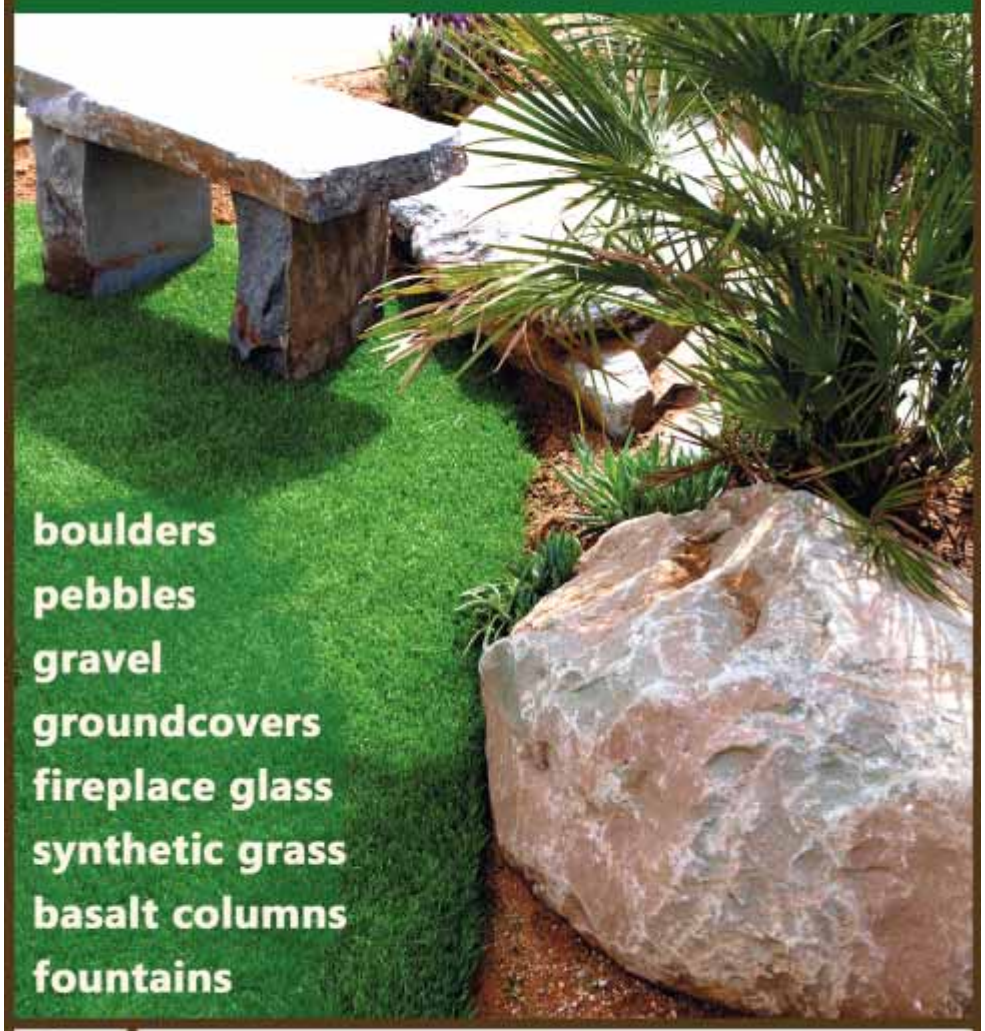
Since, representatives of the two streets have met with city staff and found a more acceptable replacement tree for the street — the Chilean wine date palm.

City foresters have also helped develop a plan to take care of the still-healthy Canary Island date palms.

"We feel that the partnership evolving between our neighborhood and the city in terms of the maintenance issues and caring for the trees can be a nice model for other neighborhoods," Bach said.

Santa Monicans who care about what trees show up on their blocks should attend upcoming meetings of the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force. The first meeting is May 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Main Library multipurpose room.

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• Art integration;
• Participation in or knowledge of the LUCE, the City of Santa Monica's recently adopted General Plan Land Use and Circulation Element.

Please visit www.smgov.net/ExpoUDC for details or call 310.458.8341. Applications are due no later than May 18, 2011 at 4 p.m.

SENTENCE
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May 19. He too could receive life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors said Robles and Garcia, who were members of two local street gangs affiliated with the Mexican mafia, were out to settle a dispute over drugs and money when they and two other suspects shot and killed the Juarez brothers and wounded two others.

