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THE ROSH HASHANAH ISSUE

City Goals: Police Department

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's Note: Every year, city departments set goals and objectives. In August, City Hall released information about how each of the 15 departments progressed toward these goals during the 2013-14 fiscal year. Over a several week period, the Daily Press has been taking a look at the goals that are being achieved (according to City Hall) and the ones that aren't. This is the last in the series.

CITY HALL The Santa Monica Police Department's report paints a positive picture of crime trends in the city by the sea.

As reported earlier this month in the

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Public respond to Pedestrian Plan

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

MAIN LIBRARY A group of "professional pedestrians" met with professional planners and volunteer commissioners Sept. 23 at the Main Library to discuss the City's upcoming Pedestrian Action Plan.

The evening event allowed residents to browse elements of the plan, talk one-on-one with city staff and participate in an informal hearing with the Planning Commission.

The goal is for the plan to be adopted alongside the City's other zoning documents to provide a guide for any future development. The hope is that any modifications to city streets, whether by commercial developers, regular maintenance or the city's organized upgrades, will include measures to make walking safer, more convenient and more prevalent. The plan has a few action items associated with its adoption but is predominantly an advisory document.

Planning Commission Chair Jason Parry said the goal of the open house was to provide residents with a chance to influence the document prior to a formal discussion in November.

"No one knows the challenges to walking safely in Santa Monica more intimately than those who regularly walk their neighborhood," he said. "The Commission tweaked the meeting format to hear more from them, and I'm glad we did. Their comments will help our discussion of the draft plan on November 5."

Residents described problems with specific intersections, highlighted a lack of awareness/education and expressed a frustration with the way pedestrians are treated on the roads.

Megan Cavanaugh said the city's mindset needs to change to think of pedestrians first, including easier reporting of problems, improved infrastructure and an assumption that people will be walking rather than a hope they might start walking.



Courtesy image

ACCIDENTS: The Pedestrian Action Plan hopes to reduce the number of collisions.

"If we want pedestrians everywhere, we should assume they are everywhere and adjust our cycles accordingly," she said.

Marjorie Campbell said drivers either don't see or don't care about pedestrians in crosswalks and bicycles on the sidewalk are also a problem.

"I'm constantly frustrated with cars turning on me," she said. "It scares me because I'm not as fleet of foot as I used to be."

Grace Phillips called for more crosswalks at major intersections and slowing traffic as a means of moving towards a "Vision Zero" plan.

"Anything that slows traffic at pedestrian areas should be embraced," she said.

Vision Zero is a philosophical approach to pedestrian/bike/car relationship that aims for zero dangerous interactions. The concept began in Europe and has been adopted in several American cities.

Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon called for an immediate implementation of Vision Zero in Santa Monica citing the need to go beyond the Pedestrian Plan to make significant changes.

"Vision Zero means a complete rethinking of streets," he said. "We've got a very old style city with red lights and stop lights on corners that basically means we have the same kind of movement around the streets that we had 10 or 20 years ago.

He said the City has long known it has a problem with cars/bikes/pedestrians citing a steady stream of reported accidents in the City that averages about 100 people injured per year.

"That's not counting the people that get hurt but don't call it in," he said. "There's a mindset of acceptance inside the City for that level of pedestrian, bike and car related problems. We need to try to create streets where cars and pedestrian interactions don't occur."

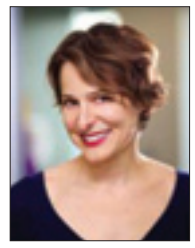
For more information on Pedestrian Action Plan, visit www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Plans/Pedestrian-Action-Plan.

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Riel case against city, Gould moves forward

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A federal district judged denied City Hall's motion to toss a case brought against them by a resident who was offered a top city job and then dismissed because of her past political involvement.



RIEL

City Hall announced the hiring of Elizabeth Riel to the Communications and Public Affairs Officer position in May and City Manager Rod Gould rescinded that offer in June for reasons that, at the time, he would not discuss.

The job would have involved communication with the press, and other organizations, on behalf of City Hall.

Riel had been critical of City Hall in a 2006 Daily Press column and she contributed to a Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City campaign that attacked then Mayor Pam O'Connor for accepting campaign contributions from a developer.

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West Nile virus found in dead birds

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE Two dead birds found in Santa Monica have tested positive for West Nile virus.

According to the Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District, the birds were found between Sept. 15 -21. West Nile positive birds were also found in Culver City, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, and the County of Los Angeles. During the same time, a group of trapped mosquitoes tested positive for the

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

September 24

Heal the Bay benefit
Circle Bar
2926 Main St., 9 p.m.
Please join organizers for our Fall Charity event benefiting Heal the Bay. Ambiance provided by DJ Lo-Khem. $10 for 2 Tito's Handmade Vodka cocktails with proceeds going to Heal the Bay.
www.facebook.com/events/670354936393065/

The College Process from A to Z
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 p.m.
Diana Hanson of College Mentors will discuss the entire college process, from building a high school "resume", to college selection, testing, applications and financial aid. Grades 9-12.

Pajama Story Time at Main
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6:30 p.m.
Grab your favorite stuffed animal and wear your pajamas for this evening story time for the whole family.

An Evening with Gail Sheehy
New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd. 6:30 p.m.
Gail Sheehy is the author of sixteen books, including the classic New York Times bestseller Passages, named one of the ten most influential books of our times by the Library of Congress. "Daring: My Passages," is her memoir-a chronicle of her trials and triumphs as a groundbreaking "girl" journalist in the 1960s, to iconic guide for women and men seeking to have it all, to one of the premier political profilers of modern times. Reception at 6:30 p.m., presentation at 8 p.m. $20 General Admission.

September 25

Psychic medium Lynn Miller
Edgemar Center
2437 Main Street
7:30 p.m.
Spend an evening with Internationally known Psychic /Medium/ TV personality As seen on Lifetime America's Psychic Challenge/ Bravo / VHI and a radio Host on CBS Radio. Learn how to embrace your own abilities and "tap "in to your own guides. An informative evening everyone will receive a intro session and enjoy a full group reading.
Tickets cost $45. For more information or tickets, visit www.edgemarcenter.org, call (310) 399-3666 or email info@edgemar.org.

Fed Up - Movie Screening
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave. 7:30 p.m.
Fed Up is the film the food industry doesn't want you to see. Chef Evan Kleiman will moderate a panel with: Clare Fox, of the LA Food Policy Council; Ann Gentry, owner of Real Food Daily; and Dean Kubani, of the City of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Why You Aren't Happy and What to Do About It
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 7 p.m.
This program is based on the principles and practices of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. ACT is a mindfulness-based behavioral therapy approach that incorporates the most recent and effect research on positive change. Presented by licensed psychotherapist Karen Pickett and comedian Cary Odes.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Aero Theatre

Movie Screening

Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment, American Cinematheque and Sustainable Works present a screening of Fed Up on Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave.

Is sugar the next tobacco? The epidemic of childhood obesity in America is undeniable, but its root causes are less well known - and that may be intentional. This compelling documentary examines the relationships between government regulatory agencies and the sugar and processed food industries and why our sweet tooth may be killing us. Narrated by Katie Couric.

A panel discussion moderated by KCRW's "Good Food" host, Evan Kleiman will follow the screening. The panel will include: Clare Fox, Director of Policy & Innovation at LA Food Policy Council, Ann Gentry, Founder/CEO of Real Food Daily, Dean Kubani, Sustainability Manager, City of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

- EDITED BY MATTHEW HALL

SMC

SMC announces fall Global Connections Lectures

Santa Monica College has announced the lineup of the Fall 2014 Global Connections Lecture Series starting Sept. 25 with "The New Era of Globalization: Some Causes and Consequences," by Dr. Jane Bayes.

The lecture series is free and seating is on a first-arrival basis. All lectures are at 11:15 a.m. on the main SMC campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.

Bayes is a Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute of Gender, Globalization and Democracy at California State University, Northridge, and also Director of the International Social Science Council's Research Network on Gender, Globalization and Democratization (ISSC-GGD). She will discuss her research findings on the effects of globalization. The lecture will be held in Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165.

The remaining lineup in the Fall 2014 Global Connections Lecture Series is:

Oct. 9 - "La Corona Screening and Talk," featuring SMC's National Hispanic Heritage Month speaker Isabel Vega, the filmmaker who made the Oscar-nominated documentary with Amanda Micheli. Vega will screen and discuss the film, which explores the lives of women in prison in Bogotá, Colombia, through a unique beauty pageant. Though accused as criminals, the women are also victims who face extreme poverty and abuse. The screening and talk will be held in Art Lecture Hall 214.

Oct. 28 - "Global is the New Local," by Jennifer Ferro, General Manager of NPR-flagship station KCRW, President of the KCRW Foundation, and the leader of the station's team to build a new studio facility scheduled to open in 2015 at SMC's Academy of Entertainment & Technology (AET). She will talk about the latest developments at KCRW and in public radio. The lecture will be held in Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165.

