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THE HEFTY THEFT ISSUE

High-end art stolen in residential burglary

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica detectives are asking for the public's help in solving a residential burglary in which over $10 million worth of art, jewelry and wine were stolen, authorities said Wednesday.

Along with numerous high-end paintings, two wooden box art pieces, a red 2010 Porsche Carrera 4S and a small amount of cash were also missing when the owner of the home, located on the 500 block of 12th Street, returned from a trip last week, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

Police responded to the home on Sept. 14 on a report of a residential burglary that occurred sometime between Sept. 12 at 3 p.m. and Sept. 14 at 8 p.m.

Watches that were stolen include a Glashutte Senator, a Breitling Chronomat OR and a TAG Heuer GT. Some of the watches sell for tens of thousands of dollars. Police did not say which types of wine were stolen.

The paintings include work by Joseph Cornell, one of the most celebrated exponents of assemblage; Piet Mondrian, a

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Farmers' Market bread man to leave town

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

ARIZONA AVE Jack Bezian sold his signature sourdough bread Wednesday from his stall at the westernmost end of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market just as he has for the last 19 years, except for one detail.

Rather than his usual literature on the health benefits of probiotics and fermentation, Bezian displayed a large, handwritten sign proclaiming that next week would be his last day at the market.

Despite a long track record, Bezian's Bread has been ousted by a younger newcomer, Venice-based Red Bread, as a result of a process established by the City Council in 2009 that requires prepared food vendors to reapply for their spots every three years.

That means if Bezian wants his Wednesday morning stall back, he will have to wait until another "bread spot" is up for renewal, said Laura Avery, Farmers' Market Supervisor with City Hall.

That's a sour pill for Bezian to swallow.

"I've built my business here," Bezian said.

Bezian's customers aren't happy, either.

They've signed petitions and are hounding city officials in person and by e-mail for some kind of explanation as to why their favorite bread man has gotten the boot.

Bezian has gathered over 600 signatures from people who travel from all over the

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Ashley Archibald *ashley@smdp.com*

ON DISPLAY: **Baker Jack Bezian at Wednesday's Downtown Farmers' Market.**

No contest plea in nail-throwing case at airport

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE A Venice man plead no contest Tuesday to a misdemeanor charge of vandalism in connection with nails thrown into driveways outside of flight schools at Santa Monica Airport.

Jeremiah Kean Mayman, 31, will complete 25 days of community service as a result of his plea, which is neither an admission of guilt nor claim of innocence, said his attorney Steve Sitkoff.

"Basically, it's not admitting guilt, but entering into an agreement because he feels it's in his best interest," Sitkoff said.

Kean Mayman will check back in with the court on March 19, 2013 for a progress report and then again six months after that.

If everything looks good, the charges will be dismissed entirely, Sitkoff said.

"He's a nice young man with a lot going

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State allows complete voter registration online

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California elections officials hope to make signing up to vote easier than ever through an online registration system that launched Wednesday.

Secretary of State Debra Bowen called the new process "great news for democracy." She was joined by state lawmakers and voter advocates in Sacramento to announce the web feature, which is being made available for the first time ahead of the November election.

Supporters say it will help more than 6 million Californians who are qualified but have not registered. Republicans had opposed the bill that created complete online registration, saying the change could lead to voter fraud and additional costs.

Under the new law, applicants can fill out

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Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012

Coffee with Debbie
Funnel Mill Cafe
930 Broadway, 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Join pop legend Debbie Gibson for coffee and a smile. She'll be on hand to talk about HooplaHa, an online content service that dispenses "good news." For more information, visit www.hooplaha.com.

Talking feet
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 12 p.m.
UCLA Health System presents this free health seminar about foot facts and foot fiction. Podiatrists Terry Boykoff and Abbasseh Towfigh will lead a dynamic, fast-paced look at myths and truths about the most common foot problems. For more information, call (800) 516-5323.

Work for vets
Santa Monica College, Bundy Campus
3171 S. Bundy Dr., 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Assemblymember Betsy Butler will be on hand for a job connector to help veterans find a career after the military. Learn interview skills, build a resume and make valuable contacts. For more information, call (310) 615-3515.

Dealing with parking
Civic Center-East Wing
1855 Main St., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Provide feedback on the new zoning ordinance and parking. For more information, call (310) 458-2275.

ARB
City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
Check out a special meeting of the Architectural Review Board, which was established in 1974. Commissioners will be discussing business signs. For more information, visit www.smgov.net or e-mail margaret.bell@smgov.net.

Friday, Sept. 21, 2012

Updated version
City Garage, Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., 8 p.m.
City Garage will break-in their new space at Bergamot Station with the world premiere of Charles L. Mee's "Orestes 3.0: Inferno." Mee creates a stunning new take on the Orestes myth. Euripides's ancient Greek tragedy of crime piled on crime — parricide, matricide, incest — is redrawn in the hauntingly familiar terms of our contemporary world: political paralysis, purposeless wars and random acts of meaningless violence. This production runs through Nov. 25. For more information, call (310) 319-9939.

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012

For sale
Citywide
8 a.m. — 3 p.m.
City Hall's third annual Citywide Yard Sale brings together sellers and buyers for an event that is right outside your home. Residents across the city will open their doors to sell what may turn out to be hidden treasures. For more information, visit smgov.net.

SMO opens doors
Santa Monica Airport
Airport Drive between Centinela and Walgrove avenues,
11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Learn about the oldest operating airport in Los Angeles County during SMO's second annual Open House. Many of the airport's tenants, including theater groups, art galleries and eateries, will take part in the event. The Museum of Flying will also be open to visitors. For information, call (310) 458-8591.

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Suspected carjacker nabbed after a brief chase

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SANTA MONICA BLVD A 53-year-old parolee who allegedly forcibly took an acquaintance's car keys and then stole her vehicle was arrested Tuesday after leading police on a chase through Santa Monica.

The suspect, identified as James Stearns, crashed into several vehicles in the 2400 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. He was taken into custody without further incident and turned over to Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies, authorities said.

Stearns and at least two other motorists were treated for minor injuries.

The victim reported the carjacking in the 2300 block of Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu at 5:15 p.m. The 2007 Toyota Camry was spotted in Santa Monica, but the driver refused to pull over.

The chase lasted about three minutes.

Stearns was booked at the Malibu/Lost Hills Station on suspicion of carjacking, felony evading and driving under the influence, with bail set at $100,000.

Stearns is reportedly on parole for a conviction of assault with a deadly weapon.

Santa Monica police assisted in the arrest and closed off a portion of Santa Monica Boulevard for about an hour or so.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

A Brit's favorite

Santa Monica is listed amongst the 10 most British towns in the U.S., according to BBCAmerica.com.

Around 5,000 British migrants are said to live in Santa Monica, the news site states.

"While the high-flown Christopher Isherwood and W.H. Auden were among the early settlers, nowadays it attracts the media and showbiz crowd looking for a convenient base from which to attack Hollywood," wrote William Kay, the author of the online article.

He noted that several stores sell British biscuits, Frank Cooper marmalade and Cadbury's Fruit & Nut bars, some favorite snacks of the ex-pats.

"The angry red suntans are an unmistakable sign that Santa Monica is Brit-by-the-sea, although it is usually the holidaymakers who have to slap on the Factor 50 because they are not used to the heat," Kay wrote. "When they make the obligatory pilgrimage to the King's Head pub, they find themselves competing with the resident Brits for a foaming pint of not-cold beer."

Other cities to make the list include San Francisco, Boston, Kissimmee, Fla. and Chicago.

Someone who read the article posted on the website:

"I'm from Minnesota and just moved to L.A. Believe it about Santa Monica, there are a ton of Brits there, as well as British grocers."

To read the article, visit www.bbcamerica.com.

– KEVIN HERRERA

SAMOHI

Next generation of Cronkites

Santa Monica High School students are producing an online news and opinion program called "The World This Week," the first episode available at www.worldthisweek.org and on YouTube.

The project is a collaboration between Samohi film students and other interested youth, with the goal of reporting on the prior week's news from a teen's perspective, including interviews with students, staff and community members on local and national issues, said Matthew Ware, a co-creator of the online program and a junior at Samohi.

The first broadcast covered the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the embassy attack in Libya and protests throughout the Middle East, the appeal of Proposition 8, and two tax proposals on the November ballot (Propositions 30 and 38).

"Santa Monica High School already has a journalism program, which publishes The Samohi, a newspaper centered on school events, but it is generally limited only to school events," said Ware, who produced the first episode along with junior Alana Feldman. "Many students in the film and newspaper classes wanted to express their opinions on national and world events, but could not do so in The Samohi or through other means."

Ware said he hopes the program can be produced on a bi-weekly basis, but could offer it with more frequency if the student staff grows.

– KH



Photo courtesy NASA

ENDEAVOUR

Space shuttle Endeavour to fly over pier on Friday morning

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Retired space shuttle Endeavour will fly over several California landmarks Friday and that means huge crowds.

