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THE SHARK SUNDAY ISSUE

New law requires buffer between bikes and cars

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE A new law requiring a three foot buffer zone between cars and bicycles was signed into law recently and local officials said they are using the law as a chance to educate residents on safe road use.

Governor Brown signed AB1371 on Sept. 23. It requires drivers to maintain three feet of separation from bicycles and if conditions make that spacing impossible, drivers are required to slow to a speed that is "reasonable and prudent" and only pass when the cyclist is not in danger. The law carries a $35 fine for violating the buffer zone and drivers who injure a bicycle rider while violating the law can be fined $220.

Cynthia Rose is Director of Santa Monica Spoke, the local chapter of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. She said the new rules clarify existing laws that stated cars could pass at a "safe distance" and provides specific guidance for car/bicycle interactions.

"It was always mandated that drivers could not pass unless it's safe to do so and now that's been identified a minimum of three feet," she said. "It's really only a strengthening the rules, it's a clarification of the law that already existed."

Officer Peter Lashley with the Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic division said officers have been trained on the new

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Courtesy Image

HONOREES: This year's celebration will recognize Katharine King, Blase and Theresa Bonpane and Bishop Minerva G. Carcano



The Church in Ocean Park marks 16 years honoring community champions

BY KELSEY FOWLER
Staff Writer

From hosting local climate change forums to addressing immigration issues across California, this year's Communitas honorees typify the spirit of the Latin word - people coming together for the good of a community.

The 16th annual Communitas awards presented by The Church in Ocean Park honor individuals who elevate the spirit of community. Katharine King, Blase and Theresa Bonpane and Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño are this year's honorees.

The Rev. Janet McKeithen, United Methodist pastor for the church, said a committee of 10 volunteers selected the honorees: one significantly involved in the church and local community like King, the next moving beyond the church and outside Santa Monica as the Bonpanes have done and with someone with even more regional impact like Carcaño.

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Drones for moviemaking win FAA approval

JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The government granted six movie and television production companies permission to use drones for filming, an important step toward greater use of the technology by commercial operators, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced Thursday.

Dozens of other industries are lined up to

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PAL employee pleads to taking secret sexual pics

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA A Santa Monica Police Athletic League employee pleaded guilty in a Los Angeles court on Friday to taking surreptitious sexual pictures without consent, Rob Wilcox, a spokesperson for the Los Angeles City Attorney told the Daily Press.

Donald Condon was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department at Dodger Stadium on May 30, while chaperoning a PAL event.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, September 27

If the Shu Fits
Unitarian Universalist Community Church
1260 18th St. 6:45 p.m.
A dramatic reading with 10 readers addressing the issue of solitary confinement (an extrajudicial punishment in prison through non-legal proceedings and without representation or recourse). Discussion to include Andy Griggs who, with Melvin Ishmael Johnson, compiled the voices presented. Call (310) 980-6056 for more information.

Day to Night reception
Peter Fetterman Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave. 6 - 8 p.m.
The exhibition includes a curated selection of large-scale color prints from the project and the exhibition debut of several new works created this year. Day to Night is an ongoing global photography project that visually narrates the events and human activity of an entire day using a uniquely innovative photographic process. The images are created by photographing from one camera angle for up to 15 hours, continually observing and capturing thousands of specific moments throughout the day and night in some of the world's most famed locations.

Psychic Medium Fluer
Edgemar Center
2437 Main Street
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
A Demonstration of Mediumship With 'Fleur' Tickets cost $34.99. For more information or tickets, visit www.edgemar-center.org, call (310) 399-3666 or email info@edgemar.org.

Composting the Easy Way
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 12 - 1:30 p.m.
Create your own compost and worm tea from recycled materials in this hands-on workshop with master gardener Emi Carvell. Bring your own kitchen scraps, dried leaves, shredded newspaper, or other compostable materials to the program.

Pool Open
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Postseason pool weekends are here. The pool is open Saturdays & Sundays through the end of September. All members of your party must be present when purchasing pool passes. Daily passes go on sale at 9:30 a.m. Or reserve up to six passes online up to three days in advance beginning at 7 a.m. Reservations must be redeemed by 11 a.m.

Civic Auditorium Community Workshop
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium East Wing,
1855 Main St. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Join organizers for an interactive community workshop. Experience the facility, explore the site and discuss the uses proposed by the community. To request disability-related accommodations or translation services, or if you have any questions call the Cultural Affairs Division at (310) 458-8350. Free bike and car parking will be available.

Free Compost Giveaway
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave. 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Residents have the opportunity to cart away free compost at our Compost Giveaway - a quarterly thank you to residents for your efforts in recycling your yard trimmings! Five burlap sacks will be provided per resident. Please bring gloves and be prepared to scoop your own compost. Call (310) 458-2223 for more information.

Sunday, September 28

Antiques and collectables market
Santa Monica Municipal Airport
3100 to 3000 Airport Ave. 8 a.m.
Antiques, collectables and crafts market

Walk for Inner Peace
Tongva Park
1615 Ocean Ave. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Peace walk to create awareness of how meditation creates inner peace; automatically peace is reflected through your non violent loving actions to the world. For more information call (323) 933-2808 or visit www.bklosangeles.org

Guest House Docent Tour
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 11 a.m. - 2 p.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. Please call (310) 458-4904 with questions.

