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THE TALKING BASEBALL ISSUE

Pollution lingers near I-10 Freeway

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Air pollutants generated by those traveling on Interstate 10 in Santa Monica extend more than 1.5 miles from the source in the hours before sunrise, exposing more residents to traffic-related pollution than previously thought, increasing the risk for developing asthma and other respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular disease and even premature death.

That's according to a new study by environmental health researchers from UCLA, USC and the California Air Resources Board, who studied pollutants by traveling along Stewart Street near the I-10 Freeway in an electric car, measuring gaseous and particulate air pollutants from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. during the winter and summer months.

The distance the pollutants travel before the sun rises is 10 times what was previously measured during daytime hours, which has significant exposure implications, researchers said, because most people are in their homes asleep or just waking up, or perhaps exercising. Outdoor pollutants infiltrate indoor environments.

"The important message is that people need to rethink how close is too close, and at what time of day," said researcher Dr. Scott Fruin of the USC Keck School of Medicine, who specializes in high exposure environments such as freeways and ports.

"This study is the first to [explore] the impact as far as it is," Fruin added. "We still have some work to do figuring out what the long-term effects are. It's a fairly new research topic. … But because of this study there is new cause for concern for people living downwind of a freeway within 2,000 meters."

Fruin said the study does not just apply to Santa Monica, but to all freeways in Los Angeles County.

A second striking finding of the study was

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PLAYING AROUND

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman and Santa Monica Fire Chief Jim Hone play fooseball with Gabriela Ruiz, 11, and her brother Alberto during the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica's grand opening celebration of the John Adams Middle School clubhouse on Wednesday. The new clubhouse will enable the after-school program to expand from one small classroom serving approximately 300 children annually to a 5,563-square-foot facility equipped to support all of the school's 1,100 students.

Landmarking revoked for former mayor's home

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A few dozen pleas to preserve a 57-year-old ocean-front building were not enough to sway the City Council on Tuesday from revoking a landmark designation of the home of Santa Monica's first female mayor.

Following a roughly hour-long public hearing featuring testimony from more than 30 speakers, the council voted to uphold an appeal by the Trammell Crow Co., the owner of 301 Ocean Ave., who was challenging the Landmarks Commission's decision in January to historically designate the apartment building based on its association with former Mayor Clo Hoover.

The issue highlighted a growing tension between those who want to preserve Santa Monica's neighborhoods by limiting development, both residential and commercial, and those who are in favor of growth and

SEE LANDMARK PAGE 12

MLB draft proves kind to Vikings

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI This has been a banner week for Viking baseball.

Santa Monica High School senior Tyler Skaggs was taken by the Los Angeles Angels in the compensation round with the 40th pick in the Major League Draft on Tuesday and former Viking and UCLA Bruin Cody Decker was taken in the 22nd round by the San Diego Padres with the 654 pick on Wednesday.

"They are my favorite team," Skaggs said of the Angels. "I'm ecstatic.

"This morning I woke up and said that my dream has come true."

Skaggs, who has also committed to play at Cal State Fullerton, said that he expects to forgo college and enter the pros. The next step for him is to sign an agent and begin negotiating the terms of his contract.

Skaggs said that he's eager to sign and jokingly added that he doesn't want to give the Angels too big of a hometown discount.

Once he comes to terms with the Angels, Skaggs is expected to be assigned to rookie ball in Tempe, Arizona.

Bobby DeJardin, the head area scout for the Angels, said that Los Angeles is pleased to get Skaggs with the 40th pick in the

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Feral cat tips
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11361 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
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Friday, June 12, 2009

Meet the author
In Focus Wellness Institute
717 Broadway Ave., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Fox Badibanga, author of "Global Warming and Al Gore Faustus Adventures Inside the Earth" invites you to a book signing event. This book explores the idea that the Earth is a living anthropomorphized being with feelings, memory and a spirit and should be treated as such. There are many efforts being deployed to save energy and build pollution-free technologies, but unless we understand the reasons why we should protect the planet, these efforts will remain thin and meaningless to many. Admission is free. Call (310) 576-2062 for more information.

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CORRECTION

In the photo "Now presenting ..." that appeared on page 8 of the June 10 issue of the Daily Press, the caption should have identified Bayside District Corp. Executive Director Kathleen Rawson as the person speaking at the podium.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Top that

Santa Monica and Malibu high schools are some of the nation's best, according to Newsweek, which released its list of the top 1,500 U.S. public schools.

Newsweek ranked Santa Monica High School at number 251 and Malibu High School at number 313.

The rankings were based on the number of Advanced Placement, Intl. Baccalaureate and/or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2008 divided by the number of graduating seniors.

"We are proud of our schools and the level of achievement that they produce," said Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Superintendent Tim Cuneo. "This is the result of the district's commitment to excellence and the dedication of our teachers, support staff, and administration to the success of all students. A special thank you goes to our parents and communities for their continued support and commitment to our efforts to prepare students to contribute and compete globally." DAILY PRESS

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

Pedestrian struck in crosswalk

A woman was struck by a motorcycle while walking in a crosswalk at the corner of 18th Street and Wilshire Boulevard around 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, police said.

The motorcycle rider noticed the pedestrian and jumped off the bike, hoping to have it slide to a stop before hitting the woman, but the plan failed, police said. The bike slid and struck the woman, causing serious, but non life-threatening, injuries. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The accident is under investigation. No criminal charges were filed as of Tuesday evening. DP

CULVER CITY

Grand finale

The final performance at The Jazz Bakery was a smash. The concert, which was held as a benefit to raise money for the Santa Monica High School Jazz Band, was so well attended that additional seats had to be added. More jazz fans came during intermission and filled the balcony as well, organizers said.

Attendance for the concert not only raised $1,700 for the Jazz Band — helping them to buy new charts, keep their instruments in top shape and assist in covering costs for the band to attend competitions and festivals — it also was a great send off for The Jazz Bakery. The Jazz Bakery is continuing its search for a new location, after closing its doors with a 16-year-run in the Helms Bakery locale.

Jazz pianist George Kahn, who organizes benefits for Samohi, said it was the best audience and best attendance in all the years he's played at the club. DP

STD tests just a text away for teens

SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Teenage girls are now a text message away from finding out whether they have sexually transmitted diseases.

Health officials unveiled a program Wednesday that will target young women in Los Angeles County by offering home delivery of STD testing kits and a text message to alert them when the results are ready online.

"Adolescents traditionally have not used health services the way they need to," said Dr. Jonathan Fielding, the county's public health director. "We need to use media tools and be part of the way people communicate who are that age."

The program expands on a model piloted by Johns Hopkins School of Medicine researchers in Baltimore who conducted a six-month study in 2004 using mail-in tests.

Health officials in Los Angeles County hope their program can curb the alarming spread of gonorrhea and chlamydia. According to the most recent statistics available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Los Angeles County led the nation in 2007 in reported chlamydia cases at 44,030, and ranked second in the number of gonorrhea cases at 10,063.

Peter Kerndt, director of the county's sexually transmitted disease program, says those numbers are expected to climb upon the program's implementation.



Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

DIGGING DEEP: **Santa Monica Police investigate a drive-by-shooting that occurred on Tuesday night. SMPD officials say that nobody was injured during the attack on Pico Boulevard.**

Shots ring out near Virginia Avenue Park

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD Police are asking for the public's help in identifying a car used in a drive-by-shooting Tuesday night, hoping that information leads to those responsible for the attack.