Authorities are urging people not to stop in the middle of traffic to view or snap a picture of Endeavour strapped on top of a modified jumbo jet. Instead, law enforcement officials say people should stake out viewing spots in advance.

Endeavour departed Florida early Wednesday and was expected to land at LAX Friday after a stopover in Houston. Plans call for it to make low dips over the state Capitol, San Francisco and several L.A.-area landmarks including the Griffith Park Observatory, City Hall, Getty Center, Santa Monica Pier and Disneyland.

The pier flyover is expected to take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, pier officials said.

The shuttle will be housed at an airport hangar before being towed next month to the California Science Center, where it will go on display.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi aims to finally topple Valencia Vikings

Head coach hopes fourth time around results in a victory

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD Three years, three losses.

That's been the story for Santa Monica football since adding powerhouse Valencia to its schedule four years ago.

Each year, Samohi (2-1) has been able to bridge the gap between the two teams and it's not lost on Valencia head coach Larry Muir.

"They have gotten better every year," Muir said. "In their division, they are one of the contenders. I think they are going to be terrific."

Muir believes this even after seeing video from Samohi's big loss to Mater Dei last week. He doesn't think that the 51-0 rout on the road is indicative of what Samohi is capable of.

He's watched film from Samohi's previous games — both blowout wins — and expects to see more of that team when the two hook up on Friday.

For Samohi head coach Travis Clark, he's pleased that a veteran like Muir is impressed by his team.

"I have so much respect for him," Clark said. "It's an honor to have a coach like that take notice of my program."

What really caught Muir's eye last week against Mater Dei was the first 22 minutes or so when Samohi held the Monarchs to a 7-0 advantage. Muir, the observant vet that he is, even noted that the lone score to that point came after

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Parking problem

Editor:

We had an appointment in Santa Monica at 6 a.m. and parked at a meter that requires payment after 9 a.m. When I came back to the car just before 9 the meter would not respond to the coins because of the new parking meter sensors. So my husband had to stand on the street corner when they brought him down from outpatient surgery while I was hunting for another parking spot two blocks away, then we had to wheel him there to get him home.

So, our solution is to do one of the following:

1. Change doctors to those with offices in West Los Angeles, where we live.
2. Use the Big Blue Bus in the future.
3. Never enter Santa Monica again for any purpose.

Fred Goodman
Los Angeles

Don't worry about the Christians

Editor:

So Ashley Fisher was "alarmed by the number of people who are under the perception that this country was founded by Christians ("Paying lip service to our forefathers," Letters to the Editor, Sept. 16)."

Really? Alarmed that this country was founded on Judeo-Christian laws and principles? What is so alarming about that and to whom?

I suggest that Fisher and other like alarmists read "Our Sacred Honor" by William Bennet and [President] Lincoln's first inaugural address in 1861 before passing judgment on those great men who founded and preserved our nation. And by the way, Mr. Obama would benefit by reading Thomas Paine's "Entrepreneur's Credo."

So Ashley, don't worry, it's not the Christians you should be alarmed about.

Don Wagner
Santa Monica

Land swap

Editor:

Wouldn't it be nice if the city would use the money from the recently sold beach-front property to purchase the post office property. I'm sure the USPS would love a five-day escrow.

Jim Lawson
Santa Monica

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Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Our daughter is gay, what do we do?

DEAR LIFE MATTERS,

Our daughter just came to us and told us that she is a lesbian. Then she brought a girl by with piercings and pink streaks in her hair.

Needless to say, we are horrified. She was always a lovely girl that dated boys and the boys liked her, back when she was in high school. But since going off to college she has decided that she wants to go gay.

We are hoping that it is just a phase, but my husband and I are actually more worried that something really sexually traumatic may have happened to her that we never knew about.

My husband is her stepfather, for a long time now, and a very good father figure that she adores. Her biological father is a sex addict and I divorced him years ago when I caught him cheating, over and over again.

I am worried that she may have seen inappropriate things or maybe that he even did something to her that has made her gay. She says it is nothing like that and that she is happy. We don't really believe her and we are definitely not happy with her decision at all. We wanted grandchildren and to see her happily married. I have even imagined the big beautiful wedding we would have given her one day.

What do you recommend we do? How can we help her?

Signed,
Distraught

DEAR DISTRAUGHT,

I am sorry that you are feeling so worried and "horrified." I can imagine that it is difficult for you, especially because you have held such an image and what now looks like a fantasy for your daughter.

I understand that she is your little girl and you are worried that something may have gone wrong. It is not unreasonable to think these things and your questions about your prior spouse are not out of line. No one knows for sure what causes homosexuality. Many feel that they were born this way. Yet there are traumatic histories with many gay people. Having said that, there are also many heterosexual people with trauma histories.

Women do seem to be more bi-sexual than men, so it may be temporary, but I would not refer to it as a phase.

I don't believe we can make ourselves attracted to anyone whether we are heterosexual or homosexual. It just seems to happen or it doesn't! We can't make ourselves fall in love with someone and sometimes we meet the most attractive people, but don't feel chemistry with them at all. If we are honest, our real feelings and attractions just cannot be forced. It is either there or it isn't and often defies reason.

Research and anecdotal data are convincing that people do not choose a sexual preference. We cannot decide to be gay; it won't work out if we are not really feeling it. And we cannot decide to not be gay either. Those who have tried this have suffered for years and often have caused great pain for others that they were involved with in their own self-deception.

The best thing that you can do for yourselves and for your daughter is to learn more about homosexuality. There are many self-help groups and you can find information online. You might also want to seek counseling to help you process your feelings and come to terms with whoever and whatever your daughter may be.

I doubt that she wants to hurt you. She just is what she is. It is not a choice.

If you care about her as much as you seem to do, love her for who she is. Trying to change her, telling her something is wrong with her or rejecting her would be the worst thing you can do.

If you don't know by now, many young people who have come out to their parents and then are rejected have been so devastated that they committed suicide.

I am sorry that you most likely have to give up your dreams as you have known them. But remember that they may not be her dreams and what will follow will be happier for everyone.

Sometimes it is hard to admit that we do not know what is best for someone else, especially a child, but in this case, it is better to accept what is than to fight it. Go with the flow. We are usually happier when we do this.

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Threat case against kids shows heightened fears by police

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Rants, racist remarks and menacing words permeate the Internet these days, so why did police decide to arrest a Yale dropout for investigation of making online death threats against children and hold him on a bail amount usually reserved for suspected killers?

Authorities said they considered several factors in the case against 21-year-old Eric Yee, who was arrested this week after commenting about a story on ESPN's website about the cost of new Nike sneakers named after LeBron James.

Authorities claimed Yee said he wouldn't mind killing children, and there were unregistered weapons in the Santa Clarita, Calif., house overlooking two schools where he lived with his parents.

ESPN is based in Connecticut, where a worker told police about the posting. Authorities said it also referred to a shooting that would be like the one in Aurora, Colo., where 12 people were killed and 58 others injured during a screening of the latest Batman movie.

Arresting Yee and imposing the steep bail was a sign of how seriously investigators in the digital age are taking threats that could escalate, Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Steve Low said.

"These cases are not always cut and dry," said Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles that files less than 10 threat cases a year. "While there are challenges, we have to be vigilant because people sometimes follow through on these threats."

Some of the nearly 3,000 reader comments on the ESPN website talked about children possibly getting killed over the expensive sneakers. Yee posted that he was watching children and wouldn't mind killing them, authorities said.

He was booked for investigation of making terrorist threats, and the case is expected to be turned over to prosecutors on Wednesday.

His attorney, David Wallin, said Yee was simply trying to give his social and political commentary on shoes that cost $270 and was paraphrasing from the movie "American Psycho."

"His entire intent was to talk about his views on these shoes and what they represented," Wallin said. "I could say this is felony stupid but he's not guilty of making criminal threats."

California law states that a person can be convicted of making a criminal threat — whether orally, in writing or by means of email or on the Internet — if someone takes it as a threat and even if the person doesn't intend to carry it out.

Investigators wouldn't say if there is any evidence that Yee might act on the threat, but legal experts believe the bail amount was very high for a person suspected of the offense.

The presumptive bail for making a criminal or terrorist threat is $50,000, and it would take many specific circumstances to push it much higher, said Hanni Fakhoury, an attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation and a former federal public defender who is not involved in the case.

Wallin acknowledged there were two firearms in the home — a rifle and pistol — that belonged to Yee's father. He added that Yee planned to leave the house after recently signing a lease for an apartment in New York, where he planned to start an investment business.

"The way this has been portrayed in the media from the accounts given by law enforcement is scaring the hell out of everybody," Wallin said. "He's been portrayed as Atilla the Hun."

The posting touched on two topics that draw increased attention from law enforcement — killing children and a mass shooting. Such comments could be protected as free speech under the First Amendment, but even that freedom can be trumped in the post-9/11 era.

"I think that it really comes down to exactly what was said, how the threats were made and if they were credible," said Doug Mirell, a Los Angeles attorney who specializes in First Amendment cases. "Bottom line is, if this is a true threat it's not protected by the First Amendment."