Nov. 18 - "Working Together to Support Civilians Affected by Violent Conflict," featuring SMC's International Education Week speaker Zahra Ismail, Program Officer at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego. She has worked abroad extensively with non-government organizations (NGOs) supporting community level mediation, international development, human rights, and conflict resolution, and will talk about what she has learned from her experiences. The lecture will be held in Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165.

The series is sponsored by the SMC Global Citizenship Council, SMC Office of Public Programs, and the SMC Associates (www.smc.edu/associates), with additional sponsorship by the SMC Latino Center/Adelante Program and the SMC English Department for La Corona screening and talk. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis. For information, call (310) 434-4003.

- MH

SMC

SMC Dance Master Class series begins Sept. 25

The Santa Monica College Dance Department will present the Fall 2014 Masters of Dance Series, an eclectic series of master classes and lectures. The series opens on Sept. 25 with Invertigo Dance Theatre's Artistic Director Laura Karlin, who will conduct a Contemporary Dance class that explores the importance of technique with a delicious theatrical exploration, and opens students up to risk-taking and connection.

All dance master classes are free and are held on the SMC main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd. Seating is on a first-arrived basis.

Karlin, who teaches yoga and dance to students ages 9 to 93, choreographs for Invertigo and works to make the company a lively presence in the LA area through performance, education, outreach, and collaboration. She will teach on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 2:30 p.m. in Gym 104. If participating, wear black-on-black dancewear.

The remaining Masters of Dance lineup for the season is:

Oct. 29 (4:15 p.m., Gym 104): Wilfried Souly will teach a West African Dance class that focuses on the rhythms of Tomankan/Liberte and explores West African dance vocabularies. The Associate Director of Baker & Tarpaga Dance Project is a faculty member at the UCLA World Arts & Cultures/Dance Department and the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA), and is a former performer with the acclaimed Burkina Faso company "The Bourgeon du Burkina." If participating, wear black-on-black dancewear.

Nov. 20 (12:15 p.m., Gym 104): Kim A. Blank will present a Pop Dance workshop that touches on various practices and methods she uses in her work weaving between the worlds of professional/commercial dance and recreational/dance-fitness. She is a dancer/choreographer who performed in videos for Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie and earned an Emmy nomination for her work in the HBO film "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge." If participating, wear black-on-black dancewear.

The master class series is sponsored by the SMC Associates (www.smc.edu/associates) - a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on campus - and the SMC Dance Department.

For information, go to www.smc.edu/dance or call (310) 434-4003 or (310) 434-3467.

- MH

Malibu

Pacific Coast Highway Seawall Project near Las Tunas State Beach

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will construct a seawall along southbound Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) to protect a beachside slope from eroding away below the highway near Peña Road. Large waves caused by hurricanes in Mexico have caused severe erosion to slopes along this section of highway. Additionally, erosion has caused a utility line to become exposed. Construction work is expected to begin Sept. 24 and finish by late October.

On Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., one lane of southbound SR-1 will be intermittently closed to allow for the delivery of construction materials. Following Wednesday, the remainder of work will take place behind concrete barriers along the highway and the bike lane will be unavailable to cyclists and pedestrians.

To construct the 50-foot long seawall, construction crews will use concrete slurry and sandbags to prevent waves from further damaging the slope.

Union Construction Inc. of Santa Maria was awarded this $125,000 contract that is funded by the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

Caltrans reminds motorists to Slow For The Cone Zone and Move Over. It's the law.

- MH

LISTINGS

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Bonus Pool Day
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy,
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The pool will be open Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ups only, no reservations.

Angel City Beer Dinner
Del Frisco's Grille
1551 Ocean Ave #105, 7 p.m.
Del Frisco's Grille Santa Monica has teamed up with Angel City Brewery to host a craft beer dinner. Guests will enjoy four craft brews including the Angeleno IPA, Gold Line Pilsner, Eureka Wit and Oktoberfest, along with four signature courses from Executive Chef Tiger. To RSVP, call (310) 395-7333. $60 per person.

Music 4 a Cause
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 4th St. 8 - 10 p.m.
A night of music at Santa Monica Playhouse supporting Westside Food Bank. The concert will feature composer Daniel Licht who will be performing some of his music from Dexter. Local artists The Roustabouts, Beta and Dinosaur Tooth will also be donating their talents to help support this great cause. All proceeds will go to Westside Food Bank to help fight hunger in the Los Angeles community.
$12 Suggested Donation

September 26

Guest House docent tour
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 11 a.m.
Explore the rich Beach House site history with a Santa Monica Conservancy docent. Tours are free, and last approx. 30 minutes. Tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Tours are limited to 15 guests.

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415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 11 a.m.
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A Star is Born
Aero Theater
1328 Montana Ave. 7:30 p.m.
Join organizers for a screening of the film "A Star Is Born." There will be an introduction to the film by James Duke Mason, James Mason's grandson. Author Randy Schmidt will sign copies of his new book Judy Garland on Judy Garland: Interviews and Encounters in the lobby at 6:30 p.m. $11 General; $7 Members.

Global Festival
3rd St. Promenade
1300 block 12 - 8 p.m.
The 3rd Street Promenade is transformed into a global village, where participants will experience sights, sounds, tastes, textures and fragrances from distant lands. Interactive booths display fun and educational items including clothing, pottery, artwork, artifacts, music, games, crafts and tasty samples from every continent. Enjoy live entertainment with music, dance and cultural demonstrations that will have participants dancing for joy in the streets of Santa Monica.

Way Over Yonder
Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier
Newport Folk Festival, follows route 66 across the country again this fall to Santa Monica for the second edition of Way Over Wonder. Way Over Yonder will have two stages: the Main Stage outdoors on the deck, where the headliners will appear and the Carousel Stage, inside the historic carousel building, where acoustic acts will perform.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Diversity on TV

Editor:

Are you kidding me? The Directors' Guild places "The Big Bang Theory" on their worst list for diversity (SMDP, 9-18-14)?

The show offers three female stars, one acknowledged homosexual and a Jewish creator/producer. And still that is not diverse enough?

This screams out for a sarcastic "Bazinga!"

David Long
Santa Monica

More than a landmark

Editor:

Santa Monica Airport is more than a historical landmark. It is the first responder for emergencies and life-saving transplants, a place of refuge for all WLA residents, and currently cuts down on airport noise & pollution, based on current guidelines within Measure D. This allows Santa Monica residents to preserve these critical issues, and lets the voters decide whether to close this Airport removing our safe haven, while creating another land redevelopment. Measure L.C. leaves this decision solely to seven members of the Santa Monica City Council. The rights of the voters are both necessary and paramount to maintain the democratic society that so many people lost their lives for.

Marie Espino,
Santa Monica

No on D

Editor:

Call me a cynic, but I'm always suspicious when I hear the same phrase being repeated by different folks promoting the same political agenda. And even a superficial review of local news websites and newspapers covering the airport issue reveals one particular assertion repeated again and again, specifically: "Most voters in Santa Monica support the airport."

This opinion was included in the letter from Michael Kent in the SMDP Sept. 20-21st edition, and can be seen in countless other online comments and letters to editors over the past few months. But no matter how often it is repeated, it is never supported by any evidence. No polling. No facts. No hard numbers.

In other words, it's just a baseless assertion.

By contrast, here are some hard facts: according to figures released by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), the total number of donors with Santa Monica addresses who donated $100 or more to the measure D campaign is ... three.

Yes, three people. This so-called majority in favor of the airport sure are tight with their money, eh?

A suspicious man might conclude the point of repeating the same assertion again and again is to lull the voters into thinking that the upcoming vote is a foregone conclusion so they might as well stay home and not bother to vote.

Gee, it's almost like there's a big lobbyist advising the pro-airport crowd on how to win the PR war...

The other baseless assertion in Mr. Kent's letter is that if we upset the FAA by litigating to close the airport it could backfire and result in SMO becoming a hub for a commercial airline. What a risible claim. Again, completely without foundation and, I suspect, one that originated, like the baseless assertion mentioned above about the airport's popularity, in a strategy session of Arno Political Consultants, the PR firm hired by the deep-pocketed, out-of-town pro-airport faction. According to figures revealed by election disclosure laws, Arno has received in the region of $100,000 to advocate for Measure D, almost completely from out-of-town sources.

My dear departed father always advised me that a man is judged by the company he keeps. With that in mind let us consider that Arno's clients have included the NRA, Philip Morris, RJ Reynolds, Occidental Petroleum and various casino interests. I think SMDP readers can judge for themselves whether or not we should view the utterances of such a company - or those of its proxies in the media - with a healthy dose of skepticism.

Vote no on D. Vote yes on LC.

Victor Wilson
Santa Monica



Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Soft drink cans can make a statement

GO LONG DOWN THE FROZEN FOODS AISLE AND I'LL THROW A ROPE. I admit it, I can be a pain in the butt sometimes. I'm that guy who will complain, if I feel a principle is involved. Calmly but firmly, injecting a sense of humor if possible, not going to extremes, but I do believe if you always say nothing about what's wrong you can have no expectation that it will change for the better.