SMPD Lt. P.J. Guido said two people — one male adult and one male juvenile — ran into Wine Barrel Liquor in the 2100 block of Pico Boulevard around 10:45 p.m. Tuesday seeking shelter after several shots were fired in their direction.

Witnesses inside the liquor store told officers they heard several gunshots but did not see who was responsible.

Before officers could arrive, the alleged victims fled the liquor store. Officers searched local hospitals but could find no patients being treated for gunshot wounds, leaving officers to believe the two targeted were unharmed.

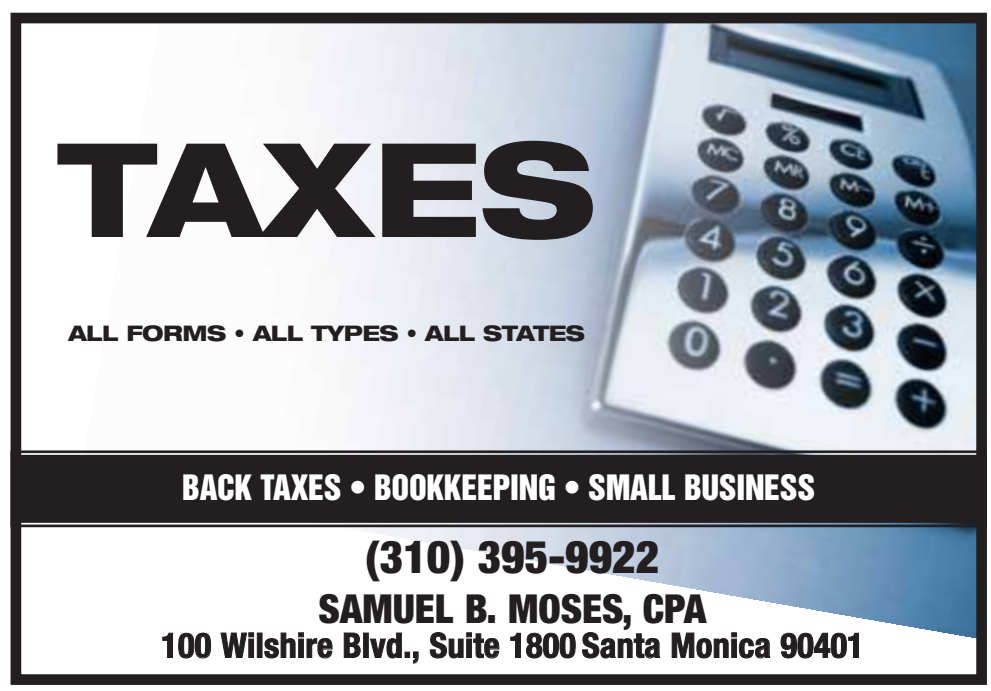
Guido said a vehicle was seen leaving the area shortly after the shooting occurred. It was described as a silver colored car. There was no further description.

Anyone with information is asked to call the SMPD at (310) 395-9931.

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Promenade visit not so pleasant

Editor:

Tuesday night, on the Channel 2 news, there was a brief segment about the new Santa Monica Promenade ambassadors who are now in place along the promenade and ready to help you! They are there to point you in the right direction of any store, eatery, restroom, etc. – anything that you could possibly need, they are there to help, reported the news.

I had a much different experience with the Santa Monica ambassadors last Sunday. My husband and I happened to go to the Santa Monica Promenade to have brunch and shop.

After spending $50 on brunch at a local restaurant there, we began our stroll down the promenade. We recognized two guitar players that we had enjoyed several months ago, and sat down on the curb to listen to them. Upon completion of their set, we moved on. We made several purchases. We then sat on the curb, once again, to listen to another group further down that caught our attention. At that time we were approached by a "Promenade Ambassador," who informed us that Santa Monica did not like, or encourage, people sitting on the curb. While he acknowledged that benches were limited, he asked us if we could please look for a bench and not sit on the curb.

I am outraged. First of all, with the economy as it is, I chose to spend that afternoon at the promenade, and chose to patronize local businesses there. When I looked around from where I was sitting at the limited benches, each of the four of them was taken up by a homeless person. If the person were not lying on the bench (taking up the entire bench) then his/her personal belongings, along with that person, took up the entire bench.

This "Promenade Ambassador" thing really needs to quickly be re-thought, with summer approaching. The priorities are obviously not where they need to be!

If the city doesn't want people sitting on the curb listening to the performers, then perhaps the first step is the eliminate the permits and do away with the performers altogether. The second step would be to alleviate the homeless people, who are obviously not patronizing the local businesses. Certainly all of this should be addressed before I am told that I cannot sit on the curb.

Caryl Fox
West Los Angeles

Doggy diapers

Editor:

I am sure that I am not the only one who hates having my lawn treated like a toilet by inconsiderate neighbors, who think it is their God-given right to have their dogs poop and pee on other people's property. One cannot walk to a café, a store, a park, or even the beach, without having to walk around dog urine and dog poop. This situation it not only disgusting, it is extremely unhealthy.

It is about time that we had a law that if people want to have dogs as pets, they are required to have their pets' poop and pee on their own property. Picking it up is not enough. Pee cannot be removed. Poop, at best, can only be partially removed. If people want to bring their dogs out in public, they can have their dog wear diapers. We certainly expect the parents of babies, and toddlers, to keep their children from defecating in public. We should demand the same courtesy from owners of dogs.

Elena Segal
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Creating refuge one backyard at a time

WHETHER YOU LAMENT DWINDLING rain forests or the disappearance of neighborhood cats to hungry coyotes, most of us recognize loss of wildlife habitats as a growing environmental concern.

As an alternative to hand-wringing, the National Wildlife Federation offers ordinary citizens the means to take action by establishing a Certified Wildlife Habitat in their own backyard. It's not only enjoyable, but easy. I know because I did it in a matter of weeks despite starting out a gardening illiterate.

Here's how the program works. A yard has to qualify in all five areas outlined below, but each offers several options. Then there's a two-page checklist to fill out — works on the honor system — and a $15 processing fee. That's it.

FOOD SOURCES

A diversity of food sources is a must, whether via vegetation bearing fruits, pollen, berries, or seeds or just manmade feeders. To get acquainted with my yard, I consulted a local nursery and came away smiling after learning the red and white trumpet flowers of lush honeysuckle vines and purple floral clusters on Abelia shrubs are providing nectar for hummingbirds.

As a lover of butterflies, hearing that dainty Teatree flowers supply them with seasonal nourishment was welcomed news, too. It seemed a fitting move then to hang a saucer for rotting fruit, a butterfly favorite, to supplement scarcer times.

That birds and ground squirrels enjoy the fruits of my treasured peach and Japanese persimmon trees was already obvious, but I was surprised to discover that other resident trees and shrubs are abundant producers of tiny fruits or berries also favored by birds — cotoneaster, American pepper, and Indian hawthorn to name a few.

As four birdseed feeders already dotted the yard, I installed, at ground level, easy-to-open peanut-filled boxes to both support the local squirrel community and entertain my family.

A word of caution to the squeamish: The food chain can rear its head in unanticipated ways. Red-tailed hawks come around now in search of morning doves for whom my yard has become a routine foraging stop.

WATER SOURCES

Water sources for drinking and bathing is the category I low-balled because several of the options — like a lake or stream — aren't in the cards in my seriously suburban neighborhood. An existing birdbath was enough to qualify, but adding a second, placed more strategically to avoid predators, seemed prudent.