Sheriff's investigators said they were looking at several computers to see if Yee had made any similar posts on the Internet. They also were working with police in Bristol, Conn., and Yale University, which said Yee was a student until he withdrew this May for undisclosed reasons.

Yale officials said he had been expected to graduate with a bachelor's degree in economics this past spring. A Yale website listed him as a member of its class of 2012 and a participant in a leadership training program.

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The Q Line

To ban or not to ban?

New York City last week OK'd a ban on big, sugary drinks at restaurants.

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Do you think it's a good idea to ban sugary drinks or did the government go too far?

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IN BED: **Shelly Kurtz and K Callan in Henry Murray's 'Three Views of the Same Object.'**

Falling into theatre season

HERE'S A VERSION OF CHEKHOV you've never seen before and won't see again. The innovative Impro Theatre presents "Chekhov Unscripted" in repertory with "Twilight Zone Unscripted" to West Los Angeles' Odyssey Theatre.

While most improvisational groups use theatre game techniques and some standard improv bits ("freezing" a scene mid-sentence and quick-changing characters, for example), in "Chekhov Unscripted" Impro Theatre works with the motifs, societal divisions and stock characters of a Chekhovian play.

We're in a transitioning Russia with an upper-class landowner who can't adapt to the times, his enduring wife, the pompous doctor, the wife's spirited sister, the lovelorn interloper and the eccentric household staff.

With these in place, as all improvisational groups do, the actors ask for an audience suggestion about what the characters are looking at and some theme words. Interweaving these elements, a fully-costumed but completely unscripted Chekhovian play unfolds every night (and matinee).

At Sunday's opening matinee, the audience suggested serfs in the field, money and hope. The funniest thing about these unscripted plays is that in real Chekhov not much happens and characters are often stymied by their circumstances. But the challenge of getting through two acts is embraced by the cast as they capture the language, the plot turns and verbal stylings of a Chekhov play such as "The Cherry Orchard" or "Uncle Vanya."

The patriarch, Ivan Ivanovich, played by Dan O'Connor, inhabits the role of the landowner whose fortunes are dwindling and who does not understand how to embrace his inevitable future. Jo McGinley as the beautiful wife must contend with the crush artist Stepan Stepanovich (a hilarious Stephen Kearin) has on her (is she reciprocating or teasing?), while the doctor (Brian Lohmann), who delivers heavy-handed truisms, lusts after her as well. The wild unmarried sister, whose sympathies lie with the field serfs, appears obsessed with making hand-held sculptures out of the nails that are popping out of the crumbling estate. Will she and the doctor finally marry?

These touches and an amazing moment when a song, made up on the spot and completed by two actors simultaneously, made for both laughter and respect for the actors' quick wits and solid understanding of the stereotypes they embody.

See a new play every time! "Chekhov Unscripted" and "Twilight Zone Unscripted" perform in repertory, Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Nov. 4. The Odyssey Theatre is located at 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., in West L.A. For reservations call (310) 477-2055 or visit www.OdysseyTheatre.com.

Speaking of Chekhov, don't miss L.A. Theatre Works' staged reading of "The Seagull," performed by Calista Flockhart, T.R. Knight, Josh Stamberg (yes, public radio fans, he is Susan's son!), Stephen Collins and Dakin Matthews, recorded live for broadcast on public radio stations at UCLA's James Bridges Theatre.

"The Seagull" takes place Thursday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 22 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. The James Bridges Theater is located in Melnitz Hall on the campus of the UCLA School of Theater, Film, Television. For tickets and information, call (310) 827-0889 or visit www.latw.org.

WHAT A VIEW

The angst of youth and culture of celebrity are not the focus of Rogue Machine's theatrical productions. Instead, they create serious, original, award-winning theatre featuring characters who live full lives, played by actors who've done the same.

Helping playwrights develop new works is one of Rogue Machine's missions. Henry Murray is playwright in residence and one of several success stories. This is his third Rogue premiere, including "Treefall," which was named by LA Weekly as one of 2009's top 10 plays and has subsequently logged five national productions.

Dubbed a world co-premiere, "Three Views of the Same Object" was developed at Rogue Machine. The script won the

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Lohan charged with leaving scene of New York accident

ULA ILNYTZKY
Associated Press

NEW YORK Lindsay Lohan was arrested in New York early Wednesday on charges that she clipped a pedestrian with her car and did not stop driving, but her publicist said he expects the allegations to be proven false.

The 26-year-old actress was arrested at 2:25 a.m. as she left a nightclub at the Dream Hotel in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood, police said. They said no alcohol was involved.

Lohan was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and causing injury. She was given a ticket and scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 23.

Police said Lohan was slowly driving a black Porsche through an alley between the Dream Hotel and the Maritime Hotel on 16th Street when the accident occurred. The victim called 911. He was treated at a hospital for a knee injury and released.

"We are confident this matter will be cleared up in the coming weeks and the claims being made against Lindsay will be proven untrue," Lohan's publicist Steve Honig wrote in an email. He wrote the incident appeared to be "much ado about nothing."

It was the latest car accident involving Lohan.

On June 8, Lohan was involved in a crash in California that sent her and her assistant to a hospital. They were on their way to a shoot for the film "Liz and Dick" when Lohan's Porsche collided with a dump truck on the Pacific Coast Highway. Neither was seriously injured and Lohan resumed shooting later in the day.

The accident remains under investigation; police have said they are trying to determine who was driving.

The actress, best known for roles in "Freaky Friday" and "Mean Girls," was cleared in May of allegations that she struck a Hollywood nightclub manager with her car. Los Angeles prosecutors refused to file charges, stating there was no evidence an accident occurred and citing doubts about the manager's credibility.

Lohan remains on informal probation for taking a necklace last year from a jewelry store without permission. She completed a strict counseling and morgue cleanup duty program implemented by a judge. She is not required to check in with a judge or probation officer, but she could face a jail term if she is re-arrested.

Lohan recently filmed "The Canyons," a film by "Less Than Zero" author Bret Easton Ellis. "The Canyons" has Lohan playing opposite James Deen, who is best known as an adult film star with thousands of movies to his credit.

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Woodward/Newman Award for best play, which brought with it a fully-funded production mounted at the Bloomington Play Project in Indiana; it went on to win a Holland New Voices Award before being produced here by Rogue Machine.

"Three Views of the Same Object" unfolds in parallel time and space. Three actresses portray wife Jesse, two actors play husband Poppy, and one plays their loyal friend, Mrs. Widkin. Three different realities unfold, but in each of the simultaneously played-out storylines a single decision alters the relationship and the outcome.

The plot revolves around a suicide pact the couple made to avoid the indignities of aging at the end of life. But they've been thrown a curve ball, Poppy's cancer, hastening the moment they must make a decision about honoring the pact.

It's a complex play and a little confusing at first, until it becomes clear we are looking at contrasting versions of the same story. The solid maturity and professionalism of the actors help us move through these complications to a plane of deeper understanding.

"Three Views of the Same Object" takes place at Theatre/Theater, 5041 Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays, through Oct. 28. Make reservations at www.roguemachinetheatre.com or call (822) 585-5185.

THURSDAY NIGHT STORIES

Tonight, Sept. 20, join the kickoff of SPARK, Santa Monica Rep's new monthly storytelling initiative on the third Thursday of the month. In addition to nationally-recognized and SM Rep's own homegrown storytellers, you're invited to sign up to tell a true story of positive change; tonight's theme is medical history. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for sign-ups, live music and mingling; storytelling begins at 8 p.m. at the YWCA, 2019 14th St., in Santa Monica. Free admission, suggested donation. More info at www.storiesbloom.com/StoriesBloom/SPARK.html.

And this Friday, Santa Monica's acclaimed City Garage opens in a new location, Building T1 at Bergamot Station, with the world premiere of Charles L. Mee's "Orestes 3.0: Inferno," a new take on Euripides' ancient Greek tragedy of patricide, matricide and incest. Box office/information: (310) 319-9939 or www.citygarage.org. I'll report on it next week.