Lorna Jane's active nation day
Lorna Jane
395 Santa Monica Place 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Active Nation Day is the initiative of leading activewear brand, Lorna Jane, and encourages women to get out and get active to improve their physical and mental health. There will be a vibrant group fitness class from 10 - 11 a.m. It will be followed by a "Move Nourish Believe" market featuring healthy snacks and juices, a bit of pampering by way of hand massages and hair braiding, inspirational Believe boards, and DIY flower crown stations.

Michael Cho in conversation with Chip Kidd
William Turner Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave, 4:30 p.m.
The "Newer Voices" series features

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

2015 USATF Marathon Championships set for Los Angeles

Los Angeles will host the 2015 USATF Marathon Championships this March, USA Track & Field announced last week. A total prize purse of $150,000 will be awarded to Americans vying for national titles in the marathon, in addition to a guaranteed prize purse of $110,000 for the overall field.

Marathon organizer LA MARATHON LLC will host the 2015 USATF Marathon Championships March 15 as part of the ASICS LA Marathon. The Championships will be held 11 months before LA hosts the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for men and women on Feb. 13, 2016.

"We are very excited for Los Angeles to host the 2015 USATF Marathon Championships," USATF CEO Max Siegel said. "Having an opportunity to collaborate on the race will help set the stage for a spectacular Olympic Trials Marathon. We look forward to working with LA MARATHON LLC in March and beyond."

"Hosting the 2015 USATF Marathon Championships will be a proud moment in Los Angeles' rich marathon history," stated Tracey Russell, Chief Executive of LA MARATHON LLC. "We look forward to showcasing our nation's top marathoners in 2015 while setting the stage for the 2016 US Olympic Trials Marathon."

The ASICS LA Marathon's "Stadium to the Sea" course, which takes runners past nearly every major Los Angeles landmark, begins at Dodger Stadium and winds through historic neighborhoods in Downtown LA, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica before finishing at the Santa Monica Pier.

The USATF Marathon Championships were last held in Los Angeles in 1994 for men, when Paul Pilkington ran 2:12:13 to claim the national title. Both men and women will compete in the 2015 edition of the championships

Registration for the event opens Wednesday, October 1 at 9 a.m. PDT.

USA Track & Field (USATF) is the National Governing Body for track and field, long-distance running and race walking in the United States. USATF encompasses the world's oldest organized sports, some of the most-watched events of Olympic broadcasts, the country's #1 high school and junior high school participatory sport and more than 30 million adult runners in the United States. For more information on USATF, visit www.usatf.org.

LA MARATHON LLC, a subsidiary of McCourt Global, creates world-class experiences that ignite passion in athletes and connect communities through the transformative power of sports. The ASICS LA Marathon is among the largest marathons in the country with more than 25,000 participants, thousands of volunteers and hundreds of thousands of spectators. The "Stadium to the Sea" course, starting at Dodger Stadium and finishing near the Santa Monica Pier, is one of the most scenic in the world, taking runners on a tour of Los Angeles past every major landmark. LA MARATHON LLC will host the 2016 Olympic Team Trials for Men's and Women's Marathon, awarded by USA Track & Field and the U.S. Olympic Committee, which will take place in Los Angeles February 13, 2016. For more information, please visit www.lamarathon.com.

- EDITED BY MATTHEW HALL

Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills approves new park project

The Beverly Hills City Council voted at its Sept. 23 formal meeting to proceed with plans for the Roxbury Memorial Park Playground Renovation Project. Construction is anticipated to start in early October 2014 with completion in early spring 2015.

The final phase of renovation efforts to Roxbury Memorial Park will include a new innovative playground with rubber surfaces, overhead shading, sand and water play area, and a picnic pavilion.

"Beverly Hills has always placed a high priority on parks, recreation and community services," said Steven Zoet, Beverly Hills Director of Community Services. "Roxbury Memorial Park is a special part of our City's rich history and an important place for learning, recreation and relaxation. These improvements will bring the playground up to a higher standard that is deserving of one of our most beloved community parks."

Starting next month, Roxbury Park's playground equipment will be removed and donated to Kids Around the World, a nonprofit organization providing play equipment to children in underprivileged areas around the world. The equipment is scheduled to be given to villages in Ecuador and the Philippines.

For more information about Roxbury Park improvements or to receive current playground construction updates, visit www.beverlyhills.org/Roxbury or call (310) 285-6840.

Downtown

National Prescription Drug Take Back

The Santa Monica Police Department has installed a permanent, prescription drugs, disposal drop-box in front of the Public Safety Facility located at 333 Olympic Drive in Santa Monica.

The collection receptacle provides a convenient and reliable means to discard unwanted and expired medications. The program is part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's national campaign to prevent misuse, abuse and the diversion of controlled substances. The self- service, drop box will be accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Child poisoning or accidental ingestion are examples of potential and serious safety and health hazards in our community," says Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks. "In addition the program addresses key environmental concerns from our partners in the city."

The city's Water Resource Protection Division of Public Works and the Office of Sustainability and the Environment welcomed the initiative. Pouring or flushing medications down the drain introduces harmful contaminants into our eco-system. Discarding them in the trash ensures the medications end up in landfills with the potential to leach into the soil and contaminate groundwater.

For more information, please contact the Santa Monica Police Department's Community Affairs Division at (310) 458-8474.