A "butterfly puddling area" is another easy choice and can be done without spending a dime. Male butterflies apparently congregate on wet gravel surfaces to sip mineral-laden water. Scientists think it enhances their sex appeal. A pie pan filled with gravel and water, buried to ground level, and voila, a butterfly puddle!

PLACES FOR COVER

As my taste in landscaping runs in the less manicured direction, places where critters can find shelter from weather and predators abounded from the get-go. Perennial shrubs of pittosporum and Indian hawthorn and xylosma trees all provide excellent off-ground cover for birds year round. A shady grove of Boston ferns, in turn, provides ground level refuge for lizards and hordes of insects. Even a long-neglected woodpile has earned new status as a safe haven for ground-dwellers.

For larger properties, grander scale options are available, like a meadow or pond. However, a humble rock pile, already visited by lizards, and a simple plywood butterfly house were the only wildlife refuge add-ons I made.

PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG

Venues for wildlife to mate and raise young range from commonplace dense shrubs and tall trees to more exotic wetlands and caves. Living in an older neighborhood where multi-story trees are the norm, my assortment of mature California sycamores, Aleppo pines, American peppers, and crepe-myrtles more than sufficed.

However, an irresistible opportunity presented here to dust off a long-forgotten wooden nesting box my daughter made at camp and tuck it among the patio rafters, awaiting any comers.

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING PRACTICES

This category covers strategies to conserve soil and water, minimize applied chemicals and encourage native plant species.

Having abandoned chemical pesticides and fertilizers years ago in favor of composting and mulching was alone more than enough to qualify my yard. Moreover, a largely neglected compost pile serves to recycle leaves and small cuttings on site.

My yard is now Wildlife Habitat #107457, but the certificate is anything but an endpoint for me. How I perceive landscapes is forever changed. Where I once saw just eye-pleasing colors and textures, I now try to imagine from the perspective of a bird, squirrel, butterfly, lizard or honeybee. I want my yard to be more about them than it is about me. I will admit to some pride that I can name many of my plants now. But, the flip side is disconcerting awareness that most are non-native species, some even considered invasive or water-thirsty and ill-suited to this dry climate where annual rainfall is short of 15 inches.

Although I've no mindset yet to evict such interlopers, rest assured that any future plantings will be native and drought resistant. For starters, I've broadcasted native wildflower seeds in a sunny spot in hopes of establishing a feeding and breeding ground for local butterflies, come summertime.

Certify by mail or online at www.nwf.org/certify. Showing off your accomplishment with a small yard sign from the National Wildlife Foundation is optional.

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Obama's plan for a debt-ridden future

PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS OFFICIALLY begun the era of bigger big government by proposing to go on a multi-trillion dollar borrowing spree that risks doing to the "full faith and credit of the United States" what excessive borrowing during the housing bubble did to private credit.

Under his budget plan for America's future, spending will average 23.7 percent of GDP for at least a decade (a whopping 20 percent higher than in 2000-08).

Near-record deficits increasing at record rates will push the public debt of the U.S. beyond the economy's plausible capacity to pay — 70 percent of GDP by 2012, heading quickly to 82 percent of GDP in 2019 and on pace to be astronomically higher soon thereafter.

American families over the last year have already lost 8 percent of their net worth — in part as a result of inept government meddling, past and present. For many of the same reasons, they are also buried under a mountain of mortgages and private-sector debts gone bad. On top of that, if the president has his way, they will soon be hit with more than a 100 percent increase in public debt (from $8 trillion this year to $17.3 trillion in 2019).

Furthermore, the Treasury (and taxpayers) will soon have to begin repaying to Social Security more than $5 trillion in payroll tax revenues that the government had taken from the trust fund and spent for earmarks and other purposes.

Even without the Obama surge in debt — and taxes to pay it off — taxpayers face the prospect of 60 percent to 70 percent income-tax rates in the future to pay for $48 trillion in unfunded liabilities under existing entitlement programs. Now the president plans to burden the economy's limited taxpaying capacity with a universal health care entitlement.

Foreigners purchased two-thirds of the Treasury debt sold during 2004-08 — and now own 50 percent of U.S. public debt.

Scholars at the Peterson Institute for International Economics warn that the "net foreign debt" position of the U.S. is becoming unsustainable.

Even if the bond rating of Treasury obligations is not formally downgraded for risk, foreign investors may start to resist buying more U.S. debt and, if the situation gets worse, may start withdrawing from the U.S. economy the trillions of dollars of capital they have already lent us. Then what?

The current level of private saving in the U.S. is grossly insufficient to make up the shortfall. In fact, Washington is doing nearly everything possible to prevent Americans from adding to their savings.

In theory, the U.S. government can always pay its debts by increasing taxes, but the problem with taxes — and ultimately with big-spending government — is that tax increases harm the economy disproportionately and quickly reduce the economy's tax-paying capacity.

Before she became the chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisors, Christina Romer demonstrated in a research paper prepared for the National Science Foundation in 2007 that it costs the private-sector economy $4 ($1 of tax and nearly $3 of economic damage) to provide the government with $1 to spend.

In a research paper published by the National Bureau of Economic Research in 2006, former CEA Chairman Martin Feldstein concluded that the private-sector cost of an additional dollar of income-tax revenues for the government is $2.50 ($1 of tax and $1.50 of economic damage).

Paying off Obama's 10-year string of deficits that add up to $9.3 trillion with income tax increases of $9.3 trillion over 10 years would cost the private sector $23 trillion (Feldstein) to $37 trillion (Romer).

In effect, American families would over time lose an amount greater than an entire year of GDP — a blow far more severe than the damage being done to them by the current recession. It is irresponsible stewardship for Obama and Congress to go on a borrowing spree that puts America in the same unsustainable position as an overstretched boomer with too much debt and too little income and whose only option is to refinance at higher costs just to pay the interest.

The responsible alternative is for Washington to spend less — a lot less. Otherwise, the next Washington-created bubble to burst may be the full faith and credit of the United States.

CHRISTIAN AND ROBBINS are, respectively, the executive director and the chief economist of the Center for Strategic Tax Reform (cstr.org) in Washington, D.C.

The Q Line

Reading into it

City leaders are considering building a new library in the Pico Neighborhood. There are currently two proposals on the table. One calls for having the library placed in Virginia Avenue Park. Others think it should be elsewhere on Pico Boulevard.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Where should the new library be located and why?

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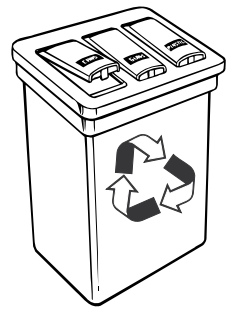
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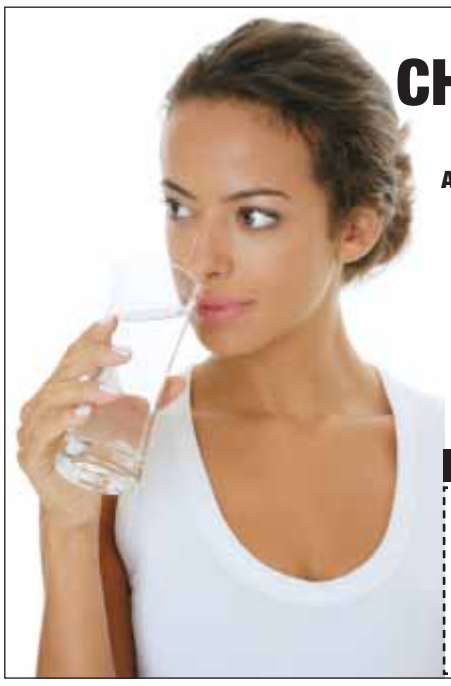

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Enjoying some tapas and an ocean view

AFTER A DISASTROUS DINNER SOMETIME ago at Shutters, where the busboys poured the bottled water into the glasses with tap water, and the waiter kept pouring too much of the wrong wine into the wrong glasses, mixing Bordeaux with Burgundy (not really a good blend) the PR people invited me to try their Tapas Tuesdays. They offered to comp me, of course, but I replied that my editor pays me so much for these articles that I can afford to eat anywhere.