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Finding an oasis in Oceanside

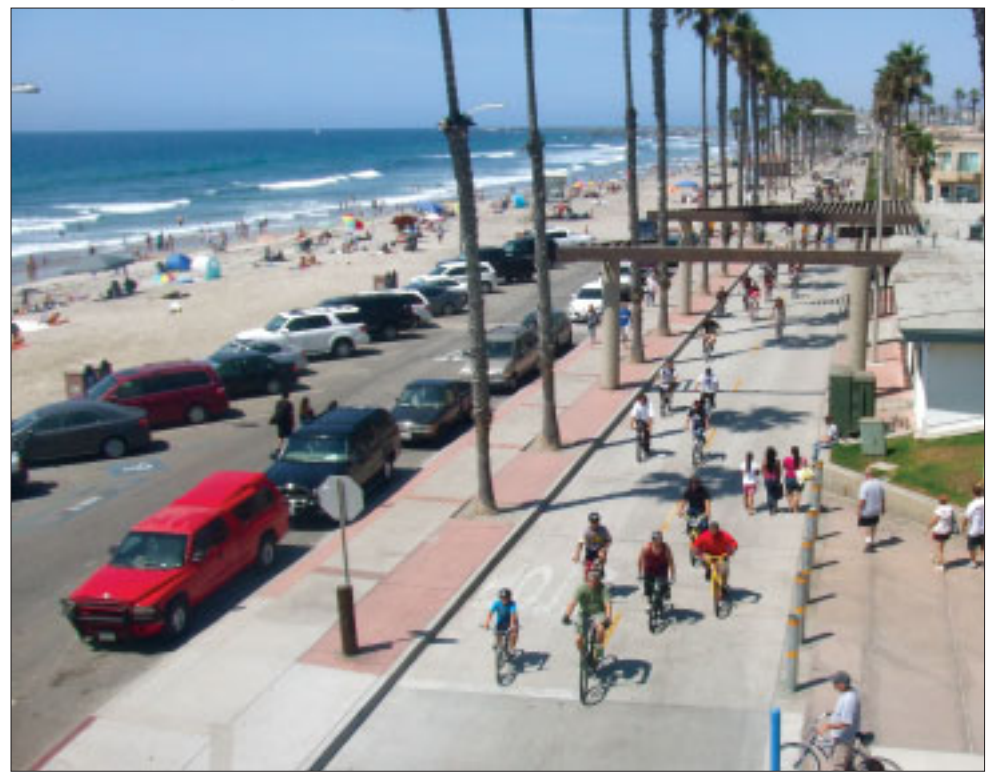


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ROLLING: **Oceanside has been named a bicycle-friendly city by the League of American Bicyclists,**

BY CAROLE ORLIN
Special to the Daily Press

Like many people, when I thought about Oceanside, Calif. it was either as a hangout for the Marines from nearby Camp Pendleton or a road sign on Interstate 5 demarcating the mileage to San Diego. It was not a place of negative feelings, it was just … Oceanside. Probably a pleasant little place, but not one I would necessarily stop and visit. That has recently changed for me. I spent some time getting to know the town, talking to the people who live and work there. I started learning about the real Oceanside and the changes that are happening.

The first thing I learned from the locals is that although our Marines do come to Oceanside, they also go to Carlsbad, San Clemente and all of San Diego. The days of Marines not having cars and having no choice where to go to party are long gone. Don't get me wrong, they still love Oceanside, but it is not their only choice. I expected to see the streets overflowing with buff-bodied, buzz-cut guys. No such luck! While there are shops that cater to the armed services, there is much more going on there.

One sign of the changes on the horizon is the 333 Pacific Restaurant. This restaurant, located in the lovely Wyndam Hotel, can definitely hold its own and even surpass many fine-dining destination restaurants in Southern California. Indeed, they draw people from San Diego to Los Angeles, not only for their superb menu, but because of their signature vodka lounge. The lounge offers over 100 different kinds of vodka. I have to tell you, that lounge rocks and rolls from early afternoon on!

However, I went there for the dining. The menu was extraordinary, and there was not one item that I found wanting. We observed an interesting event at the table next to ours. Four of the aforementioned buzz-cut, buff-guys ordered full-course steak dinners. When it came time to pay the bill, their server informed them that a couple a few tables away paid for their tab as a way of saying: "Thank you for your service." I was really touched by this gesture. I mentioned the incident to John Daley, the owner of the 101 Café, the oldest continuously-operating restaurant on the historic U.S. Highway 101. He stated that when he notices members of the armed forces dining there, he will often come over and say: "Hi and thank you" and pick up their tab. I really like that. It felt good to put my normal cynicism aside for awhile and just be appreciative.

Despite its impending growth, (there are many projects in the works), Oceanside is still a casual beach community. We spent one morning walking along some of their 3 miles of beaches watching the surfers. It is known to have some of the most consistent surf in Southern California. It is also extremely bicycle friendly. As a matter of fact, it is the only city in San Diego County named a bicycle-friendly city by the League of American Bicyclists. I was sorry I did not bring my bike. I felt like I was the only person in Oceanside without a surfboard, dog or bicycle. There are many bike trails, but one trail I would like to try next time I return is the Coastal Rail Trail. It's a 44-mile trail that goes from Oceanside to San Diego.

Another really enjoyable part of Oceanside is the Oceanside Harbor. We rented kayaks from Boat Rental of America and kayaked around the harbor, sometimes escorted by bull seals just a few yards away from us. At first this was a bit intimidating, but when I realized I was not their "incredible edible," it became an awe-inspiring experience. I was later told that these male (bull) seals can weigh up to 800 pounds. I'm glad I didn't know that at the time! The harbor is beautiful and bustling. Between the various eclectic shops, the water sports and restaurants, it was a fun way to spend the day.

I can't discuss Oceanside without mentioning their railway system. The Oceanside Transit Center is a hub for several rail lines, and it is intrinsic to their lifestyle and their economy. Many people who live there work in San Diego, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and other surrounding areas and utilize the rails instead of dealing with traffic and high gas prices. I noticed a sign on one of the trains that said: "Stop being fuelish!" I did feel a pang of guilt, but I was on vacation, so I did not let it take root.

As I headed back to Santa Monica, I realized that my decision to give Oceanside a try instead of merely noting it as a road sign on the I-5 had been an enlightening and fun way to gain an understanding of the real Oceanside. To learn more, visit www.visitoceanside.org.

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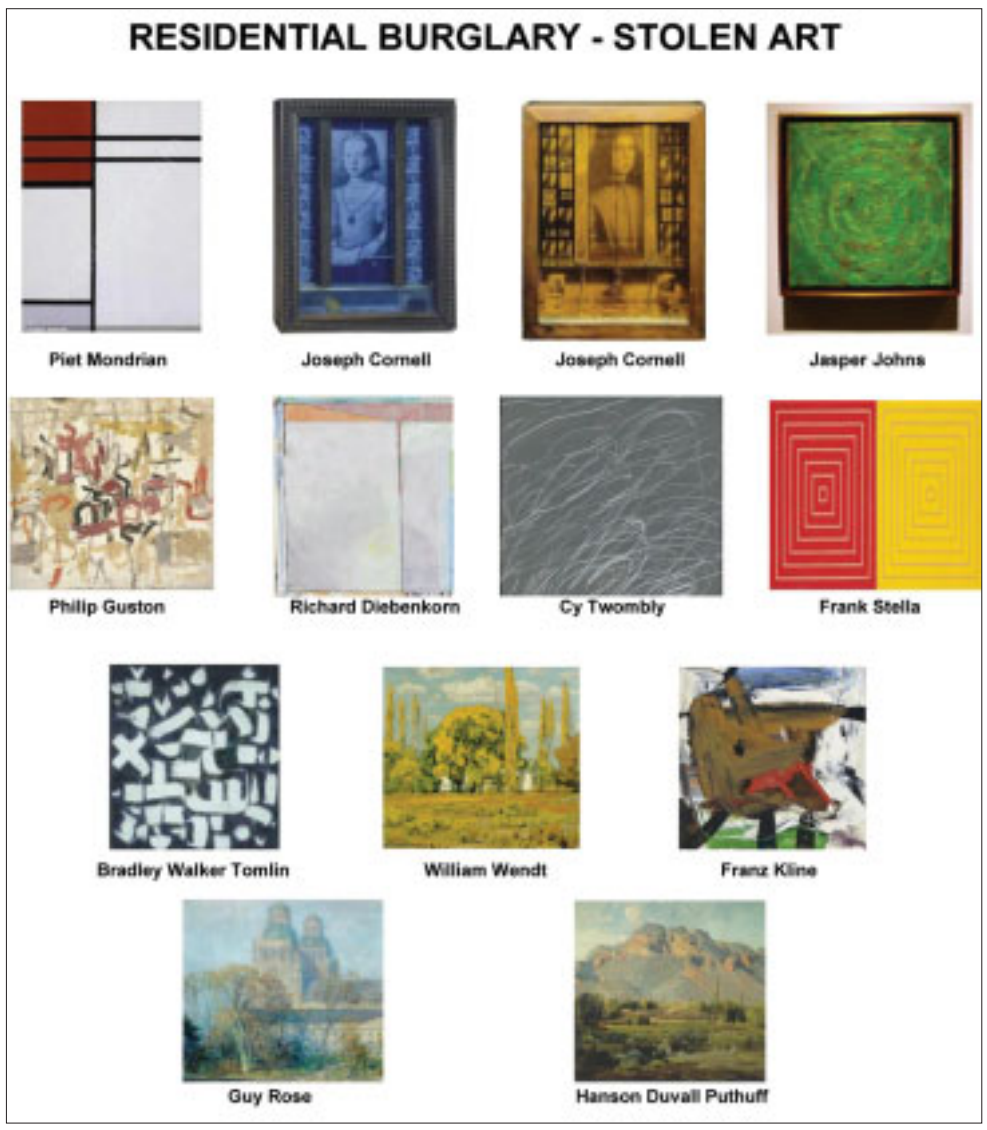


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Dutch artist known for his non-representational form, which he termed Neo-Plasticism; Franz Kline, an abstract impressionist; and Frank Stella, who worked in the areas of minimalism and post-painterly abstraction.