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debut authors and newer voices in conversation with more established writers and storytellers. "Shoplifter" is Michael Cho's debut graphic novel. Cho is an illustrator, cartoonist, and writer whose previously published work includes Back Alleys and Urban Landscapes, a collection of sketches depicting Toronto's cityscape. Born in South Korea, he has lived in Canada since he was six. Admission: $19.95.

Shark Sundays
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 3:30 p.m.
Shark Sundays are a favorite weekly feature at the Aquarium. At 3:30 p.m. every Sunday, you can watch and listen to an informative presentation about these often misunderstood animals while our horn and swell sharks cruise around the tank, noses out of the water, mouths open, anticipating the meal to come. Expect a splash of seawater if you're close enough to the exhibit. Watch a shark-themed film - they're shown at scheduled intervals throughout the afternoon. Also, stop by our pier exhibit, and see if you can find our Pacific angel shark. Everyone is invited to make a fun shark craft project to take home.

Monday, September 29

The Transfer Option: Going from 2-year to 4-year Colleges
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 7 - 8 p.m.
Santa Monica College is the leading transfer institution to UCLA, USC, LMU and many others. Dan Nannini, SMC Transfer Center coordinator and former UCLA counselor explains the process of transferring from a school like SMC to a four-year college and how it is a viable option in the college search. For high school and college students, and their parents.

Homework Help
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Get help with your homework. This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only.

Yoga
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 9 a.m.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Deception by D

Editor:

I'm the Santa Monica resident whose "Yes on LC, No on D" lawn sign was defaced with the phrase "Save SMO," as reported in a 9/22 SMDP article. I strongly object to the suggestion by John Jerabek, a pro-Santa Monica Airport spokesman, that "this picture could have been staged by an anti-airport activist as easily as anyone else."

This is just another type of deception by Mr. Jerabek's group that backs Measure D. It calls itself "Santa Monicans for Open and Honest Development Decisions," while being funded by at least $312,000 from the Washington, D.C.-based Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the National Business Aviation Association. These lobbyists paid signature gatherers up to $20 per signature to get "D" on the ballot when they realized SMO might close in 2015.

They are selling Measure D as "voters decide redevelopment" but the real objective is to keep SMO operating as it is, which means huge profits to aviation companies that lease land from the City, then sublease some of it at rates that pay them much more than their leases cost.

Measure D would alter the City Charter with very specific language regarding voter approval for any future changes to SMO's operations. It would require a majority of registered voters for such approval, not just a majority of those voting. With this definition it would be virtually impossible to approve any changes. Without voter approval it specifically states that the City has to operate the airport without any changes to the way it's currently operating. Jet operations would continue to increase.

As a Santa Monica resident, I'm concerned about the negative effects of the airport on our community. Our health and safety should not be jeopardized for the convenience and profit of the small aviation community and the business jet operators. Given that Santa Monica has one of the lowest percentages of park space per resident among California cities, I would love for the airport land to become a park.

Here's what Measure LC says:

"If all or part of the Airport land is permanently closed to aviation use, no new development of that land shall be allowed until the voters have approved limits on the uses and development that may occur on the land.

However, this section shall not prohibit the City Council from approving the following on Airport land that has been permanently closed to aviation use: the development of parks, public open spaces, and public recreational facilities; and the maintenance and replacement of existing cultural, arts and education uses."

So the real "voters decide redevelopment" measure is LC. The goal of Measure D is what was painted on my sign - "Save SMO."

Karen Melick
Santa Monica



Your column here



Mario Fonda-Bonardi

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The need for Civic Center Open Space

AS CALIFORNIA ENTERS DEEPER INTO drought and global warming, grass lawns and playing fields, with their high watering demand, are becoming the next obvious victim. In Santa Monica's case, the grass playing fields have already been disappearing for the last 20 years. Because of our relative shortage of playing fields, the grass fields simply could not take the destruction caused by the hundreds of cleats everyday, so schools and parks have slowly shifted over to plastic playing fields. In Santa Monica, the plastic playing field is now the norm and fewer of our children will ever have the experience of playing sports on real grass. Looking years ahead, after grass has disappeared from private lawns and the schools, the last lawns might be found in a few public parks and possibly the cemetery. This is not a bad outcome: public park lawns could be enjoyed by the largest number of users, and the consumed water "burden" spread out over the greatest number of beneficiaries.

Eventually when the City's landscaping looks like Phoenix, those remaining park lawns will play an outsized role in providing visual relief from the heat the way golf courses do in Phoenix or Las Vegas. Consequently, for maximum relief those park lawns should be placed adjacent to major boulevards so the largest number of commuters can visually enjoy them in addition obviously to the visitors that actually use them. Clover Park, Douglas Park and Virginia Park are already perfectly positioned this way. The urban value of these boulevard adjacent real grass open spaces increases dramatically when you consider they will also be visual relief from the inevitable canyonization of our boulevards from cheek to jowl high rises that may eventually be marching down both sides of our boulevards.