I was pleasantly surprised by the experience! I arrived just before 6 p.m., the anointed time. The Spanish guitar player was tuning up. A very professional serveuse (my new word) offered me the tapas menu. Upon request she then brought me a wine list.

The five tapas listed: marinated beets, grilled octopus, smoked almonds, shrimp and grilled squid, each for $7. Also available at $7/glass, a sparkling wine from Sonoma and three red wines. Red wine with seafood tapas on a bright sunny afternoon at the beach did not seem appealing. So I ordered the three seafood tapas, a glass of sparkling wine from South Africa at $10 and a glass of white wine from Spain at $11. I'm a big spender. I asked them to bring everything seriatim.

While waiting I took in the beautiful view of both the beach and the ocean, and the inside view, a lively crowd of business people and vacationers, and plenty of wait staff. The guitarist began, right at 6 p.m., to play some of my favorite pieces.

The grilled octopus came as four nice bite sized pieces on a bed of lemon mashed potato salad. The tender octopus tasted flavorful, and the potato salad flavored with lemon went well with the octopus. There was enough for two to share. I drank the just OK tasting Graham Beck sparkling wine.

Next, three shrimp arrived sporting a grilled onion, and an exceptionally delicious tomato-garlic sauce on the side. This was also a very generous helping. That's about when I started drinking the Rias Biaxas "Nora" 2007 wine. The dark golden color held the promise of an amazing floral nose, and I was greeted with a mild entry and a smooth mid-palate ending in a dry exotic fruit finish with a slight citric, cleansing aftertaste. It was well worth the $11 price tag for a glass, but would I want to pay $44 for the bottle?

Finally the grilled squid with lemon and chilies arrived. The waiter might have sensed my disappointment as I asked him "where are the chilies?" He looked carefully at the squid rounds and the arugula, and shook his head. In a minute a manager arrived. "You were asking about the chilies," he said. "The chilies are used in the flavoring of the marinade for the squid." I offered him a piece of the squid, which was pretty bland and without any sign of chilies, but he declined. I mentioned that normally one doesn't put the seasonings on the menu, and moved the subject to Naples and Zurich, where his parents come from. We agreed that the Bauer is one of the best restaurants in Zurich, and parted on good terms.

Tapas Tuesday at Shutters is a bargain. The plates for $7 can be shared by two. With tax and a handsome tip, plus a $7 parking charge my total was $60, which means two can have a early evening dinner for $30 each. Wine prices by the glass are reasonable, although marking up the bottle prices to four times cost is too much. It's not cheap but it's first class, it's beautiful, and it's on the beach!

Shutters on the beach is at the west end of Pico Boulevard, (310) 587-1717. If you're a fan of champagne, you might want to try out Champagne Wednesdays.

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Napa Valley wine sale raises $5.7M

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ST. HELENA The Napa Valley wine auction, an annual assembly of the affluent, scaled down the glitz and raised a little more than half of last year's total for charity. But the $5.7 million take was just fine with organizers.

"Everyone is thrilled," Napa Valley Vintners spokesman Terry Hall said Monday. "In this economy, we are happy to be able to continue to support the nonprofits in Napa County."

The vintners' organization, which sponsors the auction, decided this year to streamline their approach.

"We spent less money on graphics and the catalog was a little less lush; the invitation was a little less lush," Hall said. "We reached out to all of our partners in terms of people who supply things and asked them to reduce their costs."

Last year featured Jay Leno as headliner. Oprah Winfrey was among attendees.

This year, the unofficial master of ceremonies was Kevin Zraly, creator of the "Windows on the World" wine course.

"It's still upbeat and positive, but it's not quite as over the top," said Kimberly Jackson, strolling past tables of fine food and wines at a Friday event held at the Robert Mondavi Winery. "It's more about old school Napa Valley. It's a nice change."

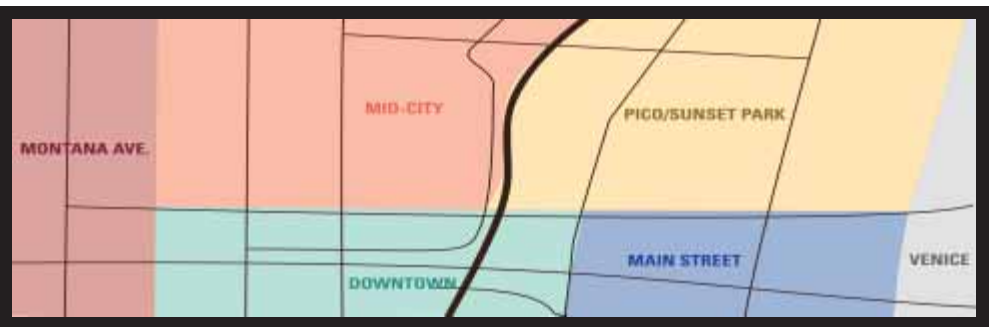
About 800 people came to the four-day event. It aims to turn over more than 90 percent of revenue to charity. The auction has donated $85 million to regional health care, youth and housing nonprofit programs in its 28-year history.

The top lot of the live auction came from vintner Piero Antinori, who offered to host winning bidders at his family's Napa Valley and Tuscany estates. In all, three couples bid a total of $1.1 million.

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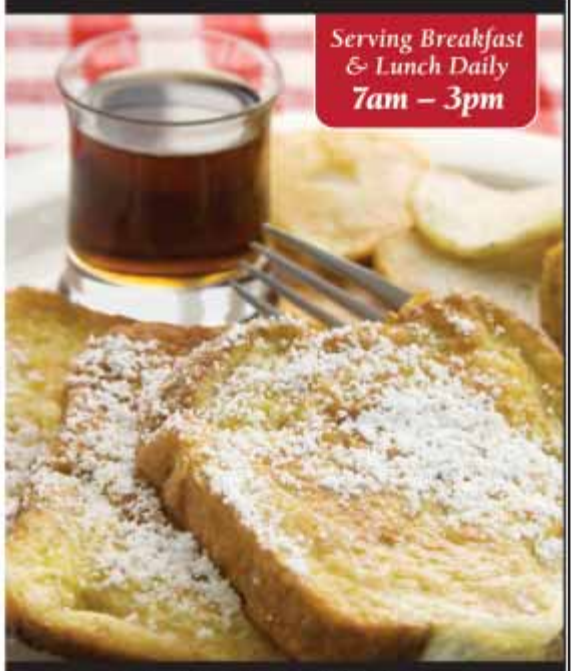
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Administration seeks ways to tame corporate pay scale

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WASHINGTON Talking tough but stepping gently, the Obama administration rejected direct intervention in corporate pay decisions Wednesday even as officials argued that excessive compensation in the private sector contributed to the nation's financial crisis.