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for him," Sitkoff said.

Kean Mayman was arrested on May 31 on suspicion of felony vandalism.

A spokesman for the Santa Monica Police Department said that a department employee witnessed him allegedly throwing 1.5-inch roofing nails into driveways as he rode by flight schools on an 18-speed bicycle.

His bail was set at $20,000, and he posted soon after.

The charge was knocked down to a misdemeanor, and the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office took over prosecution of the case.

The conclusion of the case has been a long time coming.

Though Kean Mayman was arrested at the end of May, he was not arraigned until this week. At least two other dates set for his arraignment came and went in the interim.

The story began in April when nails were first reported in a driveway in the airport. Employees had found nails twice before, but had dismissed it as an accident.

Nails appeared again on May 8, May 10 and May 18 in the driveways at Justice Aviation, American Flyers and Krueger Aviation. There was a lull until May 31, when Kean Mayman was arrested.

All told, between 600 and 700 nails were found over the course of the six incidents. Only one customer at Krueger Aviation discovered a flat tire.

The nails coincided with a time in which flight schools were in the public spotlight.

Student pilots perform repetitive flights around the airport over densely-populated neighborhoods, which cause residents of Santa Monica, Mar Vista and West Los Angeles to worry about the pollution they create and the possibility of a crash.

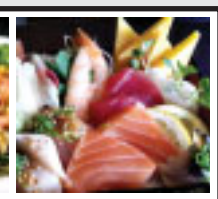
Those fears had been fed by a plane crash in August 2011 and, more recently, a plane that went down in West Los Angeles on its way back to SMO in August 2012.

The small planes used by the flight schools also burn fuel laced with lead, which residents object to.

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If no signature is on file with the DMV, applicants will have to print out the form and mail the completed version to their county elections office. That essentially is the same process in place now.

"Today, the Internet replaces the mailbox for thousands of Californians wishing to register to vote," Bowen said during a news conference.

She stressed that completing an online application does not lead to automatic registration. The information still has to be verified by county elections officials before an applicant is added to the voter rolls. A telephone message left for Assemblyman Dan Logue, R-Linda, who serves as vice chairman of the Assembly elections committee, wasn't immediately returned Wednesday.

Californians have until Oct. 22 to register for the Nov. 6 general election, which features the presidential race and 11 statewide ballot initiatives.

The online application process is the result of legislation passed last year, SB397 by state Sen. Leland Yee, D-San Francisco. It comes ahead of a long-delayed statewide voter database to comply with federal requirements.

Yee said online voter registration will improve accuracy, reduce costs and allow more people to participate in elections.

"Other states in this country are looking at ways to suppress voter participation. We here in California are looking at ways of increasing that participation," he said Wednesday.

Yee was referring to several swing states including Florida, Iowa, Nevada, Ohio and Pennsylvania, which are locked in politically charged legal battles over stricter voter ID laws.

California joins 11 other states that offer online registration, according to Kim Alexander, president of the California Voter Foundation. They include Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

While improving efficiency, Alexander warned there are some risks in using an online system. She said three states experienced glitches that temporarily crashed online systems.

Bowen said her staff has tested the system to ensure it will be able to handle large volumes of applicants.

As of May, 17.1 million of California's 23.7 million eligible voters — or 72 percent — were registered to vote.

Shasta County Registrar of Voters Cathy Darling Allen said she hopes online registration will entice younger voters — those between ages 18 and 27 — to register because they tend to be more digitally connected.

"A year from now, we'll be able to look and see who used it more and who used it less," she said.







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For seven months, AIDS Walk Los Angeles organizers sought a meaningful dialogue with City of Santa Monica officials to discuss and correct a new Big Blue Bus "policy" that discriminates against all charitable public service messages. The policy favors "commercial" ads for such things as soft drinks, movies, television shows, and video games.

The effort was rebuffed at every turn by City staff, from December of last year all the way to mid-July of this year.

Finally, Mayor Richard Bloom got involved, but his leadership proved to be lacking in drive and clarity, and was ineffective. In fact, Mayor Bloom appeared to be with us and against us at the same time.

Mayor Richard Bloom and the City's executive staff focused on the risk of lawsuits from those with bad intentions, and ignored the risk of lawsuits from those with good intentions. Similarly, they appear to have placed a greater priority on not angering corporate advertisers than on taking a stand that is in alignment with our community's values.

Simply put, we still believe in government of the people, for the people, and by the people. **We would like to praise Mayor Pro Tempore Gleam Davis and Councilmember Terry O'Day, who took a common-sense stand in favor of more equal treatment for community organizations.** Unfortunately, their voices were in the minority, and now the City is being sued by those who want the Big Blue Bus to do the right thing. As responsible residents of the City we love, we must fight to preserve Free Speech, Equal Protection, and Santa Monica's core principles by holding our government accountable.

We are Santa Monicans *for* AIDS Walk Los Angeles. We believe that if an oil company can advertise on the side of the Big Blue Bus, a community car pooling group should also have the right to advertise. And so should an *AIDS organization*. We are *for* freedom of speech; *for* common sense; and *for* City policy that reflects the values of its residents.

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Westside to pick up his product at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday before rushing off to work or errands.

He has no brick-and-mortar storefront — the only places Bezian's customers can find his wares are the Wednesday market, a Saturday market in Pasadena's Victory Park and the Hollywood Farmers' Market on Sunday.

Jen Warr comes from Culver City to stock up on Bezian's product for the week because it's literally the only kind of bread that her family can eat.

Bezian uses a traditional method of bread baking perfected over centuries before the now-common baker's yeast became a household item. He begins with a sourdough starter and ferments the bread, sometimes for a month, before baking it and bringing it to market.

The process creates a tangy, sour flavor that Bezian then enhances with various additions like sun-dried tomatoes, garlic, sesame seeds or Kalamata olives.

More importantly for a customer like Warr, it means no baker's yeast and bread that's safe for the gluten-intolerant.

"I go to the East Coast for two months every year," Warr said. "I pack up priority boxes of bread to ship it."

As far as the Farmers' Market officials go, they say their hands are tied.

City Hall created the process at the behest of the City Attorney's Office, which said that there needed to be a consistent process for selecting prepared food vendors, Avery said.

Under the system, prepared food vendors had to score well in five categories — business location, environmental sustainability, ingredient-sourcing, experience and value — to bring home one of the coveted spots.

Five judges rate the businesses based on objective facts and a presentation. That panel consists of three Santa Monica residents who are regulars at the market, one member of the Farmers' Market team and one member of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Avery did not provide the names of the judges on advice from the City Attorney's Office.

Competition is fierce. This year, one-third of the spots were up for grabs, and only one of those, Bezian's, was at the Wednesday market.

A look at the judges' scorecards tells the story of what happened next.

On the basis of sustainability, value and ingredients, Red Bread beat Bezian's handily by 90 points.

Bezian's received 10 points for experience and five for location, while Red Bread was awarded five points for their experience and nothing for their location, Avery said.

Even with those categories going in Bezian's favor, Red Bread came out on top.

Sustainability and ingredient sourcing won the day for the new company.

Red Bread uses bicycles to deliver their product, sources almost all of their ingredients from the Santa Monica Farmers' Market and only uses compostable packaging materials, said Rose Lawrence, the company founder.

The flour comes from an organic distributor in Petaluma, Calif., although she is working on bringing it in-house by working with other Los Angeles bread bakers to get wheat planted locally for coming years.

Lawrence is a food-activist armed with a lifetime in the natural food world, the title of master preserver (her company also sells jams and other spreads) and a law degree from UCLA.

Like Bezian, Lawrence refuses to let commercially-purchased yeast anywhere near her bread.

Her sourdough starter is made with flour, water and know-how.

"Fermentation is as old as civilization," Lawrence said. "It's something I've studied, I love and I've really embraced."

She applies that philosophy not only to breads, but to pastries. Those are made with the same process, but more tightly controlled to keep the nutritional value of fermentation without the traditional sour flavor.

The opportunity to open up shop in Santa Monica is big for the business, which only got underway in January.

"This is something we pour our hearts into and everything we love goes into this business in terms of a commitment to the environment, and social justice," she said. "This is something we've worked for from the ground up, and little by little."

The trick for Red Bread may be getting Bezian's loyal Santa Monica customers to believe that their bread is anything like his.

If she can't get it in Santa Monica, Warr said she will have to go to the West Hollywood location on Saturday, which means one less customer.

Others from Santa Monica and beyond echoed that sentiment.

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GOTCHA: **Samohi's Jason King makes a catch against Redondo Union earlier this season.**

SAMOHI

FROM PAGE 3

Samohi had a punt blocked deep in its own territory early in the first quarter.

"Obviously, Mater Dei is really good," Muir said. "But, I think a couple of things got away from [Samohi]."

Clark used that fact as a motivating tool this week in preparation for Valencia (1-2).