This brings us to south east corner of the Civic Center currently occupied by a huge parking lot. That lot could easily accommodate a real grass area equivalent to two small football or soccer fields (100yds X 50yds) and still have room along the north edge for a City employees' preschool and other City facilities (currently spread all over town). The cars currently parked there, could be placed in the underused parking structure at 4th and Olympic or if that was not sufficient placed below grade under the grass field (additional parking of course could be avoided if the nearby light rail is successful in reducing the parking demand). The important thing is that the grass be lowered about 9' below 4th Street and Pico so drivers and their passengers could enjoy the view of what's happening in this new "commons" whether it be sporting events, shows, political rallies, car shows marching band practices, Frisbee games or fairs. Because the high school field is currently higher than the adjacent streets, no one passing by can enjoy the great athletics happening every day on that field. By lowering this new field, everyone from adjacent sidewalks, streets and buildings can enjoy the show. It also shows off to the best advantage the elegant lines of the side of the existing landmarked civic center auditorium. Additionally the sloping sides of the lowered lawn could have benched in seats for spectators. The large grass area could be gravity fed water from screened street run off or from recycled water from the High School gym with the overflow dropping into the large regional storm already slicing diagonally under the existing parking lot.

This field would also solve the impacted High School's space problem of over used field space. Currently football, soccer, lacrosse, marching band, PE and various clubs all juggle desperately for the tiny available field space. This creates constant needless all day (and night) friction between all those worthy programs. This conflict will only increase as the City's population increases and the high school becomes even more impacted. There have been pie in the sky proposals to bridge the freeway for added high school space, or roof top playing fields, but needless to say those would be budget busting structural feats. Much easier to simply place a pedestrian bridge over 4th Street which could also link Barnum Hall to the existing parking structure for additional cultural utility of that other City entertainment landmark. Finally the necessity of a two soccer field area is because the two fields could be periodically rotated 90 degrees so as to distribute the grass wear patterns evenly during the playing seasons. Finally the seating on the sloping sides of the field could create an amphitheater like condition good for certain types of performances.

The Civic Working Group is currently formulating strategies to try to save the auditorium which has been in suspended animation because of seismic, of changing auditorium requirements and of financial reasons. Probably their feasibility discussions will require some new structures be added and possibly even more subterranean parking. The exact function and location of those new structures is a work in progress, but to preserve open space, one of the target sites should be the large underutilized corner of Pico and Main Streets. Here a large multi story dramatic "tower" could be placed housing some of these new functions. The top of that tower could have a restaurant with an ocean view down Pico and Ocean Avenue. The verticality of the tower would offset nicely the generally horizontal main mass of the civic auditorium.

The Working Group will be under a lot of economic pressure to fill this entire site with profit making buildings. This proposal does not address the economics of how to resurrect the Civic Center auditorium, rather it speaks to the necessity of retaining large urban open spaces in the densest part of our City, particularly since parcels the size of Tongva Park are not likely to ever again appear in the downtown area. According to the 2002 Civic Center Specific Plan, there was to be a high intensity multiple use park (Tongva Park) with the understanding that there would also be real open space at the corner of 4th and Pico. It is now time to deliver on that promise.

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Apple's response to iPhone glitches is key

BRANDON BAILEY
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Apple's response to a high-profile gaffe involving its iPhone software may be more important than the glitch itself.

As the giant tech company scrambled to fix a software glitch that left some of its new iPhones unable to make calls, some analysts said Thursday that Apple is doing the right thing by quickly acknowledging and apologizing for the problem - which it was slower to do with earlier iPhone problems.

"There's a certain perception that Apple has to get things right, and when they don't, the whole company gets questioned," said Carolina Milanesi, chief of research at Kantar Worldpanel. "But they came out and said 'We apologize; we're working 24/7 to fix it.' I think that's what matters."

Apple's stock fell nearly 4 percent Thursday, leading a broader decline in technology shares, a day after the company was forced to withdraw an update to its new iOS 8 mobile software because of glitches that primarily affected customers who had purchased its new iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models. The 6 Plus phone has also been the subject of social media reports that its extra-large shell is vulnerable to bending.

In a statement Thursday, Apple defended its manufacturing standards and said bending "is extremely rare" with normal use of an iPhone. The company said just nine customers had contacted Apple to report a bent iPhone 6 Plus since they went on sale Friday.

Apple late Wednesday offered users a way to manually reverse the flawed software update, known as iOS 8.0.1. In a statement, the company added, "We apologize for the great inconvenience experienced by users, and are working around the clock to prepare iOS 8.0.2 with a fix for the issue."

Cupertino-based Apple has said it sold a record 10 million of the new iPhone models over the weekend, in what the company has called one of the biggest product launches in its history. It also reported this week that nearly half of all iPhone and iPad users had upgraded to the new software known as iOS 8.

That new software contains a number of new features and is more complex than earlier versions of iOS, analysts said. Apple released the 8.0.1 update on Wednesday to fix some flaws that were detected after iOS 8 was released - only to find the 8.0.1 update created problems of its own. The new problems included interference with calling and with a feature that lets people unlock their phones with their fingerprint.

That's not uncommon, according to veteran tech analyst Ross Rubin of Reticle Research. "All major companies have released fixes that they've had to pull because of unforeseen side-effects," he added.

As for the bending issue, Rubin said the iPhone 6 Plus is "a large, thin device. That's not to say customers should treat it gingerly, but it's still an electronic product and it's an investment, and it should be treated as such."

Apple is held to a higher standard by many consumers, analysts said. But Milanesi said she thought the company suffered more harm a few years ago, when it was slow to acknowledge complaints about poor reception and dropped calls that affected new iPhone 4 models when they were released in 2010. The company eventually offered a fix for the problem, after then-CEO Steve Jobs initially suggested users just needed to hold the phone differently.