My family didn't even raise an eyebrow when I said I was going to return the 20-pack of Dr. Pepper I just bought, because when I tore it open to stock the fridge and pulled out the first can, there was a great big "NFL" and the outline of a hulking player wrapped around 2/3 of the can, staring at me.

Ordinarily I would have been perturbed but might have shrugged and thought, I'll put up with these, try not to notice and next time make sure I get less morally offensive packaging. But now, this week, is different.

I have always disliked football. Yes, it has athleticism and some amazing performances, but at its core it doesn't have the grace of other sports. It's all hit and run, by extremely large men.

It's more Roman coliseum than Olympic stadium. It's a blood sport, as far as the fan reaction it is calculated to invoke. Hit 'em harder! Concussions? You wimp, it's part of the game. Not to mention what it does to the gladiators' bones. Watch the opening sequence again of "North Dallas Forty."

No other sport besides boxing is more based on hitting your opponent as hard as you can, with no regard for injury. Yours or the other guy's.

With recent revelations about head injuries, plus statistics for ex-NFL players for memory loss, diminished life expectancy, depression, suicide rates, dementia, debilitating effects from a steady stream of team-injected painkillers, and more, it's become clear what kind of performer NFL teams require for excellence. So is it any wonder they and their commissioner Goodell try to sweep all the bad stuff that seeps off the field into the real world under the rug and certainly don't see it as a problem, given the athletes they've molded to play this game? We are talking billions, at stake here.

It's the same physicality and mentality that makes slugging your girlfriend unconscious or beating your four-year-old black and blue and cut and bleeding with a tree branch switch not much of a surprise.

All this is background to the antipathy I felt holding that Dr. Pepper can, and not wanting 20 of them in my house. Von's refunded my money with no fuss, but here's what got me.

The manager-of-the-moment seemed clueless as to why this would be an issue for me, or anyone. Not derisive, offended, incredulous or amused, just… mildly curious. "That's on every can, you know," she informed me.

"All of them?" I asked. "Coke and Pepsi and 7 Up?"

"Yes," she replied, then seemed puzzled what to say next. "It's the NFL - football. It's very popular." Like I might possibly be from Mars and not aware of this.

"Well, it's a lot less popular now, with what's been going on the last two weeks," I countered. (A hope, not a fact.)

No reaction, no response, like, suit yourself, I have no idea what's bothering you but I'll refund your money.

I asked her to pass along my return and my complaint to higher management. She seemed confused by the request. "We can't tell the companies what to put on their cans…"

"I know," I said, "but I want your company to know there are customers who find this offensive."

I doubt she did mention it to anyone. But I was surprised at the neutrality of her response. Is it possible she did not know anything about what dominated the news for the previous 10 days? Hadn't even heard anyone talking about it? Or she knew but still couldn't figure out why anything NFL would bother anyone? No scandal, nothing troubling here?

In the middle of pondering this and writing about it, I received a note from my friend Diane with a piece by Charles Simic titled "Age of Ignorance," from the New York Review of Books. It starts out, "Widespread ignorance bordering on idiocy is our new national goal. It's no use pretending otherwise… What we have in this country is the rebellion of dull minds against the intellect.

"An educated, well-informed population …would be difficult to lie to, and could not be led by the nose by the various vested interests running amok in this country." Uh oh, here we go, into la-la conspiracyland. This is intentional, planned, engineered?

But doesn't this explain a lot, of other nagging questions? "There's more money to be made from the ignorant than the enlightened… A truly educated populace would be bad, both for politicians and for business."

Simic has been teaching college-level American Literature for 40 years. He posits that our current state of the celebration of ignorance "is the product of years of ideological and political polarization and the deliberate effort by the most fanatical and intolerant parties in that conflict to manufacture more ignorance by lying about many aspects of our history and even our recent past."

He implicates cable TV and the Internet "but to have it believed requires a badly educated population unaccustomed to verifying things they are being told.

"Despite their bravado, these fools can always be counted on to vote against their self-interest. And that, as far as I'm concerned, is why millions are being spent to keep my fellow citizens ignorant." Oh, smack, fellow Charles.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves." - Edward R. Murrow

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Insights from my internship at SMPD

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN THE job responsibilities and perceptions of policeman in different states and foreign countries. Therefore I spent one month working alongside the Bavarian Police in the inner city of Munich at Police station 11. In October 2012 during the book fair in Frankfurt, I listened to a presentation by Arnold Schwarzenegger, the former Governor of the State of California, as he explained his Austrian experience in the "land of unlimited possibilities"-or the United States. His speech reminded me of my ancestors from Salzburg and awakened my interest in obtaining an internship with the California Police Department.

Despite very few prospects, I started to mail my resume with a formal letter of interest to several different Police Departments in Los Angeles. A couple days later, I received a response from the Santa Monica Police Department that stated they had never considered international internships before but the Department was open minded to the idea. To show how serious they were, the Department assigned Lieutenant Mike Beautz as my primary point-of-contact to arrange all the details of my visit. For example, the U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt had to complete a background check on me and Mike facilitated this process. In addition Police Officer Steve Salandez, Third Vice President of the IPA Section Los Angeles, contacted me and offered for me to stay at his house in Santa Monica for the duration of my internship, and I gratefully obliged.

On May 31, 2013, I flew to Los Angeles for a three-week internship. The city of Santa Monica has around 90,000 inhabitants and is completely surrounded by the larger Los Angeles County. Santa Monica City has its own government and Police Department that consists of more than 460 total staff members, including 216 sworn-in Police Officers. The Chief of Police, Ms. Jacqueline Seabrooks reports directly to the Mayor of Santa Monica.

At the start of my internship, Ms. Seabrooks and Mr. Beautz welcomed me. Ms. Seabrooks announced that the Santa Monica Police Department would fully integrate me into all types of daily operations to ensure I got a thorough understanding of the local police structure.

My internship was extremely eventful and showed me several daily police operations. For example, I spent the first few days on patrol duty and witnessed a taser operation. Next I supported the Secret Service during Barack Obama's visit to Santa Monica. In addition five people were killed at the Santa Monica City College in a nationally-publicized mass shooting. I was also assigned to work with the following police units: K-9, Bicycle Policing, Detectives, Narcotics, Water Police, and Traffic Accident Investigations. I even spent a day training with firearms and tactics (an AR-15 and a shotgun) on a shooting range in the Santa Monica hills. Lastly I accompanied the LA Air Unit in a helicopter flight to understand air support of patrol cars on the ground. Steve Salandez organized the flight.

I made several insights during my internship. First I noticed strong camaraderie among all Police Officers in Santa Monica. I also noticed a high level of technologically advanced infrastructure, such as patrol cars equip with state-of-the-art information and communication technology, rifles and shotguns, and special appliances to transport arrestees and detainees. The Santa Monica Police Department's multiple facilities and properties were spacious and clean. At the same time, I was impressed by the commendable and professional behavior of the members of the Police Department.

I also noticed the hierarchy of the Police Department with a clear and respected leadership structure. All managers were required to pass higher qualifications and take on more responsibilities. For example, a higher ranked officer has more sophisticated or complex tasks to complete in a given day. Good leadership culture and strong camaraderie seemed to further strengthen the great atmosphere.

I was also impressed that the job of a policeman can be performed without being bound to a desk. Much to my surprise, policemen do not spend a lot of time at the office, and yet they continued to maintain high job efficiency.

The internship with the Santa Monica Police Department was extremely beneficial for my career track because I learned a lot about the daily operations of the Police Department and gained inter-cultural know-how. For these reasons, I am extraordinarily thankful that the Santa Monica Police Department enabled this great experience and I recommend that my federal state of Hessen in Germany offers a similar type of internship for American Police Officers.

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US, California release roadmap for solar projects

ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO State and federal officials sought Tuesday to bring order to California's boom for renewable-energy plants in the Mojave and other southern California deserts, releasing a roadmap covering 22.5 million acres that designates some areas for large-scale solar, wind and geothermal plants and others for conservation of desert habitat and animals.

"We have amazingly special places here," U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said in a news conference at a desert wind farm near Palm Springs with U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer and other officials releasing the multi-agency draft plan.

By taking a look at the desert as a whole, Jewell said, the plan's designers are ensuring "the areas that should be protected are set aside. The areas that should be developed are streamlined" for building utility-scale renewable energy plants.

The release of the plan follows a renewable-energy building boom in southeastern California's deserts during the first term of the Obama administration, when the federal government gave billions of dollars in loans to developers placing sprawling, utility-scale solar projects in virgin desert.

The plan released Tuesday recommends designating a total of 2 million acres as appropriate sites for future solar, wind and geothermal projects. Another 4.9 million acres under the U.S. Bureau of Land Management would be set aside as conservation areas, if the draft plan is adopted.

Jewell's release of the plan opens a period of public comment through January. Renewable-energy developers and conservationists said they would be studying the more than 8,000 pages to learn exactly how areas were designated and under what rules.