He had his Vikings watch the game film pointing out what Mater Dei did that makes them an elite program. It's that attention to detail that Clark wants to instill in his team going forward.

How it pans out is still in the air.

What both coaches agree on is that Samohi has to re-ignite its passing game to get the ball moving.

Muir is singling out senior wide receiver Sebastian LaRue as Samohi's big gun. The USC-bound LaRue was held to just two catches last week, yet was effective in the return game. Muir thinks last week's performance was an aberration and is game-planning against him.

A new development this season that gives Muir even more reason to fear the Samohi aerial game is the emergence of wide receiver Jason King, who fared somewhat better than LaRue last week.

"He showed me something on tape," Muir said of King. "And the quarterback [Ryan Barbarin] throwing to those guys looks like he's capable in the pocket."

While it's Samohi's offense that has Muir's attention, it's the defense that worries Clark.

A number of key players were lost to graduation and it showed against Mater Dei. Clark sees some improvement on defense with the secondary being the standout unit. LaRue and King man the corners, Matt Rusk-Kosa holds it down at safety.

But, the interior line and line backers are the guys Clark wants to see more out of.

He pointed to linebacker Nick Cardiel, who faced double teams last week and was the victim of his own success. Mater Dei obviously keyed on him with their coach saying in the days leading up to the game that Cardiel would have to be neutralized.

Cardiel and Co. will be facing a somewhat different Valencia team this season.

Not much changes for Valencia year over year, but this edition is airing the ball out more.

"We've had some struggles with the running game," Muir said. "But I think it's starting to work itself out."

Valencia's Sean Murphy returns as the starting quarterback, translating into more command of the offense.

Murphy's main targets through the air have been a pair of juniors who are starting to make names for themselves.

Muir said that Malik Townsend and Nick Jones should give Samohi's defensive backfield trouble, but not if his running backs, led by James Berkley, don't rack up yards.

Clark is expecting the pass, but didn't put it past Valencia to attempt to establish a rushing attack first.

"Valencia doesn't have the same type of force as the past," Clark said, "but with a well-coached team you have to expect anything."

The game begins on Friday at 7 p.m. at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field.

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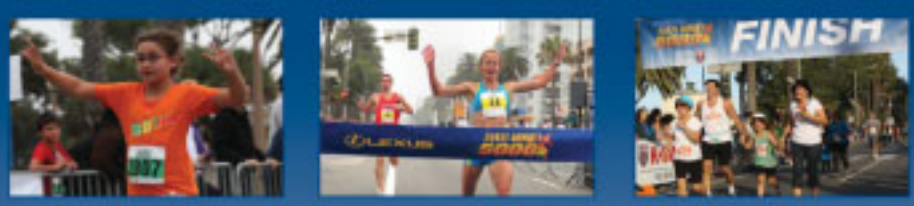
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Tax penalty to hit nearly 6M uninsured people

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Nearly 6 million Americans — most of them in the middle class — will face a tax penalty for not carrying medical coverage once President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law is fully in place, congressional budget analysts said Wednesday.

The new estimate amounts to an inconvenient fact for the administration, a reminder of what critics see as broken promises.

The numbers from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office are significantly higher than a previous projection by the same office in 2010, shortly after the law passed.

The earlier estimate found 4 million people would be affected. The difference — 2 million people— represents a 50 percent increase.

That's still only a sliver of the population, given that more than 150 million people currently are covered by employer plans. Nonetheless, in his first campaign for the White House, Obama pledged not to raise taxes on individuals making less than $200,000 a year and couples making less than $250,000.

And the budget office analysis found that nearly 80 percent of those who'll face the penalty would be making up to or less than five times the federal poverty level. Currently that would work out to $55,850 or less for an individual and $115,250 or less for a family of four.

Average penalty: about $1,200 in 2016.

"The bad news and broken promises from Obamacare just keep piling up," said Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, who wants to repeal the law.

There was no immediate response from the administration.

The budget office said most of the increase in its estimate is due to changes in underlying projections about the economy, incorporating the effects of new federal legislation, as well as higher unemployment and lower wages.

Starting in 2014, the new health care law requires virtually every legal resident of the U.S. to carry health insurance or face a tax penalty. The Supreme Court upheld Obama's law as constitutional in a 5-4 decision this summer, finding that the insurance mandate and the tax penalty enforcing it fall within the power of Congress to impose taxes. The penalty will be collected by the IRS, just like taxes.

The budget office said the penalty will raise $6.9 billion when fully in effect in 2016.

The new law will also provide government aid to help middle-class and low-income households afford coverage, the financial carrot that balances out the penalty.

Nonetheless, some people might still decide to remain uninsured because they object to government mandates or because they feel they would come out ahead financially even if they have to pay the penalty. Health insurance is expensive, with employer-provided family coverage averaging nearly $15,800 a year for a family and $4,300 for a single plan.

The Supreme Court allowed individual states to opt out of a major Medicaid expansion under the law. The Obama administration says it will exempt low-income people affected by state decisions from having to comply with the insurance mandate.

Most Americans will not have to worry about the insurance requirement since they already have coverage through employers, government programs like Medicare or by buying their own policies.

Many Republicans still regard the insurance mandate as unconstitutional and rue the day the Supreme Court upheld it.

However, the idea for an individual insurance requirement comes from Republican health care plans in the 1990s.

It's also a central element of the 2006 Massachusetts health care law signed by then-GOP Gov. Mitt Romney, now running against Obama and promising to repeal the federal law. The approach seems to have worked well in Massachusetts, with virtually all residents covered and dwindling numbers opting to pay the penalty instead.



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Movie questions hell as place of eternal torment

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Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. How can a loving God send people, even bad people, to a place of eternal torment? A new documentary struggles with questions of punishment and redemption and how culture affects and shapes Christian beliefs about God and the Bible.

Coming in the wake of controversy over Rob Bell's 2011 hell-questioning book "Love Wins," which put hell on the cover of Time magazine, and treading some of the same ground, filmmaker Kevin Miller believes the debate about the nature of hell is not academic.

In an interview after a Nashville screening of "Hellbound?" Miller said he believes our ideas about hell have a real-world effect on the way we live our lives and the way we relate to others.

Perhaps popular theologian Brian McLaren best expresses that thought in the movie when he says, "If I believe that a small percentage of human beings were created to enjoy bliss eternally and another group of beings were created to experience eternal conscious torment, then I look at human beings differently than if I say, 'Every human being was made in the image of God. Every human being is beloved by God. God is at work to save every human being.'"

McLaren's position is contrasted with that of Seattle megachurch pastor Mark Driscoll, who explains that, in his view, "God created the world and people chose to rebel against him. And God came and died to save some of them from the death they deserve."

Mainstream Christianity, especially evangelical Christianity, tends to promote some version of that view, which includes the idea of hell as eternal torment.

Miller briefly mentions the view that those unsaved by Jesus will simply perish, called annihilationism. But the filmmaker seems to lean toward a view that holds out hope that hell exists but may not be eternal — that God wants to be reconciled to all people, and that the reconciliation can happen even after death.

Bell was called heretical by some critics for promoting a similar view in "Love Wins."

In the film, Missouri's International House of Prayer Director Mike Bickle says that to promote the idea that the grace of God is available in hell, or universalism, "is the worst crime that a preacher of the Gospel could say to the world."

But Miller seeks to show that the view is not out of line with Christian tradition.

Catholic apologist Peter Kreeft says the Catholic church leaves the question somewhat open.

"That there is a hell and that anyone can go there by their free choice, that's dogma," he says. "That there's anybody in it and how many people are in it, nobody knows."

Orthodox Archbishop Lazar Puhalo emphatically asserts, "God doesn't send anybody to hell. God doesn't punish anybody, either in this world or the world to come."

In his view, "hell is a condition, not a place. The malice we feel is the fire that burns."

Miller bookends the film around the 9/11 tragedy, saying events like the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center are the reason people need to believe in hell as a place of punishment for bad people, like Osama bin Laden or Adolf Hitler.

But Christian author Brad Jersak reminds the audience that common Christian belief teaches that Hitler isn't the only one going to hell.

"If we're strict infernalists, the victims of Auschwitz who didn't have their names written in the book of life go right from Hitler's flames into God's flames, forever and ever and ever," he says.

Miller is from Canada, but his religious upbringing probably would be more common for an American. He calls himself a recovering fundamentalist, although he said has great respect for the "ladies who put their heart and soul" into teaching him about the Bible.

He grew up in the mainline United Church of Canada but joined the Mennonite church as teenager. He went to a Mennonite Bible college and spent some time in an interdenominational seminary. He attended several nondenominational evangelical churches before becoming an Anglican.

Miller said he considers himself a sophisticated reader of the Bible but never gave much thought to hell before he edited a book on the subject several years ago.

The controversy surrounding Bell's "Love Wins" helped him frame the debate for the movie and some of the interview subjects are Bell's most significant critics and supporters.

Miller says his film is primarily aimed at a religious audience.

"A growing number of people are increasingly uncomfortable with the notion of a God who calls us to love our enemies but who will one day vanquish his enemies to hell," he said in an interview. "People sense the contradiction but think that the only way to resolve it is to leave Christianity."