The shooting raised alarm in Santa Monica because of the extreme nature of the crime. The Juarez brothers, who were visiting from out of town, and the two who were wounded were described by police as innocent victims who had no ties to gangs.

Bambrick, who took over the case in December 2004 after the previous lead detective retired, said eye witness testimony along with DNA evidence collected from a ski mask left at the scene of the murders were key pieces in the prosecution's case.

Bambrick said Robles acted as the getaway driver and was positively identified by witnesses. Garcia dropped his mask in the store and was also identified by witnesses.

Using DNA evidence collected from the mask, Bambrick said detectives were able to link Garcia and Robles, who were roommates at the time, to the crime scene. The two other shooters were never identified. Bambrick continues to investigate in hopes of locating the suspects.

At the time that murder charges were filed, Robles, also known as "Puppet," was serving an eight-year sentence in Corcoran State Prison. He was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in February 2001. Garcia, also known as "Psycho," was convicted of carjacking and assault with a deadly weapon with a firearm causing great bodily injury in May 1999. He was serving a 15-year sentence.

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NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 6:30 PM
Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street
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BASEBALL				
May 5	V	Bishop Amat	Bishop Amat	4:30pm
May 6	JV/V	BHMS	BHMS/Marine Park	3:15/3pm
May 9	JV/V	St. Paul	St. Paul/Marine Park	3:15/6pm
BOYS VOLLEYBALL				
May 4	JV/V	Mary Star	Mary Star	5/6:30pm
GIRLS SOFTBALL				
May 9	JV/V	Mary Star	Mary Star	3:15/3:15pm

Santa Monica High School

Date	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
COED SWIMMING				
May 4	All	Pioneer League Prelims	Beverly Hills	3pm
May 6	All	Pioneer League Prelims	Beverly Hills	3pm
COED TRACK				
May 5	All	Ocean League Championships		2:00pm
BOYS GOLF				
May 5	All	League Finals	Wilson	8:00am
BOYS BASEBALL				
May 5	JV/V	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	3/3:15pm
GIRLS SOFTBALL				
May 5	JV/V	Hawthorne	Hawthorne	3:15pm
May 7	V	El Segundo Tournament	El Segundo Tournament	TBA
BOYS VOLLEYBALL				
May 5	V	Beverly Hills		3:15pm
May 7	JV	Redondo Championship Tournament		TBA

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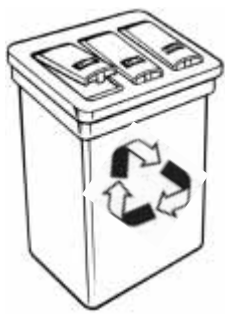
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Death of bin Laden sparks patriotism in U.S. youth

MARTHA IRVINE
AP National Writer

First there were a few cheers. Then, as news that Osama bin Laden was dead beamed from TV screens around them, the crowd at a campus bar erupted.

For once, Alyssa Pupino thought, she was in the right place at the right time.

"I really don't think I would've felt more American if there was a slice of apple pie sitting right in front of me," says the junior at Ohio State University.

They partied Sunday night at Ohio State and Notre Dame and Stanford and many other campuses, rejoicing in the death of the man who claimed responsibility for the greatest act of mass murder on American soil. Students from George Washington University joined the throng chanting "USA! USA!" outside the White House.

Commentators and others cast bin Laden's death as a defining moment for young Americans who grew up in the shadow of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, nearly a decade ago. On Twitter, someone posted a link to a photo of celebrations at the University of Delaware and called it an "intense sense of closure for people who were frightened little kids in '01."

But it was also, to be truthful, an excuse to party and let loose for a few hours.

Sean Morrow, a senior at Clark University in Massachusetts, watched with fascination as his friends' Facebook pages lit up with photos and status updates from various impromptu gatherings on other campuses.

"It's kind of surreal to watch people celebrating someone's death," says Morrow, a political science major. But he understands it because, for him and many others his age, bin Laden was their boogeyman, "the main negative person of our generation."

Add to that the news broke late at night — and that many college students are finishing up exams and ready to blow off steam — and the stage was set for revelry, he says.

A defining moment? Perhaps, he and others say, because they say they will always remember where they were when they heard the news. But some — even a number of young people themselves — are doubtful that it will shape them in the way that, say, the death of JFK molded baby boomers.