The 22.5 million acres over seven southeastern California counties were "enough land for us to find a way to both protect species as well as find a way to develop renewable energy," Anne Baker of the renewable-energy industry's Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies said after the plan's release. "We can figure this out."

State and federal energy and wildlife officials created the draft plan for future projects after five years of consultation with conservationists, scientists and developers, American Indian tribes and others.

California is on track to meet a state goal of having a third of its energy come from renewable sources by 2020.

Conservationists on Monday, in advance of the plan's release, pointed to the Ivanpah solar plant, opened in January on 4,000 acres near the Nevada border. The $2.2 billion solar plant displaced desert tortoises, compelling developers NRG Energy, BrightSource Energy and Google to spend more than $20 million to try to safeguard the tortoises, which the federal government has listed as a threatened species.

The plant, using a different form of solar energy than solar panels, also has proven unexpectedly deadly to birds that flew through its concentrated solar rays. NRG and BrightSource officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

Energy developers say environmental concerns have made building desert energy projects slower and more expensive than they should be.

"There's a real urgency for getting projects up as quickly as possible," Mark Tholke, vice president of EDF Renewables energy company, said Monday, before the plan's release. "To meet the challenge of climate change ... we need cost-effective large projects."

Up until now, conservationists say, the push for industrial-scale renewable energy projects in the Mojave did needless harm to desert species and habitat.

"The emphasis was on developing massive projects on desert lands" with "little effort to minimize the impact," said Glenn Stewart, a biologist and a member of the board of directors of the Desert Tortoise Council conservation group.



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O'Connor told the Daily Press in June that she "might have commented" to Gould on her experience with Riel but that she can't tell the city manager what to do.

Riel filed a lawsuit against City Hall and Gould claiming that her First Amendment rights had been violated. Gould, the lawsuit said, told her that her past political involvement was the reason for her firing.

Gould announced in August that he will retire next year.

City Hall filed a motion to dismiss this lawsuit in August. They said, among many other things, that Riel's 2006 political activities would have "directly impaired her ability to function in the office and would have interfered with her professional relationships with the City's leadership."

Judge Beverly Reid O'Connell found none of City Hall's arguments compelling enough to dismiss the case.

"Because (City Hall and Gould) offer no justification for (Riel's) termination independent from her protected speech," she said, "the Court finds (City Hall and Gould) fail to satisfy their burden. Accordingly, the Court finds (Riel) sets forth valid claims for First Amendment retaliation against both the City and Gould."

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie declined to comment on the merits of the case; city attorneys rarely comment on on-going litigation.

"But, as to the process," she said in an e-mail, "a ruling on a motion to dismiss is merely a ruling on the sufficiency of the complaint. So, this ruling is not a decision on Ms. Riel's claims. Instead, the ruling merely allows her to continue her case against the City and City Manager. And, the case is in its earliest stage, presumably with much more to come."

For now, she said, City Hall needs to evaluate its options. Whatever they decide, she said, the outside attorneys hired to handle the case will "continue their vigorous defense."

Riel's lawyer Steven J. Kaplan called the judge's decision "thoughtful and well-reasoned" in a release.

"We are now looking forward to proving our claims," he said, "and showing the Court and a jury that the City of Santa Monica and City Manager Gould inexcusably punished one of its own residents because she criticized city government and participated - like any citizen should - in the political process."

Kaplan provided the Daily Press with O'Connell's 19-page decision.

"After reviewing the cases cited by (Riel)," reads one section of the decision, "the Court finds that a reasonable person would ... understand (Riel's) termination was unconstitutional."

O'Connell goes on to say that the court recognizes City Hall's interest in "avoiding disruption and maintaining cooperation" may be stronger - given the job requirements of the Communications and Public Affairs Officer - than in the precedents provided in the decision. Still, the decision said, the "threat of discord" between Riel and city officials does not outweigh the former's First Amendment rights.

Riel's 2006 political activities, the decision says, don't amount to "mere criticism" of City Hall or elected officials' visions or policies.

"Rather," the judge said, "(Riel's) speech sought to expose the public to potentially illegal activities."

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disease in Inglewood.

West Nile virus is transmitted through mosquito bites. It can manifest in humans as West Nile Fever with headaches, fever, tiredness, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands. It can also manifest as West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease with headache, fever, stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, tremors and paralysis.

According to Vector Control, dead birds are the least reliable indicator for the disease. The virus is constantly present throughout the region and the most commonly infected bird, the American crow, can travel up to 20 miles a day from their nest. The report said "Positive American crows collected in a specific area are significant only with respect to trends on a more regional or countywide basis. It does not indicate that a specific zip code, city, or location was the site where the actual mosquito bite and infection occurred because of the bird's extended daily travel patterns."

Experts say residents can minimize their chances of exposure to the disease by taking precautions against biting insects including the use of insect repellent, limiting exposure during dawn/dusk, keeping window and door screens in good working order and eliminating standing water on the property.

Dead birds can be reported to the agency via the toll-free hotline number at 1-877-WNV BIRD (1-877-968-2473). Rigid or decomposed birds cannot be used for testing.

For more information, visit the District's website at www.lawestvector.org.

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POLICE
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Daily Press, violent crimes and auto theft hit historic lows in 2013. According to new report, Part 1 crimes dropped another 5 percent in the first half of 2014, on pace to the department's goal of a 4 percent reduction by the year's end.

Part 1 crimes include rape, homicide, robbery, and assault - the violent crimes - and auto theft, larceny, burglary, and arson. Part 1 crimes were actually up last year, in large part because larceny cases, which are the most common of the eight Part 1 crimes, continued to rise. Department officials attributed this larceny rise, in part, to the arrest of a serial bike thief.

The report does not include a breakdown of which specific Part 1 crimes fell, but the overall crime rate is down by at least 1 percent in each of the last four quarters.

SMPD crime analysis experts identified homeless related problems as an area of focus for crime reduction. Numerous homeless trainings and programs were completed by members of the apartment throughout the last fiscal year, according the report.

The department, according to its report, is on or ahead of schedule on dozens of goals.

The implementation of an electronic collision reporting system, which was slated to be complete in April, is 75 percent done because the development of the software is taking longer than expected.

A goal to integrate the police and fire department communication center is coming along and they two departments are expected to share a room by November.

SMPD has collaborated on a slew of Teen Court events at Santa Monica High School. The court gives underage offenders a chance to be tried by a true jury of their peers: other students.

DARE and gang programs are being implemented in the middle and high schools.

The department conducted two motorcycle safety operations, 15 distracted driving operations, three DUI checkpoints, and 19 traffic enforcement operations. All but the DUI checkpoints are well above the department's benchmarks - a DUI grant dictates when checkpoints can be held, according to the report, and the final checkpoint in the benchmark is scheduled for November.

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Wharf fire disrupts Los Angeles-area ports

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A fire that raged overnight on the underside of an old wooden wharf was finally quelled Tuesday but not before all container terminals at the Port of Los Angeles and several in adjacent Long Beach harbor were shut down because of worries about unhealthy smoke.

Concern about the plume from burning creosote-preserved timber in the pre-World War II wharf also triggered a precautionary evacuation of a port-area elementary school and advice to residents to stay indoors.

The eight Port of Los Angeles terminals were to remain closed until the 6 p.m. night shift, port spokesman Phillip Sanfield said. He estimated a few thousand employees, mostly longshore workers, were sent home. At the neighboring Port of Long Beach, three of six cargo terminals were shut down.

A welding accident Monday evening ignited the 800-foot-long wharf, which has a warehouse running most of its length.

Fireboats spraying water and foam, scuba divers and firefighters ashore contained the bulk of the fire after about 2 1/2 hours, but it continued to smolder and officials said it might be Tuesday evening before it was fully extinguished.

"This is a very, very difficult fire to fight," said Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Ralph Terrazas.

The twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach handle 40 percent of America's import trade.

The economic impact of the fire was not immediately known and will depend on what kind of cargo was being held on the docks. Sanfield said he expected the dollar loss would be minimal because dockworkers have been able in the past to catch up when weather or labor unrest shut the port for a day.

The Port of Los Angeles handles an average of about $780 million of cargo each day, and the consequences of delays in moving that much product will reverberate down the supply chain - from truckers who wouldn't get paid for the day to exporters and retailers whose products won't show up right on time.

Outside the port, the fire's chief impact came in the form of precautions for potential health impacts from the smoke.

Fire and police officials advised residents in the Wilmington and San Pedro neighborhoods of Los Angeles as well as the city of Long Beach to remain indoors and keep windows closed.

About 700 students and 30 faculty members at De La Torre Elementary School were taken by bus to Olguin High School, on the campus of San Pedro High School, said Monica Carazo of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

She said the move came after fire officials grew concerned when shifting winds sent smoke toward the school. Other schools remained open with all outdoor activities suspended.

One parochial school stayed closed for the day.

Terrazas said, however, that hazardous air quality levels were reported only in the immediate proximity of the fire.

The amount of smoke greatly diminished by midday as firefighters continued to spray water and fire-fighting foam onto hotspots.