"Hellbound?" opens in New York City on Friday.

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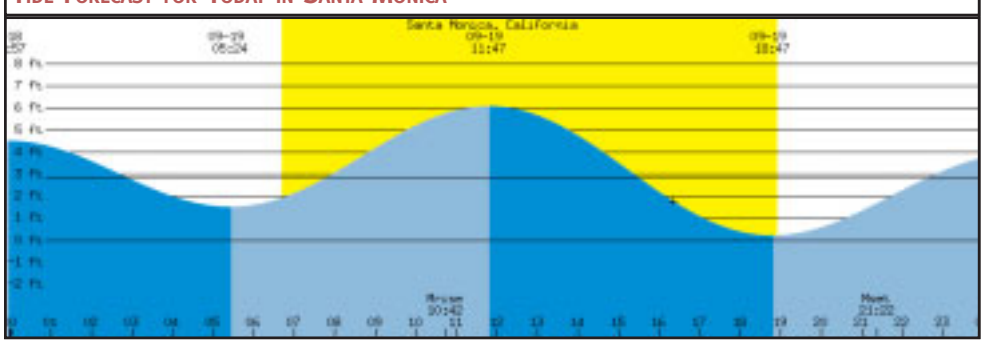
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
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
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Topa Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 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
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
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Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
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Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

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ns -- no sample taken

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Commissioners discuss tweaking postseason format

RICK GANO
AP Sports Writer

ROSEMONT, Ill. Conference commissioners are considering the possibility of adding another game to be part of the semifinal rotation for the new college football playoff.

The postseason plan approved by university presidents in June called for the national semifinals to rotate among six bowl sites. The years those sites do not host semifinals, they would be marquee bowl games, involving other highly ranked teams.

There are numerous details still be worked before the format is implemented in 2014, including the composition of the selection committee that will pick the playoff participants, site of the first championship game and revenue distribution.

And now it seems like the plan might be tweaked to give teams that don't make the playoff more chances to play in high revenue games.

"They created a playoff and they had a working concept for access, but they knew that more conversations were needed," BCS executive director Bill Hancock said Wednesday after the second day of meetings. " There was discussion about access and whether another game might be necessary. There was. ...but how it comes out, we don't know."

Also to be determined is what the format will be called.

"The first championship game is 28 months away. And so the highest priorities are going to have to go to the television contract and site selection," Hancock said, adding that ESPN has a one-month exclusive negotiating window beginning around Oct. 1.

"And we would like to have the television part of it finished this fall. And we'd like to be pretty far down the road on site selection this fall. Although I don't think we'll be finished on site selection, possibly not until April," Hancock said.

Although requests for proposals won't go out until November, Hancock said numerous cities have informally expressed interest. He said the process will likely be similar to the one used to pick the site of the NCAA's Final Four.

Two of the sites are set. The Rose Bowl, long the destination for the Big Ten and Pac-12 champions, is in. The Orange Bowl, which recently agreed to a long-term deal with the Atlantic Coast Conference is in.

The site of the new bowl between the Big 12 and Southeastern Conference will also be in the semifinal rotation. Those leagues are expected to make a choice between Atlanta, Houston, Arlington, Texas, and New Orleans next month.

The Superdome in New Orleans, the site of the Sugar Bowl, and Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, the home of the Cotton Bowl, are the leading candidates.

Whichever one does not land the so-called Champions Bowl, will have a good chance of landing a spot in the semifinal rotation, along with the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz.

As for the selection committee, Hancock said he believes it should be 15 to 20 people although the commissioners haven't discussed a set number. The makeup could be heavy on conference administrators, but may also include some at-large members, another detail to be worked out.

"The working model has been that every conference would have a representative," Hancock said. " And then that there would be enough people on the committee to accommodate recusals. The concept being that when your institution is discussed you would be recused. .."

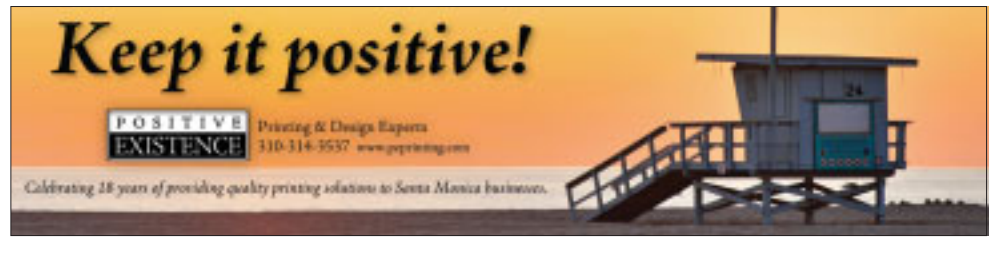
And several factors were been discussed for determining revenue distribution. Among those are academic and on-field performance, Hancock said.

"And that decision ultimately will be made by the presidents who have their annual meeting in November," Hancock said.

A committee is also considering options for a name, Hancock said.

"There are people who think we should have a naming contest and there are others who think we should just name it. I don't know how it will come out."





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Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:15am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:45pm

Finding Nemo 3D (G) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Lawless (R) 1hr 55min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Words (PG-13) 1hr 36min
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Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (R) 1hr 35min
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Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
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Premium Rush (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
11:35am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:15pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

Resident Evil: Retribution (R) 1hr 35min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:25pm, 7:45pm

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Pace yourself tonight, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Do not sit on the same situation for too long. In fact, it would be smart to act before something else happens. Initiate interactions, and demonstrate a deep understanding of the forces at work. Tonight: Break patterns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for a key person in your life. You might not be ready for some changes involving someone at a distance or potential plans for travel and/or education. An unexpected insight requires you to ask for some clarification. Tonight: Someone presents offers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Know what to do. Make an effort to come to terms with a key person. What you want comes to you from out of left field. You might have to make an adjustment, but make it your pleasure to do so. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Pace yourself and listen to what others share. A boss or higher-up could cost you time and energy because of his or her uncanny unpredictability. Your imagination helps you gain a new perspective, and you become less triggered as a result. Tonight: Pace yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Allow more fun to emerge, even if you are in the office. The unexpected occurs with communication. You might wonder which way you want to head with a routine matter. Tonight: Consider starting your weekend early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Though you might feel like you have been quite expressive as of late, to many people, it will seem as if you have become withdrawn. You have had a lot to digest. You are trying to integrate new information and might not be willing to share. Tonight: Happily at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Sometimes the best course of action is to participate in communication and attempt to home in on someone's ideas. You might be surprised by what you hear. Tonight: Spend time with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Eye your finances with care. You might need to have a conversation with a sibling or neighbor about a recent expenditure. Your innate creativity will help you find the right solutions. Tonight: Spend time with a close friend or loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You are more energized than usual and could experience an adrenaline surge at an unexpected event. Your perspective might be more helpful than you realize. A family member or roommate finally understands where you are coming from. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You are very aware of undercurrents, and you sense quite a few of them when dealing with others. Listen to news and be open. A person in your day-to-day life whom you are not necessarily close to puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Emphasize what is important, especially in a meeting. You will have greater influence in that situation. You might want to give a jolt to someone in order to have his or her defenses drop; however, by doing so, could you be creating stronger defenses? Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Tension builds. You might see stress build as a result of an unexpected financial glitch. You also might feel pulled between two different interests. Tonight: Put your feet up.

Happy birthday

This year you will waver between different approaches. You could scrutinize a situation carefully, but the determining factor for whether or not you will take action depends on your willingness to take a risk. Confusion often hinders you. In a sense, you might be trying too hard. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Decide what type of relationship you want, and keep that in mind while dating. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy time together, even if it's just to chat. You will love your nights alone at home. SAGITTARIUS infuses energy into nearly any situation.