"It now becomes part of the narrative of 9/11. But there's little to lead us to believe that this will be the watershed moment for them that we might like it to be," says Alexander Riley, a cultural sociologist at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. "They're treating this news item like they're treating other news items."

And that is with an intensity, in the moment, but also a quickness to move on to the next topic.

Richard Laermer, a publicist in New York who tracks youth trends, calls events like these "bolts from the blue," which resonate until the next hot topic arises.

"Twitter was all about Osama bin Laden until 5 a.m. (Monday) when suddenly the hottest topic was the rap singer Drake, who has a new duet out," says Laermer, author of the book "2011: Trendspotting for the Next Decade."

"I think we like to give them credit for something. I think they swagger and make these great statements," Laermer continues. But in the end, he likened the scene outside the White House more to "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve" than a serious reaction.

Pupino, the Ohio State student, knows what he means. Even she said the celebrations on her campus reminded her of the parties that break out after the football or basketball teams beat a rival like the University of Michigan. Early Monday, dozens of students jumped into a campus lake, as they often do after games.

"But I think a lot of them were sober this time," Pupino says, chuckling. "It was a different type of joy," more like the elation many students felt when President Obama was elected.

There are those who say that bin Laden's death may help them move on.

"I do think it's brought renewed hope that we are no longer reeling from the events of 9/11," says Amanda Guisbond, a 25-year-old Boston resident who works in public relations.

But as much as we like to paint this generation of young people with a broad brush, their reactions are as mixed as any other American's.

Some talk about relief and unity. Still others worry about retaliation from other terrorists.

If there is a common thread, many young people say they understand the significance of bin Laden's death — defining or not — better than they may have understood Sept. 11, when many of today's college students were still in elementary school.

"This moment is different for me, at least. I know much more now than I did back then, and I know now that when something like that happens, you don't just go back to life as you did before," says Liz Martinez, a senior at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

"We shouldn't let this moment define us, but let it inspire us to craft a better definition of ourselves."



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Pac-10 has new TV deal with Fox Sports and ESPN

JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The Pac-10 agreed to a 12-year television contract with Fox and ESPN on Tuesday worth about $3 billion, allowing the conference to quadruple its media rights fees and start its own network.

The contract, which will begin with the 2012-13 season, will be worth about $250 million per year, guaranteeing each of the 12 schools in the conference about $21 million, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the contract has not been announced.

The contract is expected to be formally announced at a news conference in Phoenix on Wednesday.

The Pac-10 made less than $60 million in media rights this past season but became the latest conference to take advantage of the escalating market for college sports on television.

The ACC recently signed a deal for $155 million a year and the Big 12 reached a deal with Fox that made its total annual package worth about $130 million. The Pac-10, which will be renamed the Pac-12 in July with the additions of Utah and Colorado, topped those deals, as well as the $205 million the SEC gets and the $220 million paid to the Big Ten.

Rights to some football and men's basketball games were not sold to Fox and ESPN, preserving some premium property the conference can use for a Pac-12 network to go along with Olympic and other non-revenue sports, a person close to the deal said.

Unlike the Big Ten Network, which Fox has a 49 percent ownership share in, the Pac-12 will own its entire network. That could add difficulties in terms of getting wide distributions on cable and satellite systems but allows the conference to have complete control of its content and keep all the profits if the network is as successful as the Big Ten.

The conference will also launch a digital network to show games online that aren't on ESPN or Fox.

The deal with Fox and ESPN was first reported by Sports Business Daily, while The New York Times first reported details about the network.

This deal accomplishes all three goals Commissioner Larry Scott set out heading into negotiations: increasing revenue, getting more exposure and starting a Pac-12 network to provide an outlet to broadcast non-revenue sports and to help brand the conference.

Under this deal, Fox and ESPN will split the rights to college football games. ESPN will air its games on cable as well as ABC and Fox will show its games on its broadcast network, basic cable network FX and on the Fox Sports Net regional networks.

Men's basketball games will be split mostly between ESPN and Fox Sports Net, with ESPN also getting rights to some Olympic sports that will likely be aired on ESPNU.

The two entities will alternate showing the Pac-12 football championship game and the men's basketball tournament. Fox, which will air the inaugural football title game this season, will have the first football championship under this contract in 2012, with ESPN getting the men's basketball tournament later that season, a person familiar with the deal said.

Finalizing a media rights deal is the latest step in the transformation of the conference under Scott, who took over from Tom Hansen in July 2009.