"There wasn't any of that this time," Milanesi said. She noted that Jobs' successor, CEO Tim Cook, had also taken responsibility and apologized for initial problems with Apple's Maps software when it was first released.

Meanwhile, one analyst said Thursday's stock sell-off was more likely related to broader market concerns than investor unease about the new iPhones.

"Earnings is what drives the stock the most," said Walter Piecyk of BTIG Research. "It's too early to say what the impact's going to be, but it does not appear to be something that would impact the company's ability to deliver on earnings" in the next two quarters.

Apple said users affected by the software glitch can connect their phone to a Mac or Windows computer and download a file to restore an earlier version of the iOS 8 software.

Apple offered a Web page with instructions: http://support.apple.com/kb/HT6487 . The company's stock ended Thursday down $3.88 at $97.87. Earlier this month, it hit an all-time high of $103.74.

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Iowa bars Tesla Motors from offering test drives

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa The Iowa Department of Transportation told Tesla Motors to stop offering test drives in the state, saying the electric car company is not a licensed auto dealer in Iowa and state law bars carmakers from selling directly to the public.

A Tesla spokeswoman said the company does not think the statutes apply because the company was offering only three-day test drives, not actually selling cars, The Des Moines Register reported (http://dmreg.co/1sZhA2w).

Palo Alto, California-based Tesla does not sell its electric cars through franchise dealerships. People can buy the Model S online or at one of a handful of Tesla stores around the country.

Tesla had set up in a hotel parking lot in West Des Moines on Sept. 9, planning on offering three days of test drives. It canceled the last day after speaking with the Iowa Transportation Department.

Kelly Hart, of Windsor Heights, was scheduled to take a test drive on the third day. He said he's glad he can visit a Tesla showroom later this year when he travels to Chicago but that he would like to see Iowa laws altered to let Tesla test drives happen.

"I hope they get it changed because it's just ridiculous," he said.

Paul Steier, director of the Transportation Department's bureau of investigation and identity protection, said the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association had alerted the state agency to the test drives.

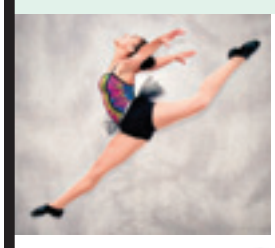
The association's president, Bruce Anderson, said state law requiring auto dealers to be licensed protects consumers. To obtain a license, dealers must be insured and have a physical location where buyers can go if they have a problem with the vehicle.

"You can't just set up in a hotel parking lot and sell cars," Anderson said. "It's not a Tesla issue. This is a regulated industry."

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follow Hollywood's lead. Until now, the Federal Aviation Administration, which is part of the Transportation Department, had banned commercial drone operations with the exception of a lone oil company in Alaska.

The FAA permits come with limitations, including that the unmanned aircraft be used only in a restricted area, that they be flown under 400 feet in altitude and that flights last no more than 30 minutes at a time. Nighttime flights are prohibited, and reality television shows or other unscripted events won't qualify for the permits.

"Today's announcement is a significant milestone in broadening commercial (drone) use while ensuring we maintain our world-class safety record in all forms of flight," Foxx said. "These companies are blazing a trail that others are already following, offering the promise of new advances in agriculture and utility safety and maintenance."

Tony Carmean, a partner in Aerial MOB of San Diego, predicted drones will fundamentally change moviemaking, providing directors with the ability to get shots they could never get before and making films more dynamic. Small drones with video cameras will be able to fly through a building and in and out of windows, for example, he said. They are also far less expensive than hiring a manned helicopter, he said.

Major movie studios "want their hands on this right away," but have held off using the technology until the FAA gives the go-ahead, he said.

Brendan Schulman, a New York attorney who represents several drone operators and interest groups that have challenged the FAA's drone restrictions, said he is concerned that limitations attached to the drone permits may be so onerous that their benefits will be outweighed by the cost and the headache of complying.

"I'm worried that it's too small a step forward and it's too narrowly limited," he said.

Kenneth Quinn, an attorney with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman and a former FAA general counsel, said he expects other industries to oppose some of restrictions imposed on the movie drones, especially requirements that the drone operator have a private pilot's license and that there be a three-man crew. He said any risk to safety is too small to merit the restrictions.

The FAA is considering 40 requests for exemptions from other commercial entities. Congress and industries that want to use or sell the technology have been pressuring the FAA to relax its ban. Companies want to use drones to monitor pipelines, inspect the undersides of oil platforms and bridges, and spray crops. Amazon and Google want to use them to deliver packages. Wedding videographers, real estate agents, journalists and many others are clamoring to use them as well.

The only previous FAA permit for commercial drone operations was granted to the Conoco Phillips oil company, which has flown two kinds of unmanned aircraft in unpopulated areas of Alaska and over the Arctic Ocean with significant limitations on their use.

But the commercial drone ban is being undermined daily. Many operators see no harm in flying small, lightweight drones, often no bigger than a backpack, despite FAA warnings that they could collide with manned aircraft or injure people on the ground. Even a congressman who is a member of the House committee that oversees the FAA, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, D-N.Y., hired a photographer to produce a video of his wedding using a camera mounted on a small drone.