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"Measure D is simple and honest. Should voters be consulted before redeveloping a huge tract of land currently in low-density airport use? The consequences for the community could be dramatic, and asking the voters first is just common sense."

Jean-Christophe Dick
Resident, Santa Monica Mid-City Neighbors



"Measure D lets the grown-ups put a stop to warfare over the airport. The politicians need to hear from the voters, not just the usual loud voices."

Marie Espino
Resident, Pico Neighborhood Association



"Whatever they try to do with the airport land, you can count on the fact that more people, more activities and more density will have an impact on the City. As a voter, I'd like to choose which future I want."

A.R. (Randy) Bresnik
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"The most significant land-use decision in our City's history shouldn't be left to the politicians, developers and consultants who dominate City Hall. Redeveloping 227 acres of low-density land would change our community forever. Measure D assures that the voters will be heard."

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"Why are the politicians and a few pressure groups so afraid of voters deciding whether to redevelop the last and largest piece of low-density land left in the City? Measure D sends a message to the City Council to respect the voters."

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Resident, North of Montana Neighborhood Association



"Closing the airport for redevelopment would change our community forever, not to mention costing untold millions in lost revenue and new development costs. Voters decide? You bet!"

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"Measure D is our opportunity to stop Santa Monica's 30-year trajectory toward more and ever larger development. Stop the City from redeveloping our airport's land by putting control over this multibillion-dollar property where it belongs … in the hands of our trustworthy voters."

Christian Fry
Resident, Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Association



"I think the City would benefit from voter input. It's time to consult the community on these issues and not just the pressure groups and lobbyists at City Hall. The voters can give some guidance with Measure D."

John Jerabek
Resident, Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Association



"The City Council's record on traffic and development is terrible. Their own report from last year warns that redeveloping the airport will make traffic and pollution worse. It's time for voters to get behind Measure D."

Reynold Dacon
Resident, North of Montana Neighborhood Association



"The City report from 2013 clearly says that closing and redeveloping the airport would result in high-density development. That would be the biggest land-use decision in our history. Voters should have something to say about that."

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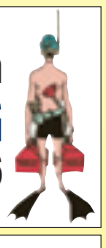
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Proposal would send Wyoming wind energy to LA

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Four companies proposed an $8 billion project Tuesday that within a decade could send wind energy generated on the plains of Wyoming to power-thirsty households in Southern California.

The sprawling project - if approved and financed - would create one of the country's largest wind farms 40 miles north of Cheyenne, a huge energy storage site inside caverns in a Utah salt formation and a 525-mile electric transmission line connecting them.

"This project would be the 21st century's Hoover Dam," said Jeff Meyer of Pathfinder Renewable Wind Energy, one of the companies behind the plan, referring to the 726-foot high span across the Colorado River that for decades has produced hydroelectric power for Nevada, Arizona, and California.

The power - potentially twice the amount produced by the 1930s-era dam, enough to serve 1.3 million people annually - would be sent on to California through an existing 490-mile line.

Its success hinges on a string of uncertainties, including clearing government regulatory hurdles and striking agreements to sell the power that would be essential to secure financing to build it.

Pathfinder Renewable Wind Energy, Magnum Energy, Dresser-Rand and Duke-American Transmission Co. said in a statement they plan to submit the blueprint to the Southern California Public Power Authority by early 2015.

The California agency, anchored to 11 municipal utilities, delivers electricity to approximately 2 million customers. It's seeking proposals to supply the Los Angeles region with renewable energy and power storage. Agency officials did not immediately return a call for comment.

Wind development in Wyoming's wide expanses has surged in the past decade as companies and state officials seek cleaner alternatives to burning coal for electricity. The proposed wind power development near Chugwater would be a boom to the sleepy ranching town of 216 nestled below beige sandstone bluffs on the high prairie.

A decade ago, in a desperate bid to revive their economically depressed community, town officials sold city lots for $100 apiece on the condition that the buyer would build a house and live there at least two years. Results were mixed, at best: Chugwater's population dropped 11 percent from 2000 to 2012, even as Wyoming's overall economy grew and population increased.

If completed, it would become Wyoming's second-largest wind power project. The biggest under development in the U.S. is a 1,000-turbine site planned by Denver-based The Anschutz Corp. near Saratoga, in south-central Wyoming.

The rapid growth in wind power has come with a cost - the government estimates at least 85 eagles are killed each year after flying into wind turbines. An Associated Press investigation in 2013 revealed that the Obama administration was not prosecuting wind energy companies for killing eagles and other protected birds.

A lynchpin in the companies' plan would be a $1.5 billion energy storage site near Delta, Utah, 130 miles southwest of Salt Lake City. The rural area is home to one coal-powered plant that generates electricity for Los Angeles County.

With the push for pollution-free energy sources that can help reduce greenhouse gases blamed for global warming, billions of dollars has been invested in wind and solar projects. But finding an economical way to store energy has been a key issue given the fluctuating nature of power generated by wind or sun. Under the proposal, the energy would be stored through a compressed-air system using four caverns carved out of underground salt formations, similar to a system that has been used in Alabama since the early 1990s.

When energy demand is low, excess electricity from the wind farm would be used to compress and inject high-pressure air into the caverns, each of which would have 41 million cubic feet of volume. At times of high energy demand, the high-pressure air would be combined with a small amount of natural gas to power eight electricity-producing generators, the statement said.

AP Energy Writer Jonathan Fahey in New York contributed to this report.



San Diego philanthropist launches newspaper bid

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO An octogenarian philanthropist launched a bid to buy San Diego's dominant newspaper and turn it into one of the nation's largest nonprofit news organizations, while another major Southern California publisher ceased publication of its Los Angeles newspaper after only five months.

Malin Burnham's bid for U-T San Diego is the latest effort to frame a newspaper investment as a gesture of civic goodwill. Analysts compared the San Diego businessman to a new breed of owners at The Washington Post, The Boston Globe and Star-Tribune of Minneapolis who believe newspapers perform a public service.

Burnham, whose background is in commercial real estate and insurance, said U-T San Diego owner and publisher Douglas Manchester encouraged him to seek nonprofit status from the Internal Revenue Service, which may take about 90 days.

Burnham, 86, told The Associated Press that he and Manchester each proposed prices and that he believes his offer can be "in the ballpark." He declined to be more specific.

Manchester, a San Diego businessman who spent heavily on an ill-fated cable television venture and used the newspaper to promote conservative views after buying it in 2011, said he was ready to talk with Burnham after he gets nonprofit status. He added that a deal was a long way from complete.

"I have always admired and respected all that Malin has done for our community and continues to do," Manchester wrote in a brief statement in response to a list of questions.

San Diego would join a small group of established, metropolitan newspapers owned by nonprofit companies, including the Tampa Bay Times in Florida and the Deseret News in Utah. Nonprofit news organizations tend to be startups.

A big question facing any print newspaper is whether the owners have enough financial muscle to survive an anticipated drop in revenues as readers move online, newspaper analyst Ken Doctor said.

"If you don't have the financial resources to do it, you just continue to see this downward spiral of staffing, especially in the newsroom, which means less content, and you do not have a growing business," Doctor said.

Freedom Communications Inc.'s decision to stop printing the Los Angeles Register is another setback for Aaron Kushner and Eric Spitz, first-time newspaper owners who vastly expanded staff at the Orange County Register with a contrarian, print-centric strategy that has yet to win followers.

Freedom also said it sold the Santa Ana headquarters building of the Orange County Register for $27 million and will lease space there. The company said it will focus on markets in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. It owns the Riverside Press-Enterprise, which it bought in November.

A memo to employees from Kushner and Spitz on Monday night said there will be "staff changes," but didn't give specifics. Several employees took to social media to say they lost their jobs, but the company declined to give a number.

"Pundits and local competitors who have closely followed our entry into Los Angeles will be quick to criticize our decision to launch a new newspaper and they will say that we failed," Kushner and Spitz wrote. "We believe the true definition of failure is not taking bold steps toward growth."

Doctor said the Los Angeles Register, which was launched after sharp cuts to Orange County coverage, never had enough journalists to compete against the Los Angeles Times.

"The bigger story of Kushner is he's playing a game of whack-a-mole," Doctor said. "He never had the money to stay a course and this, by its nature, is a long-term investment."

Burnham, who devotes himself full-time to philanthropy, says he has no quick fixes but the transition to digital will greatly reduce costs over time. He said he could see reducing daily print editions in two to five years and going to a Sunday-only print edition in 10 years - words that may be surprising for someone who has never turned on a computer and doesn't own a cellphone.

"Nobody is predicting there will be less news in the world," Burnham said. "We believe the delivery of news is a long-term prospect."

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Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 27, 2014. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Sergio Ramirez at the above address by September 27, 2014.

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Rights of same-sex military spouses vary by state

MICHAEL BIESECKER & JULIE WATSON
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JACKSONVILLE, N.C. On the wall over her bunk in Kuwait, Marine Cpl. Nivia Huskey proudly displays a collection of sonogram printouts of the baby boy her pregnant spouse is carrying back home in North Carolina. If all goes as planned, the 28-year-old military policewoman will return to Camp Lejeune in time for a January delivery at an on-base hospital.