Instead, the administration plans to seek legislation that would try to tame compensation at publicly traded companies through shareholder pressure and less management influence on pay decisions. At the same time, the administration drew a sharp line between the overall corporate world and those institutions that have tapped the government's $700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program.

The administration issued new regulations Wednesday that set pay limits on companies that receive TARP assistance, with the toughest restrictions aimed at seven recipients of "exceptional assistance." Those firms are Citigroup Inc., Bank of America corp, General Motors Corp, Chrysler, American International Group Inc., GMAC LLC and Chrysler Financial.

The regulations limit top executives of companies that receive TARP funds to bonuses of no more than one-third of their annual salaries.

But in a significant expansion of authority, the regulations call for a special compensation overseer who will burrow into the pay practices of some of the country's biggest enterprises.

The administration named Kenneth Feinberg, a lawyer who oversaw payments to families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, as a "special master" with power to reject pay plans he deems excessive at the seven companies with the biggest injections of public money. Feinberg also would have authority to review compensation for the top 100 salaried employees at those firms.

The tempered broader approach to executive pay wasn't immediately embraced on Capitol Hill, where a leading Democrat said he wants to go farther.

In a lengthy statement released after the White House announcement, House Financial Services Committee Chairman Rep. Barney Frank said he wants legislation that would instruct the Securities Exchange Commission to ban company boards from rewarding excessive risk taking.

"It is not the government's business to discourage risk taking," said Frank, D-Mass. "But neither should we allow systems which have existed up until now whereby decision-makers are handsomely rewarded if they take big risks that pay off, but suffer no penalty whatsoever if those risks result in losses to the company."

With one set of policies for taxpayer-assisted firms and a more hands-off approach to the rest of the corporate sector, Obama is straddling what has been an explosive issue with the public and in Congress. Executive pay burst as an issue earlier this year amid disclosures that AIG, the insurance conglomerate, had paid bonuses of $165 million even as it accepted billions from the government.

AIG is among the companies whose pay schemes the government will now oversee. But outside in the broader private sector, the administration chose to use public pressure and the potential for embarrassment, rather than direct pay restrictions.

"We do not believe it's appropriate for the government to set caps in compensation," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said. "We're not going to prescribe detailed prescriptive rules for compensation. All those things would be ineffective, could be counterproductive in some ways."

Geithner said the administration will ask Congress to give shareholders a nonbinding voice on executive pay and to require corporate compensation committees to be independent from company management. That second provision would give the SEC authority to strengthen the independence of panels that set executive pay.

"We'd like to see better transparency and accountability, frankly," of executive pay practices, Geithner said.

Geithner said the administration's legislative proposals would reinforce administration compensation guidelines that encourage corporate boards to adopt pay packages that reward long-term performance rather than short-term gains and to better manage the relationship between risk and incentive. Those guidelines, or principles, are not enforceable but are meant as a message to corporate boards and to shareholders.

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DANGER ZONE? **A study by researchers from UCLA, USC and the California Air Resources Board found that pollutants caused by the I-10 Freeway travel further than previously thought.**

Pollutants travel further than previously thought

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that although traffic volumes are lower in the pre-sunrise hours, the air pollution concentrations measured by the researchers were higher than even those during rush hour.

Concentrations are higher before sunrise even though emissions are lower because of the unique weather conditions. In the pre-sunrise hours, wind speeds are generally very low, and while the wind direction is somewhat variable, the predominant direction is from the northeast in the winter months and the northwest in the summer months.

This means that areas south of the I-10 Freeway are generally downwind in the pre-sunrise hours and areas north of the freeway are generally upwind; this is consistent with the observation that vehicle-related pollutants are found much further from the freeway on the south side in the pre-sunrise hours, compared with the north side.

"Our research shows that under the low wind speeds and shallow temperature inversions during the early morning, before sunrise, air pollution from freeways is trapped near the surface, limiting dilution and creating a zone of influence many times greater than during the day," said Dr. Suzanne Paulson, a professor in the UCLA Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences and a co-principal investigator of the study. "These meteorological conditions are very common in the hours before sunrise."

In comparing the winter and summer early mornings, researchers found much higher levels of air pollution in the winter.

"This is because the sun rises later in the winter, so the early morning period captures more of the early morning rush hour," Paulson said.

In the study, other pollutants, including nitric oxide and particle-bound polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, also extended far from the freeway during the pre-sunrise hours.

Maria Loya, co-chair of the Pico Neighborhood Association, welcomed the study, saying more work needs to be done to identify exactly what residents living near the freeway are being exposed to and at what levels. Loya believes a health survey of Pico Neighborhood residents needs to be done and it should be conducted in conjunction with the update to the Land Use and Circulation Element, a planning document that will dictate development in the city for 20 years or more.

"It's just anecdotal, but many families we have talked to who live along the freeway are suffering from asthma, but because there really isn't a study that links it, at this point it's just anecdotal," Loya said. "[Pollution from the freeway] is a concern and has always been a concern, especially in the Pico Neighborhood, which has the largest concentration of young people in the city."

What is especially troubling, Loya said, is that many families walk their children to school in the mornings, a time when the study found a higher concentration of pollutants. She said neighbors are referring to a part of Pico where the study was conducted — Stewart Street just south of Olympic Boulevard — as the "toxic triangle" because it is surrounded by the freeway, City Hall's waste transfer station and recycling center, a private waste transfer station as well as a possible light rail maintenance yard for the Exposition Light Rail Line (a decision on the maintenance yard has not yet been made).

"What we are seeing is clearly environmental injustice," Loya said.

The researchers recommend that residents living near freeways should consider keeping their windows closed at night and minimize outdoor exercise near major roadways in the hours before sunrise.

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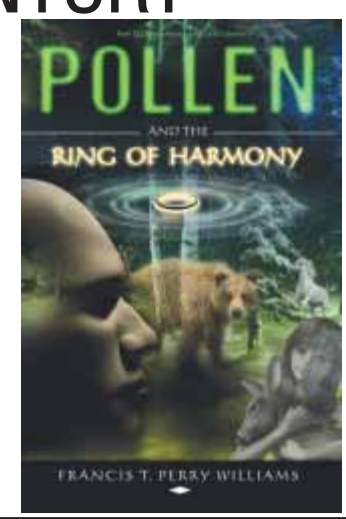
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Residents argue apartment complex worth preserving

FROM LANDMARK PAGE 1

redevelopment.

A property is required to meet at least one of six criteria in order to achieve landmark status, most of which deals with the building's architectural features and location.

The 47-unit apartment complex, which sits on the corner of San Vicente Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, was the first to be designated solely on the criterion that it is associated with a historic figure, though the vote of the commission was close at 4-3.

The Dallas-based development company, one of the nation's largest, filed the appeal soon after, arguing that the link between Hoover and the significance of the building was not strong enough, pointing out that two historic preservation experts and city staff all concluded that the property does not merit landmark status.

"This is a unique matter because unlike the 31 prior occasions when criterion 3 (historic personage) has been utilized in a designation, this is on the only time when criterion 3 was the only criterion," Chris Harding, the attorney representing Trammell Crow, said. "That doesn't mean it is unlawful to do that.

"We aren't discerning that but we suggest because it is so unique that it requires you to pay particular attention and carefully scrutinize this."

The developer purchased the property in 2007 with plans to construct a 26-unit condominium project in its place, a proposal that was met with opposition from tenants, many of whom have lived in the building for decades. The project was at one point proposed to have a mix of three-level townhouses, duplexes, penthouses and affordable housing units.