In 2012, Congress directed the FAA to safely integrate drones of all sizes, from high-flying Global Hawks to small quadrocopters weighing no more than a few pounds, into the national airspace. But the agency has missed several milestones and isn't expected to meet Congress' deadline of October 2015 for full integration.

In November, the agency is expected to propose rules commercial operators can follow to fly drones weighing 55 pounds or less. But it could be months or years before the rules are final. Final rules for larger ones are even further off.

The six production companies - Aerial MOB LLC, Astraeus Aerial, HeliVideo Productions LLC, Pictorvision Inc., Vortex Aerial and Snaproll Media LLC - have been working with the Motion Picture Association of America for two years to win FAA approval. A seventh aerial video company that applied with the other companies, Flying-Cam Inc., has been asked by the FAA to supply additional information.

Drones have already been used in in filming some movies overseas, including "Skyfall" and "Transformers: Age of Extinction."

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"It is alleged that he took inappropriate photographs of minors in public," city officials said in a release in June.

Condon was sentenced to 36 months summary probation, 60 days of county jail, or 45 days with Caltrans, Wilcox said.

Condon is not allowed to be in the company of unattended minors.

He must complete a one-year sex offender treatment program and he has to stay away from the named victim.

City Hall placed Condon, a long-time employee, on paid administrative leave on June 2.

City officials were not able to clarify whether or not he remains on paid leave by press time. On the Santa Monica PAL website, Condon is still listed as the community service specialist.

On June 24 he was arraigned and a stay-away order was issued.

There were no prior complaints filed against Condon, Santa Monica Police Department officials told the Daily Press earlier this year.

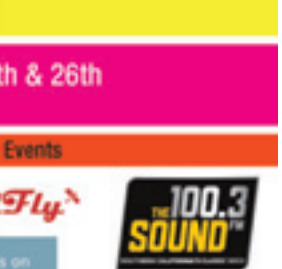
The initial release notes that there is an ongoing administrative investigation. "The City took immediate action to inform the families of those youth who participated in the outing," the release said, "and will continue to take steps to insure the wellbeing of the youth."

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SPACE: Bicycles must be given a three foot buffer zone according to a new law

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law.

"As with any new legislation, there will be a learning curve as drivers become aware of the new requirements," he said. "Our hope is this legislation will have the desired effect and facilitate a safer environment as motorists and cyclists share the roads of Santa Monica."

Lashley said officers will enforce the law as part of their ongoing efforts to keep the roads safe and Rose said she hoped the law's effect would be as educational as it is punitive.

"One of the largest points is that it's going to be good for safety on our roads," she said. "This is a great opportunity for education of motorists and bicyclists. I think we need to look at it in that eye as well as the enforcement issue."

According to the DMV bicycle riders on public roads have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists, and are subject to the same rules and regulations. The DMV said motorists must look carefully for bicyclists before turning left or right, merging into bicycle lanes, and opening doors next to moving traffic.

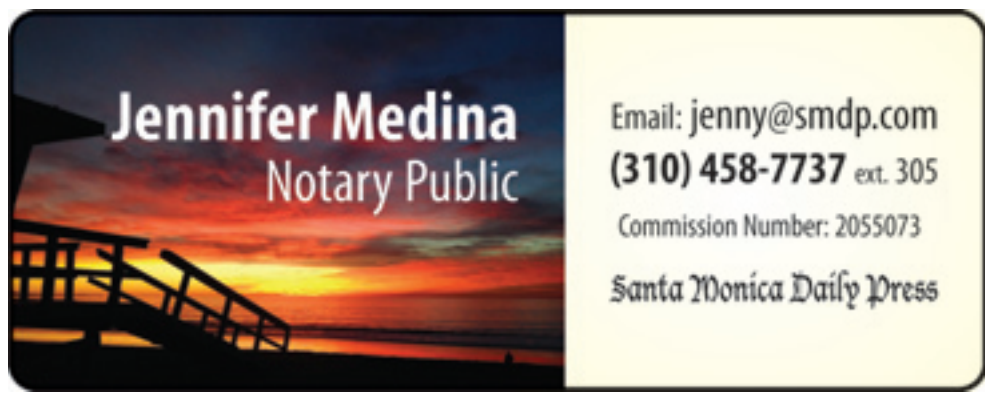
Lashley said awareness is the key to preventing crashes and that if everyone remains alert while on the road, everyone should be safer.

"Open car doors carefully and check for cyclist approaching your vehicle," he said of good driver behavior. "Slow your vehicle as you pass a cyclist. A slower speed gives drivers more time to react to unforeseen hazards. Obey all traffic laws. This applies to all who share the roadways. By facilitating a safe efficient flow of traffic and promoting predictable driving behavior motorists, cyclists and pedestrians can efficiently share the roadway and not be surprised by erratic or illegal driving behavior."

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"The awards - and congregation - have become more diversified over the years," McKeithen said.

The event begins at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 with a welcome reception, followed by dinner and awards program. Each honoree has a hand in picking music for the evening as well.

King, vice president of the church board, founded the Santa Monica Pier Twilight Concert Series 30 years ago and is now working with California Climate Change Exchange, one of the church's social justice programs.

"I was blown away when I heard," she said. "I said, 'Oh geez, you don't say no to this.' It's very rewarding and gratifying, and it's certainly an honor. I'm touched, and just a little embarrassed."