Scott spearheaded last year's expansion effort and then got the schools to agree to an equal revenue sharing plan and aggregate all of their media rights at the conference level.

That set the stage for the television negotiations, which began in earnest April 1. While Comcast/NBC was an aggressive bidder and Turner Sports also was interested, incumbents Fox and ESPN won out.

This deal means full revenue sharing will kick in as soon as this contract begins. As part of an agreement to give up their historically larger share of television revenues, Southern California and UCLA were each to receive a $2 million premium any year that the media rights did not reach $170 million.

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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION/
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
AMC THEATER DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT PROJECT**

DATE: May 2, 2011

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, California 90407
Contact: Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner
Phone: (310) 458-8341

The City of Santa Monica intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the AMC Theater Development Agreement Project (the proposed project). In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects. Based on a preliminary analysis, the project could result in potentially significant effects in the following environmental issue areas: Aesthetics (including Shadows), Air Quality, Cultural (Historic) Resources, Construction Effects, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Transportation/Circulation, Neighborhood Effects, and Mandatory Findings of Significance

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PROJECT LOCATION: The approximately 30,000 square-foot project site is located at 1318 1320 4th Street, between Arizona Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, in the Downtown area of the City of Santa Monica.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would involve demolition of an existing 325-space public parking structure (City Parking Structure #3) and development of an approximately 83,000 square-foot theater building with 12 auditoriums (providing approximately 2,197 theater seats), approximately 2,100 square feet of retail tenant space, and approximately 1,800 square feet of interior restaurant/lounge space that would be open to the public. The proposed project would consist of approximately three levels (which include a below-grade level for two auditoriums) and have a height of approximately 54 feet above grade. As part of the proposed project, the applicant proposes to reduce a total of approximately 1,597 theater seats in two other AMC-operated venues in the Downtown; this may include the closure of the AMC Broadway 4 and reconfiguration of the AMC 7. This would result in a total of 570 net new theater seats in the Downtown. The proposed project also includes implementation of the following Interim Parking Program to replace the 325 spaces lost due to demolition of Parking Structure #3 until permanent replacement parking is provided in the Downtown: Provide 130 new interim parking spaces at the corner of 5th Street and Arizona (City owned property) and (2) Relocate up to 250 monthly parking-pass holders (Downtown employees) who currently park at Parking Structure #5 to the Civic Center parking structure or lot and the Main Library in order to create capacity for visitors and shoppers in the immediate area on 4th Street.

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a 30-day review period. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information related to your agency's responsibility that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2011** and addressed to Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner at the lead agency address above.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: A public scoping meeting will be held to describe the proposed project, the environmental review process, and to receive public comments on the scope of the EIR. The meeting will be held at the following date and location:

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday, May 19, 2011
Santa Monica Main Library (Multipurpose Room)
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City of Santa Monica

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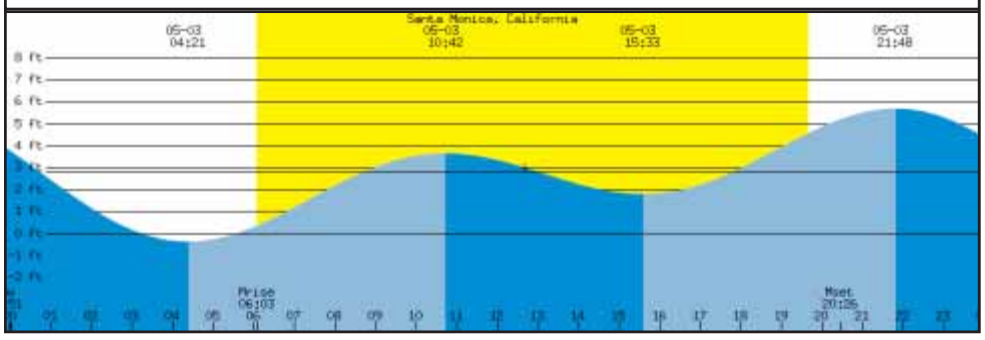
Swell Forecast

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Long Range Synopsis

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El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	C
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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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Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

One of my clients recently commented to me that she was very thankful that our criminal justice system afforded her an opportunity to help her kick her nasty drug habit. Her comments got me thinking about how often the criminal justice system is denigrated and maligned by a large majority of the population (and a large majority of those who go through the system) for the inability to rehabilitate and treat offenders in order to prevent a reoccurrence or repeat offense. Despite this widely held sentiment, there is a much better track record of success when it comes to the system's approach to drug offenses. California law makers and prosecutorial agencies decided long ago that it is far better to treat drug offenders than to punish them. This is a precarious and often delicate relationship because while no one wants to condone drug use, virtually everyone realizes that harsh punishments more often than not simply breed recidivism. This article will focus on two ways to combat drug use through the criminal justice system: DEJ and Prop 36.