But the space on the baby's birth certificate marked "Father" will be left blank.

Though her wedding in Washington, D.C., to Jessica Painter Huskey is recognized by the federal government, including the military, Cpl. Huskey is assigned to a battalion based in North Carolina, where state law bans same-sex marriage. She is barred from legally adopting her spouse's biological child, and will have no legal recognition as a parent.

Last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act ensured that federal military benefits extend to same-sex partners and their children.

But about two-thirds of active-duty personnel in the U.S. are based in states that don't recognize gay marriages, leaving thousands of military families missing out on legal rights they would enjoy if Uncle Sam had stationed them elsewhere.

At their home near Edwards Air Force Base north of Los Angeles, Lt. Col. Ivan Acosta and his husband George Guthrie enjoy the benefits of living in a state that recognizes their relationship. In April 2013, they jointly adopted a baby girl named Emma. Both men are listed as parents on their daughter's passport and birth certificate.

"That is definitely why we would want to stay in California," said Acosta, a 39-year-old aerospace engineer. "It's something that we have to think about that most straight couples do not have to think about."

Same-sex marriage is legal in 19 states and the District of Columbia. Challenges in other states continue to make their way through the courts, many of them successfully.

A three-judge federal appeals panel recently upheld a lower court ruling striking down Virginia's same-sex marriage ban, a legal precedent considered binding on a judge currently considering the constitutionality of North Carolina's very similar prohibition.

The Virginia ruling, like similar cases in a slew of states, remains on hold and appears headed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Huskeys both grew up in an area dominated by peach orchards outside Gaffney, South Carolina. They were good friends in high school and began dating while in college.

Cpl. Huskey enlisted with the Marine Corps within days of the 2012 repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." They got married last year, just before the Marine shipped out for a war tour in Afghanistan.

Currently in Kuwait, Cpl. Huskey was not available for an interview.

Jessica Huskey spoke at their tidy house outside Jacksonville, a short drive north of the sprawling base where her spouse is posted when stateside. The home is filled with photos and keepsakes of their nearly 10 years together.

A lawyer, Huskey has put a lot of thought into the potential legal implications of what will happen if their baby is born before the law changes. When a married heterosexual woman has a child in North Carolina, the law presumes her husband to be the biological father - even if the child was in reality conceived through an extramarital affair or by using a reproductive donor.

"A straight couple could be in the exact position we are, their child conceived in the exact same way, but automatically that parent is considered to be the other parent, regardless," Huskey said. "That isn't fair."

With her spouse barred from having any parental rights, Huskey worries what might happen if she were to get sick or die in an accident. Though she intends to draft a will expressing her desire for their son to remain with her wife, there is no guarantee a state judge will follow those wishes - especially if Jessica Huskey's blood relatives fight for custody.

In an emergency, Cpl. Huskey won't be able to make health care decisions on behalf of their child without presenting a medical power of attorney signed by Jessica Huskey. When it comes time to register for public school, the Marine once again won't be recognized as a parent.

"What other parent has to carry around a power-of-attorney for their child?" Huskey asked. "How much sense does that make?"

The baby will qualify for federal family benefits through Cpl. Huskey's military service, but only if she registers the child as her stepson.

"I know that's hard to swallow for Nivia," Huskey said. "For her, that's not her stepchild. That's her son."

Acosta and his husband feel lucky not have to worry about such legal headaches. The military gave him three weeks of paternity leave to be home with his new baby. Emma, now 2, goes to an on-base daycare. They are in the process of adopting a second child.

Unlike enlisted men and women, officers are sometimes given some say in where they are posted. Acosta, who is from Florida, said he has requested to be allowed to stay where he is.

"If we went to a different state that didn't recognize (our marriage), I'm not sure of all the challenges but I'm sure it wouldn't be as easy as in California," he said.

The Pentagon does not have a formal policy addressing what, if any, special consideration should be given to a gay service member's request to be based in a state where his or her marriage will be recognized. Military personnel routinely make requests or express preferences about where they would like to be assigned based on personal factors, such as wanting to be close to an ailing parent or where a spouse has a job.

Those requests are weighed along with the military's needs for having personnel with particular skills where they are needed at any given time.

"The military services consider a variety of factors when assigning personnel to jobs, including an individual's request to be stationed in a particular duty-station," said Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen, a Pentagon spokesman.

The northwestern corner of South Carolina where the Huskeys grew up is very socially conservative. Both were raised in fundamentalist churches and even some members of their immediate families still see their marriage as an abomination. By speaking out now, the Huskeys hope more people will learn to accept their marriage and their choice to have a child.

"We grew up in the South. This is home to us," she said. "I just think we want things to change here. We'd like to see our family recognized as any other family."

Chargers stay grounded in 22-10 win over Bills

JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. Quarterback Philip Rivers wasn't kidding about the San Diego Chargers' resolve to run the ball this season.

That was the plan before Ryan Mathews sprained his right knee in a win in Week 2 against Seattle.

And nothing changed in a 22-10 win at Buffalo on Sunday. That's when the Chargers were forced to turn to third-stringer Donald Brown once Danny Woodhead was carted off after hurting his right ankle on San Diego's second play from scrimmage.

"Guys are going to have to step up, and we have to stay balanced," Rivers said. "We can't turn this into, 'Oh, now we're going to be a 50-passes-a-game team.' It just doesn't work."

Though Brown's numbers - 31 carries for 62 yards - weren't eye-popping, the mere threat of Brown running the ball kept the Bills' respected pass-rush on its heels in a game the Chargers (2-1) never trailed.

Rivers was sacked only once in finishing 18 of 25 for 256 yards passing, with a pair of touchdowns to Eddie Royal.

Brown was happy to contribute, and his 31 carries were the most by a Chargers player since LaDainian Tomlinson had that many in 2006.

"I feel good, though tomorrow I'll probably be sore," Brown said. "Whether it's one carry or all the carries, whenever your number's called just make the most of the opportunity."

Brown is no stranger to carrying a big load after the diminutive 5-foot-10 player set numerous school records at Connecticut. He spent the past five seasons in Indianapolis before signing with the Chargers as a free agent in March.

The Bills' feel-good start to the season was derailed in dropping to 2-1.

Buffalo was limited to 208 yards offense and 13 first downs before a final mean-nothing drive ended with EJ Manuel throwing an incompletion into the end zone on fourth down.

The Bills' defense was picked apart by Rivers and a ball-control attack that featured three scoring drives that lasted 6-plus minutes.

"They beat us and they played better than we did today," defensive tackle Kyle Williams said. "But we didn't help ourselves."

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THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **September 17, 2014**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 2
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 43 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / 1

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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.		
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 Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	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
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
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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No. 11 UCLA's Myles Jack focused on stopping ASU

DAN GREENSPAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES All eyes are usually on Myles Jack, UCLA's electrifying two-way star linebacker and running back.

When the Bruins played Arizona State last season, everyone saw Jack standing on the sideline as the Sun Devils' offense went up and down the field en route to a 35-13 halftime lead.

Jack only played on offense in the 38-33 loss that ultimately decided the Pac-12 South, and the decision not to use him on the other side of the ball was even second-guessed by UCLA coach Jim Mora.

This time around Jack is focused on defense, which he termed his "main job," heading into the conference opener for the 11th-ranked Bruins (3-0) when they face the No. 15 Sun Devils (3-0) in Tempe, Arizona, on Thursday night.

"Myles is a big playmaker for us," linebacker Eric Kendricks said. "It's going to be huge having him back."

Even as some on the UCLA sideline were pushing for Jack to go in and try to slow down Arizona State, Jack himself said it was never a realistic option as he did not know the defensive game plan or calls after practicing all week on offense.

"I wished I was on defense, but I put it on my shoulders like, 'What could I have done more on offense to help the team?'" said Jack, who rushed for 86 yards and a touchdown.

Now Jack is more comfortable preparing for both roles, totaling 13 tackles and 21 yards rushing with one touchdown in the two games he has been used on offense and defense this season. But against Arizona State, Jack is focused squarely on how to contain running back D.J. Foster.

Foster had been the focal point of the Arizona State offense this season long before quarterback Taylor Kelly hurt his foot against Colorado, ranking second in the FBS with 216.3 all-purpose yards per game.

He also ranks fifth nationally with 170 yards rushing per game, while his six total touchdowns are tied for the Pac-12 lead.

"Stats don't lie," Kendricks said. "I feel like he is one of the best we've seen thus far, and maybe in the nation. He's running the ball hard. He has a lot of aspects to his game that are elite, and we're going to treat him as such."

With fifth-year senior Mike Bercovici set to make his first career start, the Bruins expect Arizona State to lean even more heavily on Foster's dynamic skills carrying the ball and catching it out of the backfield or split out wide.