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

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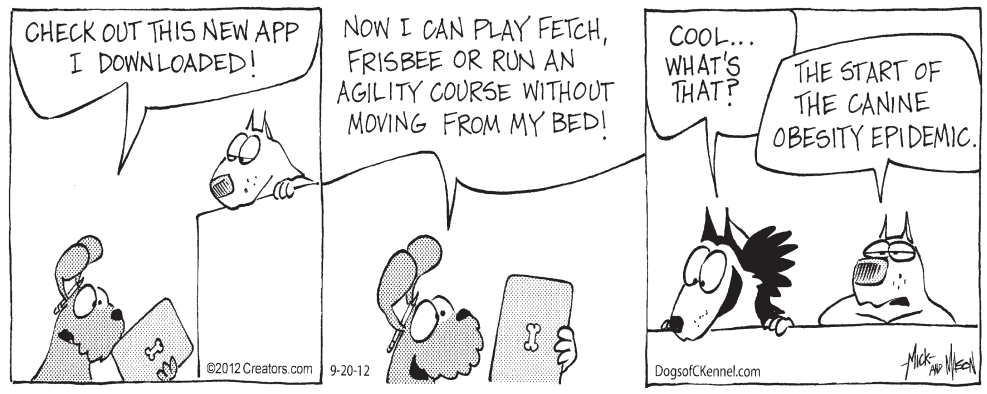


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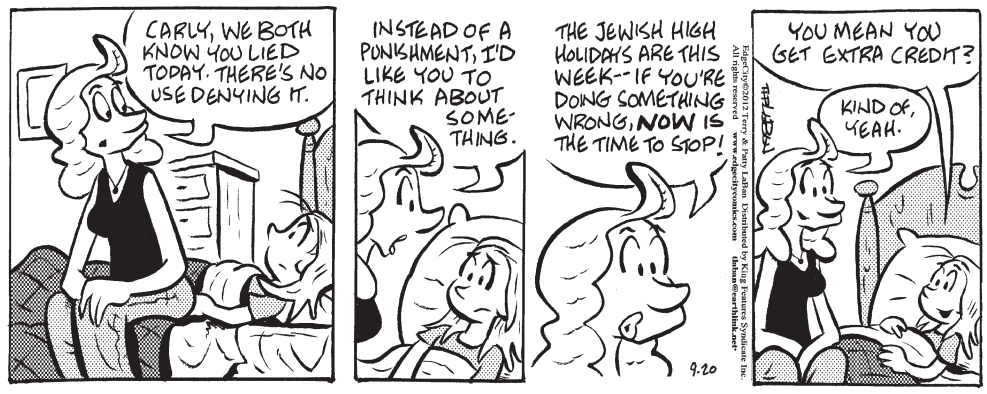
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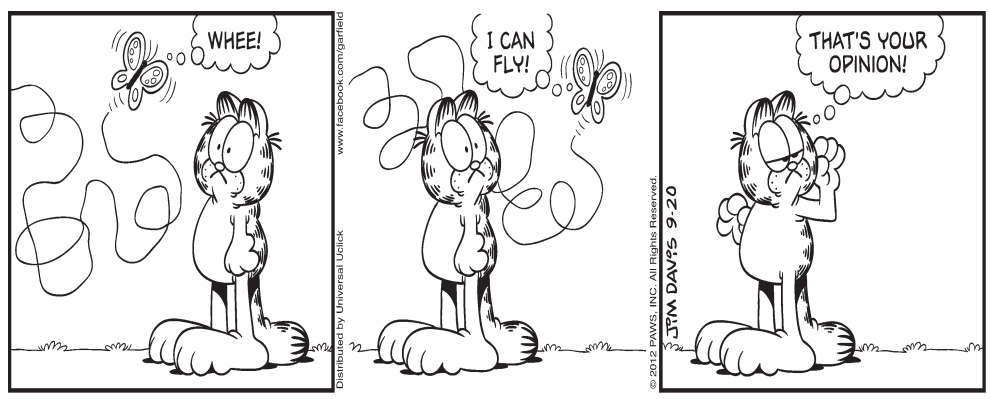
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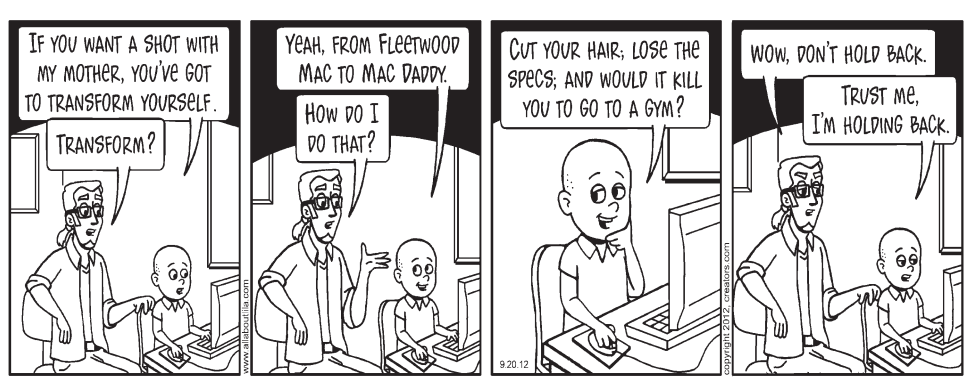
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Church belief
6 Airport aid
11 Hatch on the Hill
12 Send away
13 Leaning
14 Give one's case
15 Like some mushrooms
17 Hold
19 Singer Orbison
20 Leg, in slang
23 Fraternize
25 Jason's ship
26 FX-filming backdrop
28 Capital on a fjord
29 Hidden
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32 Utmost
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35 West African country
38 Model Campbell
41 By surprise
42 Plumed bird
43 Job bonuses
44 Hourglass bits

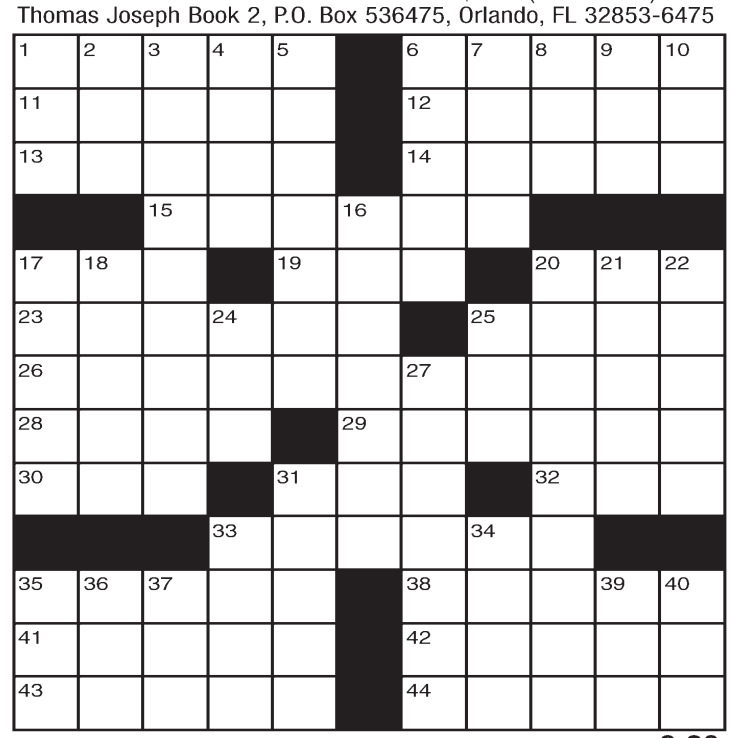
DOWN

1 Period
2 Bruins legend
3 Parks around a city
4 Intellect
5 Fireplace sight
6 Answer
7 Car bar
8 Spotted cube
9 In the fashion of
10 Wine choice
16 Olympics racer
17 George Burns movie
18 More severe
20 Novice
21 Deal maker
22 Calendar page
24 "The Matrix" hero
25 Music's Garfunkel
27 Eyeteeth
31 GIs overseas
33 Scissors beater
34 Sweeping story
35 Ravine
36 Presidential nickname
37 Saloon
39 Dr.'s field
40 "— been real!"

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Yesterday's answer

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Meganumber: 36
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1 6 7 19 36
Meganumber: 16
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: Sep. 19
1 2 7 19 21

DAILY 3
Draw Date: Sep. 19
MIDDAY: 9 2 8
EVENING: 5 8 5

SANTA ANITA
Draw Date: Sep. 18
1st: 09-WINNING SPIRIT
2nd: 08-GORGEOUS GEORGE
3rd: 07 - EUREKA
RACE TIME: 1:42.28

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In August, an abbot at the Wat Phra Dhammakaya Buddhist temple in Bangkok, Thailand, reported that Steve Jobs is doing well now as a "mid-level angel." He was reincarnated as "a half-Witthayathorn, half-Yak," which the Bangkok Post took to mean that Jobs continues to be a "giant" and a seeker of scientific knowledge and apparently resides in a "parallel universe" near his former office in Cupertino, Calif.

■ Finally responding to defense lawyers, the U.S. Department of Justice acknowledged that it has been trying to keep certain North Carolina inmates locked up even though judges had declared them legally innocent. About 60 prisoners, according to a June USA Today investigation, were victims of an incorrect interpretation of federal gun-possession law supposedly rectified by a May 2011 U.S. Court of Appeals decision, but the Justice Department had continued to demand holds, for 12 months, arguing that somehow it still needed time to consider the men's records. (Some of the inmates are serving time for multiple counts and would only be eligible for sentence reductions.) In August, the department, sportingly, said it would stop opposing release of the men who had been ruled innocent more than a year earlier.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1848 - The American Association for the Advancement of Science is created.

1854 - Battle of Alma: British and French troops defeat Russians in the Crimea.

1857 - The Indian Rebellion of 1857 ends with the recapture of Delhi by troops loyal to the East India Company.

1860 - The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII of the United Kingdom) visits the United States.

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Applies to:
- Individuals with adjusted gross income (AGI) above $200,000
- Couples filing a joint return with more than $250,000 AGI

Types of Income:
- Interest, dividends, rents (less expenses), capital gains (less capital losses)

Formula: The new tax applies to the LESSER of
- Investment income amount
- Excess of Adjusted Gross Income over the $200,000 or $250,000 amount

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