California's drug laws maintain a close relationship with the electorate of California. That is to say that as popular feelings and opinions on drugs softens, so too do the laws criminalizing drug possession. For example, California Penal Code Section 1000, more commonly known as DEJ (Deferred Entry of Judgment), and the passage of Proposition 36, reflects California citizens' collective sentiment that drug offenders should be given every available option to seek treatment and stop using drugs before a court imposes jail or prison.

DEJ is covered by Penal Code Section 1000 and applies to cases where a person is caught in possession of a controlled substance, smoking device, or even alcohol. The basic principle behind DEJ is that is an offender in possession of a controlled substance (i.e. cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy or a pipe, etc.) may enter a guilty plea, stay clean, take drug treatment classes, and then have the guilty plea withdrawn and the case dismissed after an 18 month period. Note that even if the underlying offense is dismissed some employers and licensing agencies may still pursue administrative action. DEJ only applies to cases where the controlled substance is for personal use (meaning not a sales case) and where the offender is first determined to be eligible. Moreover, if an offender violates DEJ and defies a court's orders the judge may enter the guilty plea and sentence the offender accordingly.

In order to be found eligible for the DEJ program it must be demonstrated that: 1) There are no prior convictions for any offense involving controlled substances, 2) The offense charged did not involve a crime of violence or threatened violence, 3) There is no evidence of a violation relating to narcotics or restricted dangerous drugs, 4) The defendant's has not previously violated probation or parole, 5) The defendant has not been placed on DEJ within 5 years of the offense date, and 6) The defendant has no prior felony conviction within five years. If all of these requirements are satisfied, then a person is eligible for DEJ and has the opportunity to earn a dismissal.

Similar to DEJ, Proposition 36 was passed by California voters in November 2000 as a legislative means to allow drug offenders to receive probation with treatment rather than incarceration. For practical purposes, Prop. 36 is a secondary option to get addicts and users treatment when DEJ and/or other programs have failed to get people the help that they so desperately need. A user is ineligable for probation under Prop. 36 if they have a prior felony "strike" within five years, if in the same case they have been convicted of a non-drug related felony or misdemeanor, if they were in possession of a firearm while under the influence, and/or if they have twice failed Prop. 36 or continuously refuses treatment.

A person sentenced to Prop. 36 will complete drug treatment classes, counseling, and whatever other courses are deemed appropriate by the court. The offender will also submit to urine or blood testing as well. Upon successful completion of the Prop. 36 program the case is not automatically dismissed as is the case with DEJ; however, one can petition to the court to dismiss the action with a showing that they have successfully completed the program and gone above and beyond what was required.

The DEJ and Prop. 36 programs can work wonders for drug users and offenders. It is often quite refreshing to see someone enter the program as a downtrodden, distraught, and disheveled drug addict and exit the program clean, sober, and enlightened about the many dangers of drug use. I will never forget the look of happiness, joy and relief that filled my client's face when the judge congratulated her on her progress and then dismissed her case. There was applause from the small audience in the courtroom, and my client felt as though she had accomplished something positive rather than felt the shame of having committed a crime. It was refreshing to both of us that the criminal justice system actually helped and truly served the interests of justice.

If you or anyone you know has been arrested for a drug related offense or any other misdemeanor or felony offense contact criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor Jacob Glucksman through The Legal Grind immediately to preserve your rights!