In 2004, Carcaño became the first Hispanic woman elected to the episcopacy of The United Methodist Church. She is the Los Angeles area resident bishop for the United Methodist Church, and her focus on immigration and LGBTQ issues is just part of what makes her so inspiring, McKeithen said.

"She brings people together in an effort to really hear them," she said.

Theresa Bonpane, founding director of the Office of the Americas, and Blase Bonpane, director, work on international peace and justice education issues. Blase currently hosts the radio program World Focus, having worked for years as a missionary in Central America.

"There's a great mix of people," McKeithen said. "We see all kinds of people we've never met before, because they come to honor the honorees."

With a church-going population of about 150, McKeithen said their outreach ends up being far greater thanks to programs like the committee for racial justice and music, exercise, volunteer and women's groups.

"That's what the church is all about, the spirit of community," King said. "The things spawned by the church, it's quite a long list."

Tickets cost $65 per person, and McKeithen said those funds and any donations are divided between the programs at the church and the upkeep of the historical, century-old building. The church celebrated its 40th anniversary earlier this year. McKeithen said there has been an uptick in early sponsorships this year, which she attributes to the honorees.

McKeithen said Communitas is about recognizing those who are truly making a difference in the world.

"They have all stepped out of their comfort zone and taken bold steps," she said. "They are all risk takers, all doing something for the betterment of the community or world."

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2024 candidates hope to learn from Chicago's loss

EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

CHICAGO (AP) Every day for a year after his most painful professional setback, the chief of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics got hit with some form of the same question, always from a different person: Why?

The answer: It wasn't really Chicago's fault.

The biggest lesson any of the U.S. cities considering hosting the 2024 Olympics can take from this country's last loss is simple: It isn't always the city that's being judged. Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington or Boston will be graded in their bid for the 2024 Games against the cities they're running against, and will also carry whatever baggage the U.S. Olympic Committee takes into its relationships with international voters.

"This was a solid bid," said John Murray, the chief bid officer for Chicago 2016. "It's something we were really proud of. At the end of the day, we had factors stacked against us."

Most of the wounds have healed in the five years since Chicago's last-place finish in the vote for the 2016 Summer Olympics won by Rio de Janeiro. Murray, now chair of the Chicago Sports Commission, is a speaker at this week's annual USOC assembly, which the federation brought to Chicago - the first major USOC event in the Windy City since the fateful 2009 vote in Copenhagen.

The USOC board will meet Thursday and Friday at the assembly. Big on the agenda is discussion about whether the USOC should bid for the 2024 Games. All signs point toward a bid, though the USOC won't decide for a few months, after it has seen the International Olympic Committee's "Agenda 2020," which could reshape the bidding process.

Chicago's effort to land the 2016 games came during a low point in USOC-IOC relations. There was tension over a revenue-sharing agreement the IOC thought poured too much into U.S. coffers. The USOC had a plan to start an Olympic network, which rankled the IOC leadership intent on protecting its product. There were age-old, and possibly outdated, worries about the U.S. lack of a financial guarantee from the federal government. As IOC member Denis Oswald put it after Chicago's humiliation: "It was a defeat for the USOC, not for Chicago."

Under new leadership - chairman Larry Probst and CEO Scott Blackmun have replaced the sometimes-polarizing Peter Ueberroth and overmatched Stephanie Streeter - the relationship has been healing. The revenue-sharing agreement has been rewritten, plans for a US-based network have been shelved and the USOC has kept its biggest partner, NBC, in the game to the tune of a $7.75 billion deal to televise the Olympics in the United States through 2032.

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"We've had a change of president, which does no harm at all to that dynamic, either," said Canadian IOC member Dick Pound, speaking of Thomas Bach, who replaced Jacques Rogge as the IOC's leader last year.

"I think Larry and Scott have been doing a terrific job," Pound said. "Personally, I think it's good for the IOC and the Olympic movement to have the Games in America. Not every time. But from time to time. That mitigates in favor of America."

The United States hasn't hosted a Summer Olympics since 1996 in Atlanta. Pound points out that there are only 15 members on the 105-member IOC who were there when the vote for the Atlanta Games was conducted in 1990.

But the IOC had never awarded an Olympics to a South American country before it gave the Games to Rio. That, both Murray and Pound insist, was the most compelling factor working against Chicago.

Murray said it felt like a body blow during the final presentations, when Rio coordinators put an image of a world map up on the big screen and populated it with cities that had hosted previous Olympics.

The South American continent was blank, as was Africa's. It was a visceral piece of intelligence that not only tugged at hearts of IOC members on the fence, but also at the voters from Africa, who Chicago thought it had in its corner for the first round of voting. Not so. And as a result, Chicago was the first city eliminated.

"People outside the movement have a hard time understanding what being the first city out really means," Murray said. "A lot of times, they think it means the least desirable city instead of understanding how voting blocs work, and how the game is played."

Were an African city to bid for 2024 - not expected at this point - the U.S. candidate could face the same sort of hurdle.

In the absence of that, and if the USOC-IOC relationship continues to stabilize, logic would dictate the United States would be in as good a position as it has been for decades. The U.S. also lost in the 2012 bidding when New York finished fourth of five.

Of course, nobody can predict how things might change - both inside the Olympic movement and around the world - in the three years before the awarding of the 2024 Games.