"He is pretty much their guy," Jack said. "He does everything. He's a total back, and we're excited for a challenge like that."

For Jack, it could frequently become a one-on-one challenge tracking Foster all over the field in the passing game. Jack has demonstrated the range and athleticism to do so, posting two interceptions and 11 pass breakups in his brief college career.

While Jack played exclusively on offense last season, Arizona State was able to capitalize by throwing to running back Marion Grice a game-high seven times for 72 yards.

Defensive coordinator Jeff Ulbrich said there are several other options in the Bruins' talented linebacker corps to cover Foster, but none might be as prepared for the assignment as Jack, who has plenty of experience as the focus of the opposing defense.

"I remember the Texas game, I looked up and all three of their linebackers were staring blatantly at me," Jack said. "They knew what was about to happen."

Even with the defense's eyes on him, Jack had five carries for 14 yards in the 20-17 win over the Longhorns.

Jack will get to return the favor against Arizona State, with his eyes on Foster at all times.

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11:05 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

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TAKE A MIDWEEK TRIP, LEO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Others might decide on a new beginning, which could result in a discussion about what is going on around you. Your questions will prove to be instrumental and are likely to expose what is really happening. Tonight: Try not to explain to others what is going on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and know what is important and what needs to occur. You might need to make a decision about a health-related matter, and this time it just might stick. Feel free to examine what someone really means. Be nice. Tonight: Kick back and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to mingle and share with others, but a loved one could be demanding your attention. Don't try to bypass this person, as it likely will only cause an argument. A project seems to be infused with new energy. Tonight: Pain the town red.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be concerned about a loved one and what he or she has to offer in a particular situation. You will notice how others' perceptions are very different from those of the person in question. Tonight: Be close to home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could want a change of pace. It is up to you to create it, though, as others are likely to be demanding. Consider how much you are valued before deciding not to answer your phone. Make a point to create more time for your concerns. Tonight: Take a midweek trip.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be sensitive to others, and know that you have extra leeway to respond. You might want to avoid a situation that surrounds a business arrangement involving property. Tonight: Time to treat a pal to some munchies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You seem to have the energy to handle whatever comes down the path, except perhaps an irate individual. Be careful when dealing with this person, as you could say something you will regret later. Tonight: Only where you can relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to open up a conversation. You know that you don't always have all the right answers. A brainstorming session could point to quite a few different paths. Don't try to be logical with someone who is a bit zany; just be polite. Tonight: Get some shopping done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be coming off as being a lot more assertive than you realize. Remain confident that you will fight for what you want. Try to allow others to come over to your way of thinking by giving them enough time and space. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Try to read between the lines when dealing with a parent or someone you care about. Understand that you might need to bypass this person's interference in your life yet still make a point to honor this person and his or her goals. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be getting mixed signals from a loved one at a distance. You also could be misreading a situation and projecting some personal issues into the mix. Try to have a conversation so you can ask more questions. Tonight: Let your hair down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could have a lot going on in your life regarding a partner or a financial matter. You might be pondering what is important and what would be best in the long run. There could be many twists and turns in the road ahead. Tonight: An intense talk with a favorite person.

Wednesday, September 23, 2014

This year you will experience a new beginning, if not several new beginnings. Your immediate circle of friends will expand, and you will find your life to be more rewarding. New friends and associates are more likely to be on the same plane as you. If you are single, decide what type of relationship you would like to experience, and keep this in mind when dating. If you are attached, you will zero in on a mutual long-term goal. This period could be very exciting for the relationship, and also for both of you as individuals. You might wonder about the superficiality of a fellow LIBRA.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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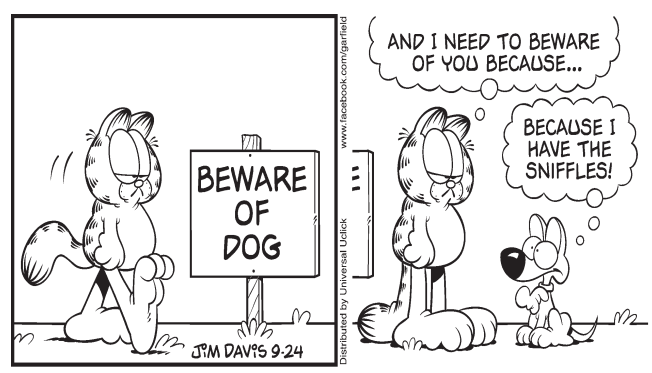


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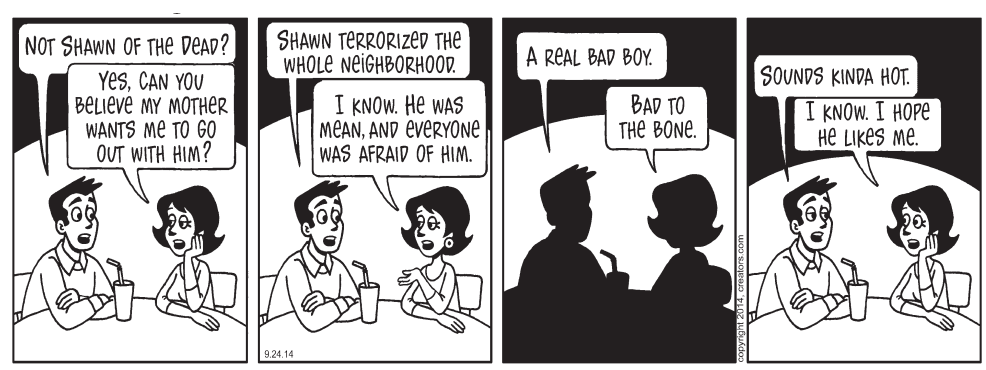


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Sudoku

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

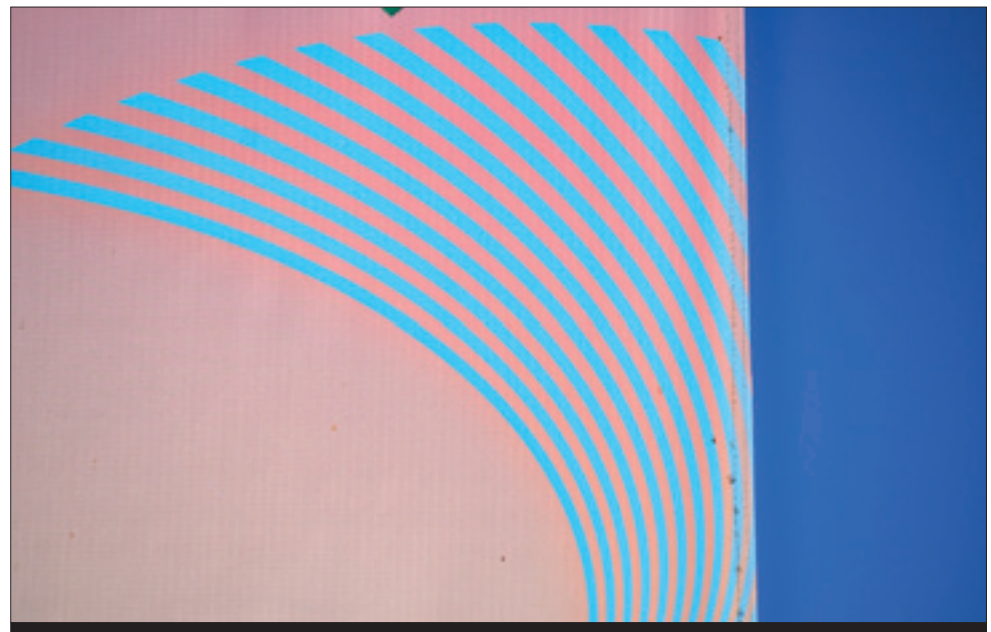
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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 371 calls for service on Sept. 22.