This column was prepared by Jacob Glucksman, a Criminal Defense attorney. He can be reached through the Legal Grind at 310-452-8160 or referral@legalgrind.com

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Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:05pm, 9:50pm

Dylan Dog: Dead of Night (PG-13) 1hr 47min
2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Soul Surfer (PG-13) 1hr 45min
2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil (PG) 1hr 25min
10:30am

Fast Five (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 3:20pm, 4:35pm, 6:35pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm, 10:30pm

African Cats (G) 1hr 29min
10:40am, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Hanna (PG-13) 1hr 51min
10:45am, 1:25pm, 4:00pm, 10:15pm

Prom (PG) 1hr 43min
11:35am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

Rio 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
11:45am, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
12:40pm, 2:50pm, 5:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:40pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Meek's Cutoff (PG) 1hr 44min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Win Win (R) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Exporting Raymond (PG) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Rio (PG) 1hr 36min
1:35pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

Hop (PG) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm

Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 7:20pm

Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (NR) 2 hrs 33 min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

Water for Elephants (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
12:15pm, 1:15pm, 3:15pm, 4:15pm, 6:15pm, 7:15pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm

Conspirator (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
4:20pm, 10:00pm

Arthur (PG-13) 1hr 50min
9:40pm

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Catch up with a friend tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Fog describes your morning. You might not be sure about what is happening. Ask questions, and you will get answers. Some of them could be quite surprising. Stop and assess before running off and acting. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Use the a.m. to the max, when you are energized. By the afternoon, you could be weighing the pros and cons of a surprising insight. Verify rather than leap. Ultimately, you might be right, but you don't want to jump on a bad risk. Tonight: Pay a bill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might drag in the morning. You might wonder exactly what to do with a loved one who seems ready to create a riot in order to get attention. Your sense of humor pulls this situation out of the realm of serious. Tonight: What is your pleasure?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ A sense of confusion marks certain decisions. Don't react to a boss or an unpredictable person in your environment. You cannot change him or her, but you can change your reaction so that you are more comfortable. Tonight: Just for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You could be overwhelmed by your many options and decisions. A meeting not only lets you discover your supporters but also other paths. You might spontaneously decide to take the path least traveled. Tonight: Fun and games.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Another person's willingness to take a risk surprises you. With this person's help, you can become more of a manifester. Listen to a suggestion. Tonight: In the thick of things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Find out what is happening behind the scenes. The key is to approach a partner directly with sureness. Be ready to deal with another person's issues. Don't trigger, and know what you want. Tonight: Move through a situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Get feedback and listen to the many different opinions. Still, after a discussion with a key associate or partner, you'll get past a limitation. Realize what you are really asking for from another person. Tonight: Accept an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others come forward. You might not be exactly sure what is happening. Keep smiling, with the knowledge that much could be a piece of cake if you relax. Others make suggestions. Even if you dislike their ideas, you need to say thank you. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be a lot more tired than you realize. You have had to push hard to achieve your current goals. Unexpected revelations close to family and home could have you wondering. Tonight: In order to feel good, squeeze in some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your creativity always piques others' interest. You don't need answers; you simply need ideas. Often people build on parts of your ideas, and then you continue. This process goes back and forth for a while. Like it or not, sudden events could have you propelling in a new direction. Tonight: Start acting like it's the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Openly listen to news involving real estate or a personal matter. You will note that an unexpected financial development points to a new direction. Your ability to read past the obvious and understand the true meaning of a situation could change your perspective. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

Happy birthday

Never underestimate what you have to offer, as it is far more than you are aware. The opportunity for growth and gain emerges, as you build on one characteristic after another. This year you enter a new life and luck cycle. You will be evaluating what is valid and what you want to bring with you into this new luck and life cycle. If you are single, you have much more going for you than you realize. Others clearly are magnetized by your presence. You are likely to meet several possible suitors. If you are attached, the two of you tend to talk and share more. You feel supported by your life mate. GEMINI sometimes draws out an innate possessiveness.