The property owner filed to evict tenants through the Ellis Act last year. The last of the tenants moved out in March.

The Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, which authored the 2008 Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic, which would have put a cap on commercial development, has also come out in opposition to the project.

Several former tenants also claimed they were offered compensation packages in exchange for their silence at hearings regarding the landmarking issue. Harding said that once he learned about the agreements, he advised the developer against such a measure and sent letters to those tenants who had accepted the packages, informing them that they would be allowed to participate in the public process.

While councilmembers expressed regret over the loss of affordable housing units, those who voted to uphold the appeal said they had concerns with landmarking a building on one criterion when the basis for it might not be sufficient.

Some added that it could lead to a slippery slope, prompting homes of other councilmembers to be landmarked simply because they lived there.

A few councilmembers said they had not even heard of Hoover until the issue of the building arose.

"The problem I have is if this building is worthy of landmarking because Clo Hoover worked there and lived there during her time on council, then perhaps Councilmember (Bob) Holbrook's house should be landmarked," Councilwoman Gleam Davis said.

Residents who spoke in favor of keeping the designation argued that Hoover had a profound impact on the city going beyond her years in office, acting as one of the city's earliest environmentalists and helping pave the way for other women to serve in local government.

Others noted that the location of the apartment helped shape Hoover's decision making in opposing certain projects, including the construction of an island in the Santa Monica Bay. Some even said the building does have architectural significance, calling it a "jewel."

"Clo Hoover was a leader and groundbreaker for women in Santa Monica," Angela Ungurean, a Santa Monica resident, said. "She was successful enough to make it clear to the community that women can be effective leaders."

Hoover served on the City Council from 1961 to 1975, during which she was mayor three times.

She and her husband, Chester, constructed the apartment building in three phases from 1952-58 following their move from Kentucky to Santa Monica, the complex serving as both the couple's primary residence and source of income.

One of the speakers in favor of landmarking was Cathy Hoover Hedger, the granddaughter of the late mayor, who said that her grandparents knew that they had a "gem" when they picked the location.

"It's a very special place not only because my grandparents designed and built it, but because it's a unique location," she said.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, one of two dissenting votes — the other being Councilman Bobby Shriver — argued that the building's location did have an influence on how Hoover felt about certain issues. He pointed to a Los Angeles Times article from April 5, 1973 in which she was quoted as saying that perhaps because her apartment faces the ocean, she feels strongly against projects that would alter her view.

He added that the building is also known for a sign that hung in front of it for years, reading "Soviet Monica." Hoover was a known opponent of rent control.

But not everyone was in favor of keeping the landmarks designation, including several former colleagues of Hoover and at least one known local historic preservation advocate.

John Bohn, who served on the council with Hoover, said he does not remember meeting once at 301 Ocean Ave. to discuss city business, adding that most officials met at their offices in City Hall.

"I never thought of her apartment as being her office, at least not with the business I had to discuss with her," he said.

Tom Cleys, who serves on the Santa Monica Conservancy, said he believes if a property is going to be designated based on one criterion, the reason has to be very strong. Cleys added that he studied the property before as part of a proposed historic district and that it did not meet the criteria to be even a contributor.

"I don't believe this is the best way to memorialize this person in history," he said.

Harding said that there are other ways of properly honoring Hoover's memory, adding that previous councilmembers have been commemorated by having buildings and parks named after them, including Christine Emerson Reed Park, Ken Edwards Center, and Barnard Way, named after Ben Barnard.

"We don't question Clo Hoover's significance as a Santa Monica figure of her era," Harding said. "We have no objections to her being recognized as such."

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Decker selected by Padres

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draft. Skaggs had been projected as a first round pick and DeJardin said that the Angels were excited to find that he was still available in the compensation round, which occurs between the first and second rounds.

"Tyler is a very projectable young man," DeJardin said. "He has some of the things that you can look into the future and project on."

DeJardin said that Skaggs, when signed, will begin his pro career as a starting pitcher. The Arizona Rookie League begins June 20 and runs until Aug. 30.

Aside from being a fan of the Angels, Skaggs said that the proximity of the rookie ball team in Tempe will give his family the opportunity to monitor his progress. The Angels also have their double A affiliate in Rancho Cucamonga, which is within driving distance of Santa Monica.

His mother, Debbie Skaggs, said that the entire family was elated when they received the call from the Angels informing them of the pick.

"We've been Angel fans forever," Debbie Skaggs said. "We were very excited."

She said that the entire draft process has been "awesome," adding that the fact that he was chosen by the Angels was the icing on the cake.

Being a typical mother, Debbie Skaggs, who is also the head softball coach at Samohi, said that Tyler is the kind of young man who will "work his butt off to get to that next level."

She said that the support group surrounding the star hurler helped pave the way for this momentous event.

She singled out Dan Ramos, Tyler Skaggs' step father, for his mentoring of the young pitcher. The long hours of working in the backyard on Tyler's mechanics have helped immensely in developing his skills, she added.

Rob Duron, who was Tyler's coach for the past two seasons at Samohi, thinks that the Angels got a steal. An ankle injury midway through the season kept Tyler Skaggs out of action, potentially hurting his draft stock his former coach said.

"I told everybody who called the same thing," Duron said. "Somebody is going to get a good one."

DeJardin disagrees that the injury hurt his draft placement. He said he has been high on him since seeing him during his junior season.

"We took our time building up a thing over the year to make this evaluation," he said. "The sprain didn't concern us one bit.

"We have no concerns."

DECKER COUNTS HIS BLESSINGS

The path to the big leagues was somewhat different for UCLA's Decker.

Following a standout career at Samohi he went undrafted. Undaunted by what some might have called a snub, Decker decided to attend nearby UCLA where his prospects went up and down.

Following a successful sophomore season Decker went into his junior year with high expectations. Unfortunately, his performance suffered and he again went undrafted following his junior season, the first time he was eligible to re-enter the draft after submitting following his senior year in high school.

He returned to school this year undeterred and went about the business of leading the Pac-10 with 21 home runs.

That performance helped attract the interest of pro scouts resulting in his selection in the 22nd round.

"I'm feeling like I just had a house lifted off my shoulders," Decker said of his selection. "This has been the longest day of my life.

"It was a long, long morning."

He said that he didn't want to be glued to a computer screen monitoring the draft's progress on the Internet. Instead he did what he does best: worked on his game.

Decker said that he took his phone along with him just in case a team wanted to contact him informing him of their draft intentions. He even took his cell along with him to a weight room on the UCLA campus where phones are not permitted. A gym attendant reminded him of the policy and Decker flatly told him, "You're going to have to pry it out of my cold, dying hands."

That call eventually came from the San Diego Padres, a development Decker is pleased with.

"I'm happy, very happy," Decker said of his selection by a SoCal team. "If I make it up to the big leagues my family will easily see those games."

Decker said that team officials have told him that they would like to assign him to A level ball. He said he still hasn't been given the specifics.

"My whole goal this year was to prove everybody wrong," Decker said of his strong senior season. "That was my main focus. I just wanted to prove them completely wrong.

"That's what I've been about for the past several years."

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PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

All-league teams stacked with local players

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Winning a league title has paid off for the Vikings' softball team.

The primary pitcher-catcher battery from Santa Monica High School's Ocean League winning team earned the league's top honors. Junior catcher Emma Woo was named the most valuable player while pitcher and fellow junior Celisha Walker took home the most outstanding player award.