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

Living in a vehicle on the 1000 block of Chelsea Ave. at 12:03 a.m.
Vandalism on the 200 block of Broadway Blvd at 2:15 a.m.
Battery on the 1100 block of Pico Blvd. at 2:21 a.m.
Trespassing on the 300 block of the Santa Monica Pier at 6:22 a.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 1400 block of 7th St. at 6:23 a.m.
Burglary on the 1900 block of Centinela Ave. at 6:52 a.m.
Armed robbery on the 1600 block of Ocean Park Blvd. at 7:24 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 1400 block of 14th St. at 8 a.m.
Hit and run on the 2400 block of 5th St. at 8:19 a.m.
Burglary on the 1100 block of 18th St. at 8:59 a.m.
Burglary on the 1400 block of Broadway Blvd. at 9:51 p.m.
Traffic accident at 4th and Wilshire at 10:06 a.m.
Hit and run on the 1400 block of Montana Ave. at 10:15 a.m.
Battery on the 1200 block of 21st St. at 10:20 a.m.
Harassing phone calls on the 1500 block of Olympic Blvd. at 10:25 a.m.
Burglary on the 1800 block of Stewart St. at 11:12 a.m.
Traffic accident at Lincoln and Ocean Park Blvd. at 11:32 a.m.
Hit and run at Appian and Seaside on 12:03 p.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 800 block of 15th St. at 12:16 p.m.
Traffic accident at Main and Pico at 12:17 p.m.
Vandalism on the 300 block of Colorado Ave. at 12:19 p.m.
Burglary on the 1400 block of Broadway at 12:21 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1300 block of 15th St. at 12:52 p.m.
Hit and run at 5th and Santa Monica at 1:05 p.m.
Fraud on the 1700 block of Ocean Ave. at 1:38 p.m.
Grand theft on the 1700 block of 21st St. at 1:56 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 1200 block of 23rd St. at 2:27 p.m.
Strongarm robbery on the 1300 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 2:37 p.m.
Identity theft on the 3200 block of Pico Blvd. at 3:28 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1700 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 4:39 p.m.
Traffic accident at Olympic and 26th at 5:06 p.m.
Petty theft on the 3100 block of Main St. at 5:55 p.m.
Domestic violence on the 1500 block of 6th St. at 6:35 p.m.
Petty theft on the 600 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 6:49 p.m.
Sexual assault on 17th and Montana at 6:53 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 7:11 p.m.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Red-ink amount
5 Necklace parts
11 Car bar
12 Revolted
13 Pride member
14 Word on a peseta
15 List-ending abbr.
16 Fido and Tabby
17 Uniform material
19 Mis-behaving
22 Bygone auto
24 Add up
26 Portal
27 Green stone
28 Blue hue
30 Folded foods
31 Got together
32 Subatomic particle
34 Warbled
35 Rick's pianist
38 Far from ruddy
41 Corn Belt state
42 Broad-way's Stritch
43 Game round
44 Mill contents
45 River of Hades

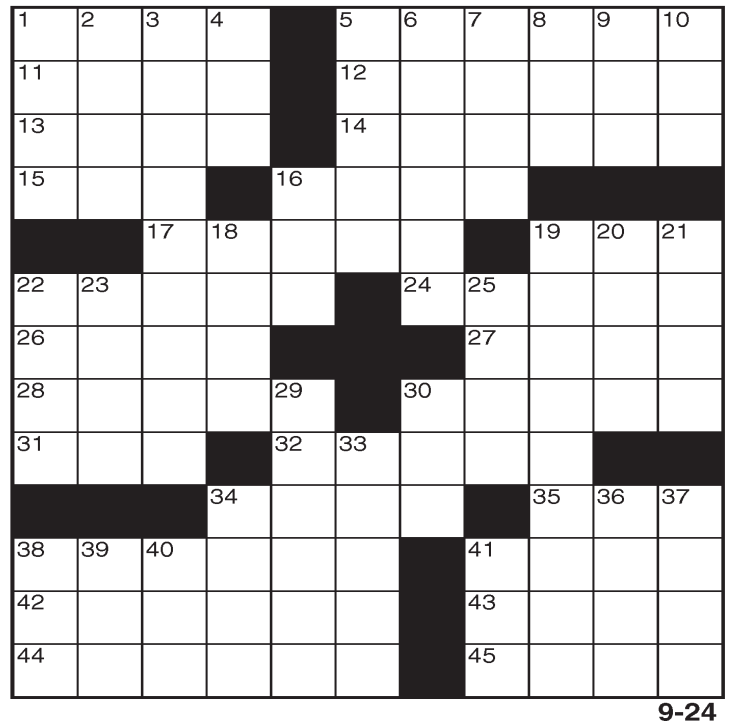
DOWN

1 Secluded spot
2 Way out
3 Plans stage move-ments
4 Decimal base
5 River feeder
6 Went ballistic
7 African serpents
8 Neptune's domain
9 Groan inducer
10 Hotel amenity
16 Chum
18 Munich mister
19 Loses conscious-ness
20 Ray of films
21 Salon jobs
22 Dutch cheese
23 Take a nap
25 Cracked
29 Horse-related
30 Play-ground game
33 Below
34 Marina spot
36 Wrong
37 Tailless cat
38 Energy
39 Pub product
40 Track trip
41 "— your loss!"

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22 23 30 37 39
Power#: 16
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/19
16 25 27 29 34
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: $83M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 9/20
2 7 12 15 38
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: $11M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/22
3 15 26 30 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/23
MIDDAY: 9 6 0
EVENING:

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 9/22
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:49.22

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ London designer Gigi Barker recently unveiled the Skin chair (priced at the equivalent of about $2,500), made of leather but with a "pheromone-impregnated silicone base" that makes it feel (and smell, perhaps) like one is "lounging in the fleshy, comforting folds of a man's belly." The Skin was scheduled for exhibition this month at the London Design Festival.

■ China's insurance companies offer some of the world's quirkiest policies, according to a September Reuters dispatch from Hong Kong. People's Insurance Group, for example, will pay out in case a customer's children display disappointingly "mischievous and destructive" habits. The Ancheng company offers a policy protecting a customer in case his mouth is burned eating "hotpot." Ping An Insurance Group (actually, the world's second-largest by market value) has recently offered an "accidental pregnancy before honeymoon" policy, and is one of three companies that competed to

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2007 – Between 30,000 and 100,000 people take part in anti-government protests in Yangon, Burma, the largest in 20 years.

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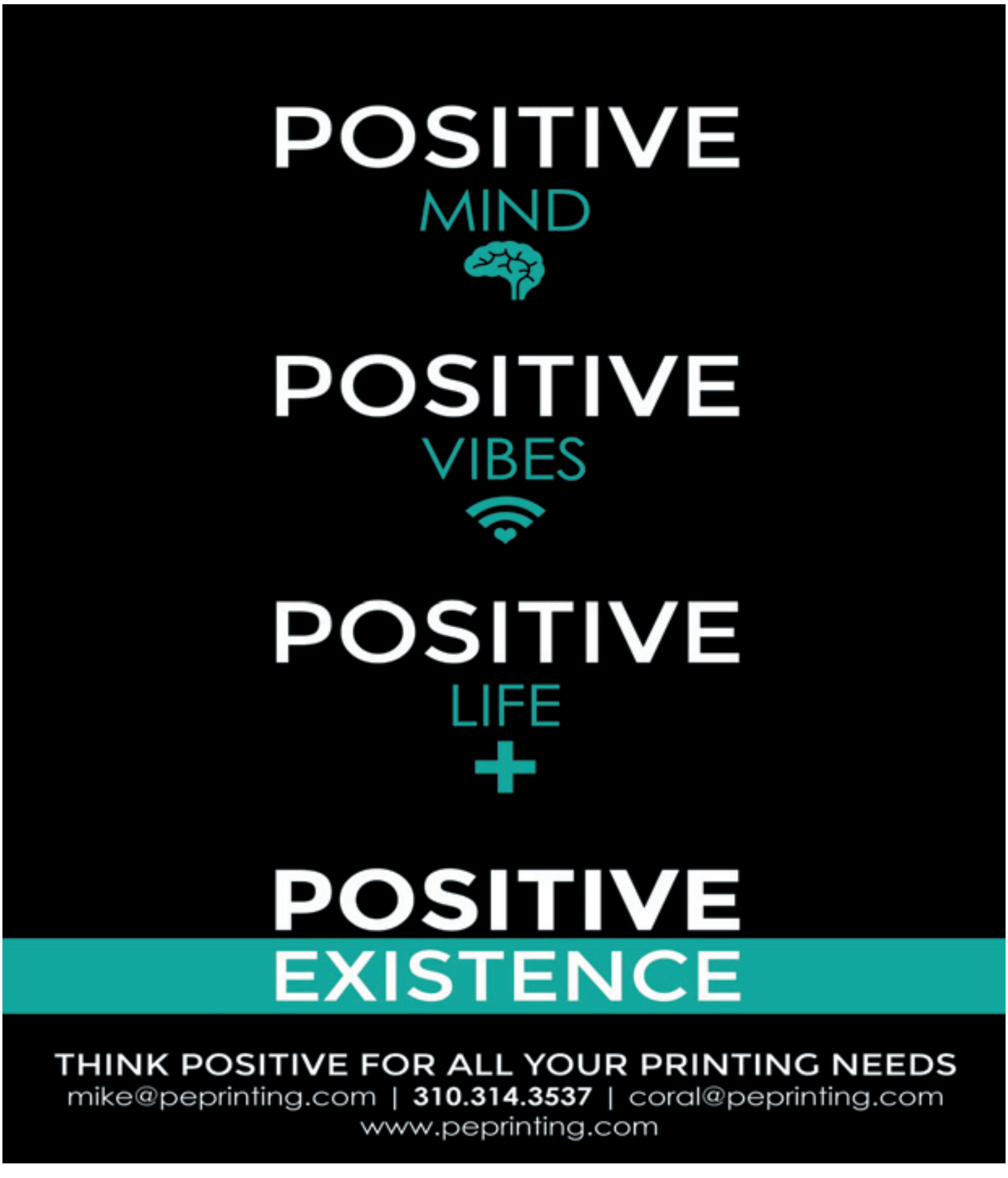
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