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



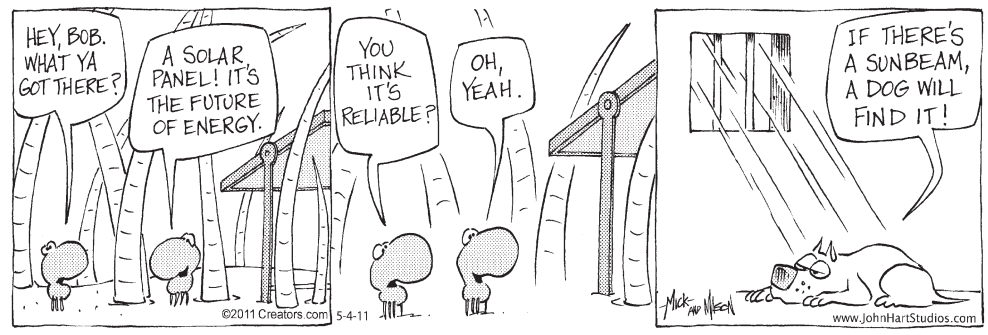
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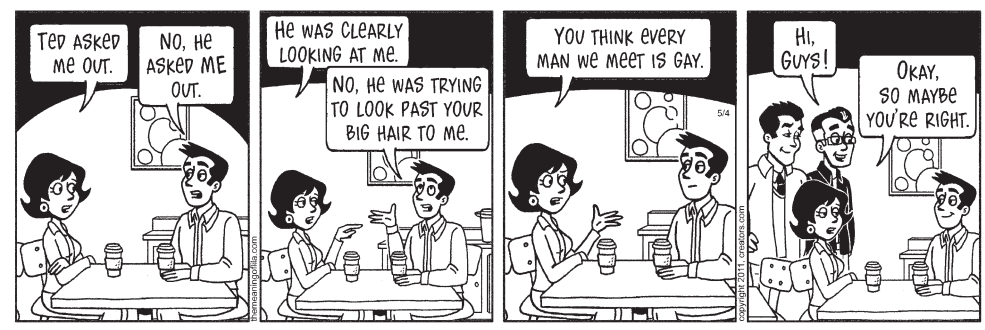
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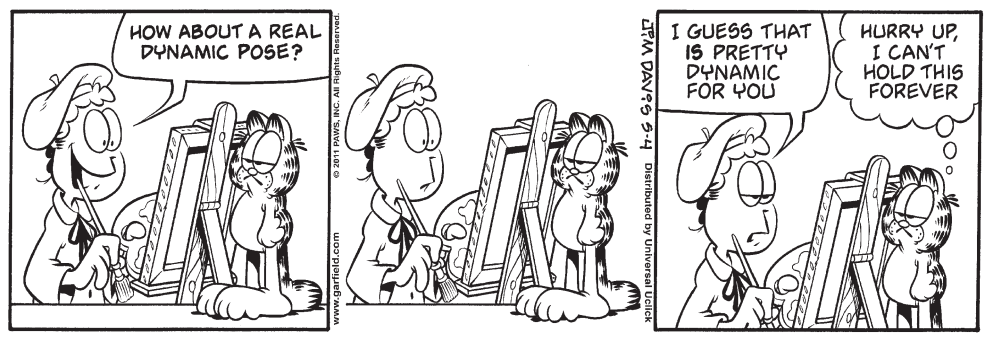
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Sudoku

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	6				5	3	
8			4		3			7
			9					4
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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

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

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ACROSS

1 Troop member
6 Nail part
10 Letter after iota
11 2008 animated film
12 Clarifying words
13 Inert gas
14 Cooped (up)
15 Designer Giorgio
16 Schedule C org.
17 Guitar blaster
18 "Stand" band
19 Jeers and the like
22 Location
23 Corn Belt state
26 Discouraging
29 Buddy
32 Mamie's man
33 Mardi Gras city
34 Odorless gas
36 Office note
37 Happen
38 Moon of Saturn
39 Bashful
40 Make a speech
41 Easy targets
42 Prone to brooding