Fellow Vikings Kalie Nakao, Holly Elander, Kelsey Hom and Meghan Bradley all were named to the first team. Hailey Sherdian, Hayley Condon, Natalie Abel and Yaneth Guzman were named to the second team.

Every player with the exception of Guzman are underclassmen and figure to keep Samohi the elite team in the league.

"We look good for next year," Head Coach Debbie Skaggs said. "We didn't reach our goal of winning a CIF championship.

"Hopefully we can get past the quarter finals next year and move on to the championship."

The Vikings were eliminated in the third round of the playoffs by Paloma Valley this season.

ST. MONICA CONTINUES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Camino Real League winning Mariners baseball team keeps adding to its trophy case.

Senior shortstop Jose Munoz earned league MVP. Munoz was also named to the first team all-league team along with Kyle Schwan, Danny White, Michael Redondo and Anthony Yoshinaga.

The Mariners also placed Andy Loef, Apollo Nestoras and Hector Santiesteban on the second team.

"That's what happens when you win league," Head Coach Jack White said.

PACIFICA BASEBALL EARNS HONORS

The Seawolves' first season of fielding a baseball team continues to bear fruit.

The team, winners of the Mulholland League, placed several players on both the first and second all-league teams. Freshman Kevin Hammer won league MVP honors.

Keenan Pierandozzi-Howes and Zach McMillan were named to the first team. Austin Wilson and David Hammer were named to the second team.

"This is good for them to boost their confidence," Head Coach Julian Chavez said. "It shows that they can play at any level."

SAMOHI BASEBALL GETS NOTICED

The years of hard work have paid off for a number of Viking seniors.

Seniors Colter Johnson, Walker Dove, Drew Hammond and Ricky Gomez were all named to the Ocean League's first team.

Fellow seniors Logan Whitchurch and Michael Alonge were named to the second team.

Star pitcher Tyler Skaggs, who was taken by the Los Angeles Angels with the 40th pick in the Major League draft on Tuesday, did not make the team but was nominated by Head Coach Rob Duron. Skaggs missed a good portion of the league schedule with a sprained ankle possibly costing him a spot on the all-league team.

"I'm proud of the kids," Duron said. "They put up with a lot of stuff this year that was unnecessary and they really persevered."

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NBA FINALS

Lakers hope to get defensive

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. Lakers coach Phil Jackson delayed watching the entire tape of Game 3, preferring a few hours of sleep over reliving the misery of Tuesday night.

When his players finally watched the film Wednesday morning of their 108-104 loss to the Orlando Magic, something immediately jumped out at them.

"The final score," guard Derek Fisher said.

Something else, too. A series of defensive lapses, mostly minor, some larger, but all correctable.

"There were some little things defensively, which every time you watch film, even when you win, there's just always some things you see that you can do better," Fisher said. "So there were just small things ... a rotation off here or there, defensively letting guys get back to the middle when we try to keep everything out of the middle."

The Lakers better do something quickly to address those. They started to show some slippage on the defensive end in the second half of Game 2, then played some of the worst defense in NBA finals history Tuesday night.

Orlando shot 75 percent in the first half and 63 percent for the game, both finals records. All-Stars Dwight Howard and Rashard Lewis each scored 21 points and Hedo Turkoglu had 18, but Jackson seemed more concerned with the way the Lakers covered Rafer Alston (20) and Mickael Pietrus (18), who had struggled in the first two games.

"We have to defend those guys," Jackson said. "I thought that we were playing a little bit lax."

Those problems didn't just suddenly pop up in Game 3.

The Lakers seemed to have Orlando's offense completely solved through the first six quarters of the series. The Magic shot just 30 percent, barely above the finals low, while dropping Game 1 by 25 points, then scored only 35 points on 32 percent shooting in the first half of Game 2.

Then Orlando made 11 of its 19 shots in the third quarter, and has hardly slowed down since.

"They just made adjustments to free guys up and they know their players that we're trying to lock in on, Hedo being one of them, Rashard being the other," Kobe Bryant said. "They're doing great things to free them up and put them in a position to score and be effective. We have to do a better job of trying to take them out of there."

The Lakers shut down the Magic in their 100-75 victory in Game 1 by forcing Howard to turn away from the middle of the lane, and double-teaming him when he was able to catch the ball in good position. That strategy worked because Orlando's collection of 3-point shooters mostly misfired when Howard kicked the ball out.

Those players are now hitting their shots, forcing the Lakers to decide if they're going to change the way they defend Howard.

"What they do is they execute well, and when they execute well, they give you an option," Jackson said. "You either have to jam up the middle and hold up Howard, or else you have to give up an outside shot. Those are things that you have to make a choice between.

"It's always about penetration, and if you get a team that's making penetration either off the dribble or the pass, you'll be in jeopardy. We have to slow that down, at least limit it at some level."

Howard made 5-of-6 shots in Game 3 after hitting only one of his six attempts in the opener. Bryant acknowledged there was concern the Magic had figured out what the Lakers are doing to defend the center.

He also said the Magic are a team that can stay hot because they have so many shooters. There's no reason to foresee Orlando slowing down if the Lakers don't correct the woes they watched on tape Wednesday.

Fisher insists they can.

"What we saw were things that we can control," he said. "There wasn't anything that we saw where we feel like we can't do anything about it."

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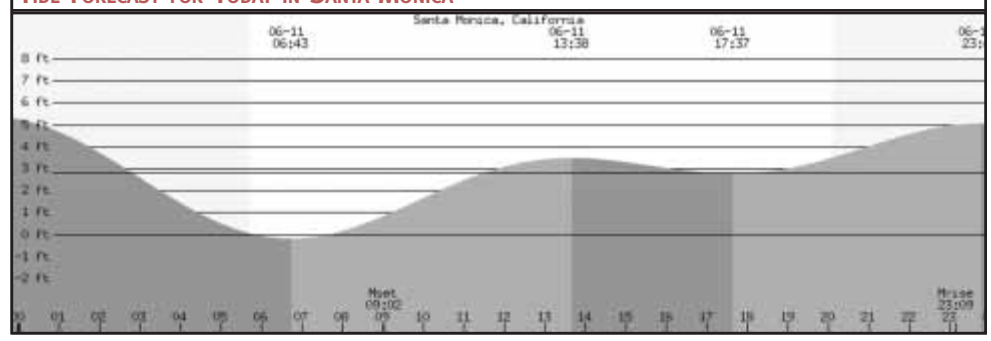
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Wednesday the 10th looks weak as the southern hemi swell drops off, perhaps knee to waist high around south facing breaks. West facing breaks should still remain weak with knee to waist high waves.