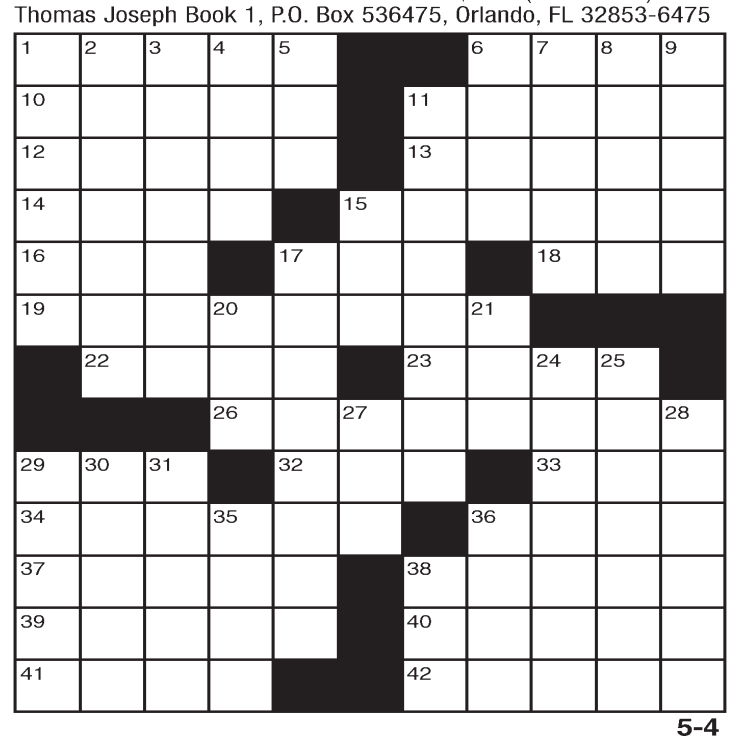
DOWN

1 "Never mind!"
2 Shot takers
3 Becomes frank
4 — the crack of dawn
5 Sandy color
6 Injure
7 "Enigma Variations" composer
8 Solitary
9 Jeans material
11 Enterprise speed
15 Paris pal
17 Achieved
20 Silent okay
21 Procured
24 Bug's kin
25 Give life to
27 Luau instrument
28 Black-footed albatross
29 Ham and lamb
30 Skylit foyers
31 Zoo primate
35 Without repair
36 Painter Joan
38 Huck's pal

P	A	S	T	A	■	W	A	S	P	S
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R	E	S	I	D	E	S	■	D	E	F
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A	L	G	■	P	U	T	B	A	C	K
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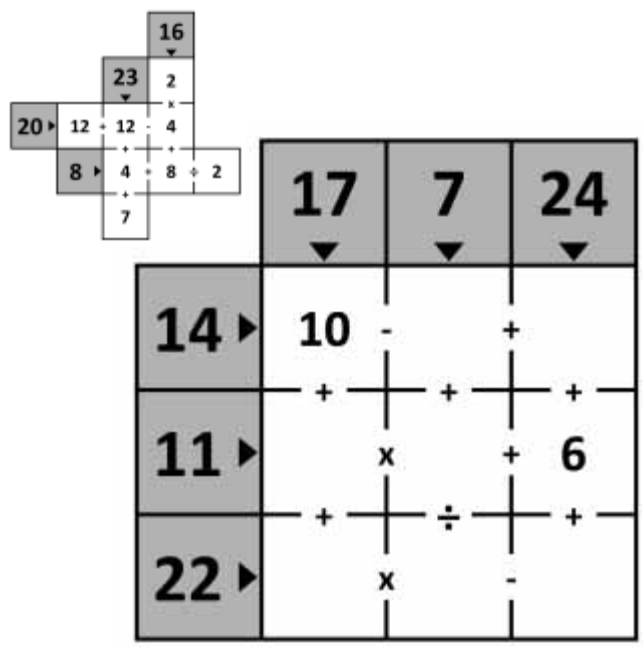
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 5, 5, 6, 6, 8, 10

Solution for Task 542



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Fantasy 5: 12 23 26 27 28

DAILY 3 MIDDAY: 9 9 8 EVENING: 0 7 6

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Youth pastor Brent Girouex, 31, was urged to confess by his minister in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in February to an apparently lengthy series of sexual experiences with boys and young men, which he initiated by suggesting that ejaculating would help the victims gain "sexual purity" by (as he explained to detectives) "getting rid of the evil thoughts in their mind." Eight victims reported multiple purification sessions, with one estimating as many as 100.

■ For Career Day in April at Shady Grove Elementary School in Henrico, Va., kids heard a local plastic surgeon describe his specialty, but not until afterward did parents learn that the surgeon had brought along as props saline breast implants (which he passed around for the kids to handle). Many parents were outraged, and even one calmer parent commented, "Career Day sure isn't what it once was."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1974 An all-female Japanese team reaches the summit of Manaslu, becoming the first women to climb an 8,000-meter peak.

1979 Margaret Thatcher becomes the first female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

1982 Twenty sailors are killed when the British Type 42 destroyer HMS Sheffield (D80) is hit by an Argentinian Exocet missile during the Falklands War.

1988 The PEPCON disaster rocks Henderson, Nevada, as tons of space shuttle fuel detonates during a fire.

1989 Iran-Contra Affair: Former White House aide Oliver North is convicted of three crimes and acquitted of nine other charges. The convictions, however, are later overturned on appeal.

1990 Latvia proclaims the renewal of its independence after the Soviet occupation.

WORD UP!

purlieu

\ PUR-loo \ , noun;

1. A place where one may range at large; confines or bounds.
2. A person's haunt or resort.
3. An outlying district or region, as of a town or city.

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