Long Range Synopsis

Thursday the 11th is when our next southern hemi swell is due, but nothing much above waist high is expected. Some light wind swell should help west facing breaks with some knee to waist high waves.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Arlos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
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Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
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Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	B	ns
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Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	C	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
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Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
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Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
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Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
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The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

Land of the Lost (PG-13)
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Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min
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Angels & Demons (Digital) (PG-13) 2hrs 20min
12:50, 4:05, 7:10, 10:15

Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) (CC) 2hrs 06min
1:10, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

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The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

Every Little Step (PG-13) 1hr 36min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Easy Virtue (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

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1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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Terminator Salvation (Digital) (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

Dance Flick (PG-13) 1hr 23min
12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40

The Soloist (PG-13) 1hr 49min
1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00

Terminator Salvation (PG-13) 1hr 54min
1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20

My Life in Ruins (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:50am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50

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Touch base, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Understand what might be going on with others, and perhaps indulge them a bit. Still, don't lose track, and stay on your path. Understanding builds to a new level. Tonight: Where are your friends? Touch base.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Allow greater flow between you and someone you look up to. Investigate opportunities that come forward. You might have strong give-and-take with this person. You could be negative, but to what avail? Listen to news with openness. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep asking or draw someone else in. You want more opinions, but at a certain point, you might say enough, enough and enough. How you pull up stakes could be important, as others will react, and at times badly. Tonight: Relax your overactive mind with a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Relate on an open one-on-one level, drawing many opportunities. If you work with a key person, you might be delighted by the end results. You will want to think ideas through more than act from passion, if possible! Tonight: Dinner for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Others knock on your door. Choose what works for you. Suggestions come from out of left field. Intensity surrounds work and your impressions. Someone at work admires your people skills. Tonight: Sort through your options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be mellow while others demonstrate their passion and feelings about a situation. Listen to news with an open mind, especially if it relates to work. Investigate new ideas and be in touch with your long-term values. Relax and enjoy someone's intensity. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Curbing your wildness takes self-discipline. Don't allow someone to step on your ideas. A partnership revolving around money demands your attention, when you might want to be frivolous. Tonight: Start the weekend early!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Review key issues surrounding family, roommates, home and an investment. Someone changes his or her tune, making you wonder, Now what? Defer to others, and you'll find out more. Tonight: Anchor in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Right now is certainly not the time to stop talking; however, others give you some very strong impressions of what needs to be done. In your best diplomatic style, let others know you appreciate their opinions, but ... Tonight: Meet friends for munchies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Be as exact and direct as possible. A risk might be OK if you really explore the negatives. Investigate options around a financial decision while deciding how much "play money" is available. Tonight: Ever playful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others acknowledge your desirability. Clearly, you draw many to you. The issue remains, What do you want? Others might feel nothing less than pushy or overwhelming. State your case in a warm, caring manner. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to discuss more of your goals, but do go within and make sure they are the same. Many of you have changed, and the same goals won't work. Communication remains vital; caring, though, is a little edgy at times. Tonight: Favorite place. Favorite people.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you are willing to break past previous restrictions and pioneer new adventures. Once you free up your thinking, your world appears far different and much more vital. Your inner conversations could be very important, as they reflect a lot of what might be holding you back, but also where you want to head. If you are single, you'll meet someone through travel, education or a spiritual experience or class. New people introduce you to new worlds of thought and places. Don't decide that a bond is forever this year. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from travel or taking a seminar together. Keep your bond vital. AQUARIUS is stubborn, but a friend no matter what.

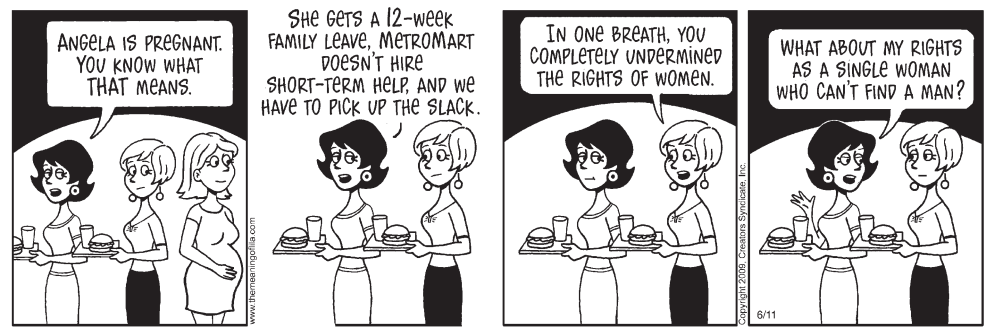
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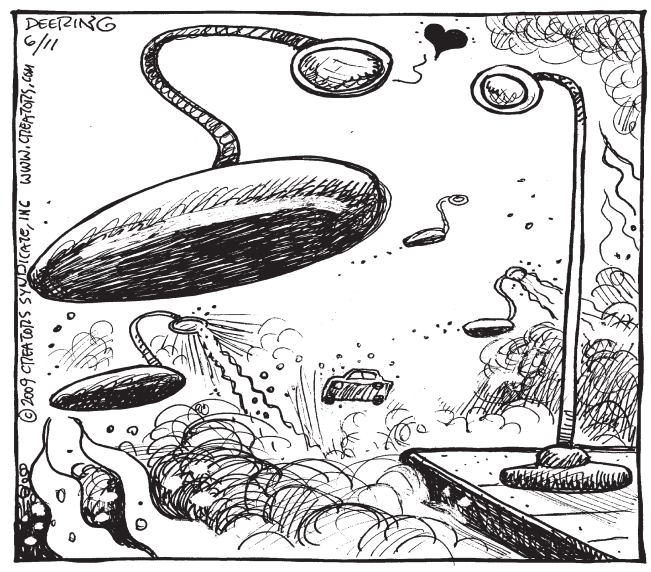
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 "The Last Frontier"
11 Whole range
12 Fix, as an interest rate
13 Gray wolf
14 Being
15 Accepts enthusiastically
17 Hankering
18 Game sheet info
22 Bank job
24 Science officer of TV
25 Plugs
26 Young fellow
27 Blasting stuff
30 Mosey along
32 Writer Ken
33 Fork over
34 Footnote indicator
38 Look after
41 Map dot
42 Some marbles
43 Order to Rover
44 Chopper parts
45 Pharaoh symbols

DOWN

1 Robust
2 Tiny particle
3 Pastime pursuers
4 Islands off Portugal
5 Tina's TV costar
6 Solitary sorts
7 Misbehaves
8 Enjoy Alta
9 Model buy
10 One or more
16 Hill maker
19 Some D.C. workers
20 Earth sci.
21 Terrier type
22 Singer Snow
23 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
28 Entertain at bedtime
29 Seafood snack
30 Clumsy person
31 Oscar winner Tomei
35 Fling
36 Strike
37 Piano parts
38 Seaman
39 Sense of self
40 Basketball pioneer Holman

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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■ Defense attorney John Garcia convinced a jury in Merced, Calif., in May that his client was not guilty of the "forcible rape with great bodily injury" of an 18-year-old woman in 2004, despite the fact that only his client's DNA-identified semen was present, mixed with the victim's blood, on the shorts she wore at the crime scene. Client Daniel Saldana's story was that he had previously had sex with his own girlfriend in the house where the rape occurred and that the girlfriend might have left her shorts on the floor and that the rape victim might have mistakenly put them on after the "other" man raped her.

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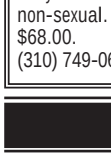
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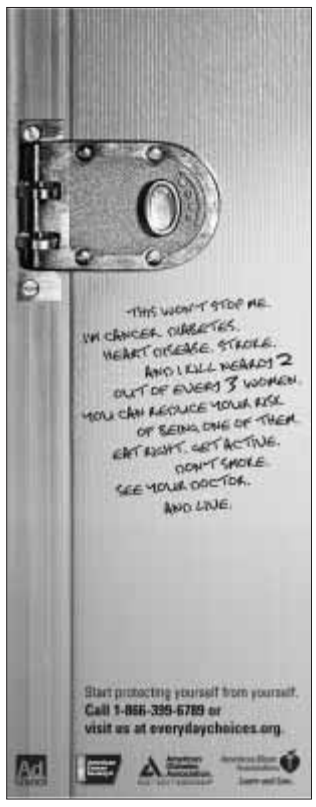
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