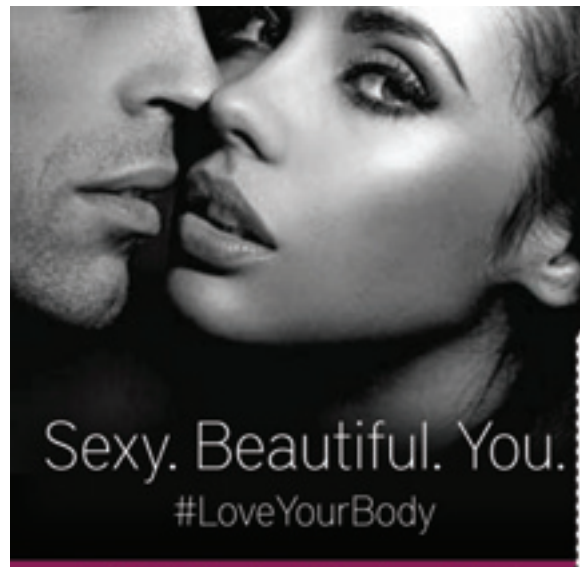
"I'm not one of those who thinks 2024 is the U.S. bid to lose," Murray said. "But I certainly don't think we're disadvantaged in the way we were going into 2016."

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SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to thigh high
Easing NW swell mix minimal SSW pulses

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
NW swell mix drops out; keeping an eye on the tropics

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
NW swell mix drops out; keeping an eye on the tropics

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 25, 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 -- 0
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

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa 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 24572 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 DWW 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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Football's zone read still giving defenses fits

JOHN MARSHALL
AP College Football Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. The zone read has become one of the most popular offenses in college football, a multidimensional shotgun-based option system that requires impeccable timing and often leaves defenses guessing and grasping.

The innovation hatched from a mistake.

The year was 1991 and Rich Rodriguez, in his second season as Glenville State's coach, was searching for an offense that would keep defenses off-balance.

An inadvertent epiphany came during a practice when quarterback Jed Drenning bobbled a handoff, gathered himself and made a split-second decision to run after seeing the defensive end pinch inside.

"He said he saw the end coming in, kept it and ran for 15 or 20 yards. So I told him, 'yeah, we were going to put that in next week,'" Rodriguez said with a laugh. "Then I thought: We may be onto something here."

He sure was.

Rodriguez ran the offense in relative obscurity while at Glenville State, but started gaining attention for his innovative system when Tulane went 12-0 with quarterback Shaun King running the zone read. Once Rodriguez became the offensive coordinator at Clemson with quarterback-with-tailback skills Woody Dantzler, word was out.

As Rodriguez moved on to jobs at West Virginia, Michigan and now Arizona, the zone read spread across college football.

Now many of the most explosive offenses in the country are running the zone read or have a package of plays with it, including Oregon, Baylor, Texas A&M, Arizona, Auburn, Ohio State, Arizona State, Kansas State - and the list goes on and on.

"Any time anyone has success doing something, other teams will also try to do it," Auburn coach Gus Malzahn said. "That's kind of where the game is going right now with the quarterbacks who can successfully run a zone-read type concept."

At its genesis, the zone read was based on one read: The defensive end.

The quarterback lined up in the shotgun, took off left or right with the running back trailing, and made a judgment based on the defensive end's movement. The end stays wide or goes upfield, he hands off to the running back. The end pinches in, the quarterback keeps and runs outside.

But the offense has become far more complex since that first bobbled snap at Glenville State.

Now once the quarterback keeps the ball, a multitude of further reads and options follow.

He still has the option of running after getting around the end. But if the quarterback sees the linebackers move up to stop the run, he can lob a pass over their heads to the tight end. Pick up on the safeties coming up, he can throw downfield into one-on-one coverage. Catch the cornerback charging in, he can hit a receiver on a quick slant or bubble screen.

The reads aren't always the defensive end, either. Some teams key on the middle linebacker, the safeties, even the nose tackle.

A few even have pre-snap reads, basing play calls on where certain defensive players are lined up.

It's still option football, just out of the shotgun - which makes all the difference.

"When the quarterback hands the ball off after taking the snap under center, he's not really a run threat and you're basically playing 10 on 11," said Rodriguez, in his third season at Arizona. "Get into the shotgun, you can see the defense and hand the ball off. You're actually playing 11 on 11. You can get positive yards and make them play 11 on 11."

The zone read still has defenses backpedaling.

For years, defensive players were taught to read the offensive linemen to determine if it was a run play or a pass.

In the zone read, the quarterback has the option of throwing, so defenders now have to account for both. Guess wrong and they're scrambling to get back into the play.

The offense also is run out of the spread, which is designed to get playmakers into open spaces. With defenders inching up to account for the run, one missed tackle can turn into an 80-yard touchdown.

"When you get in the gun and are utilizing more receivers, spreading things out, it creates more space than the traditional triple option where there's 11 guys in a couple yards of space with each other," Arizona State offensive coordinator Mike Norvell said. "We're just taking the challenges that were presented then and spreading them out to make them defend the entire field."

The new breed of quarterbacks is making it tougher to stop.

The days of the drop-back passer are dwindling, replaced by athletic playmakers who can run or pass and make split-second decisions in the flick of a ball fake.

Baylor has set records with Bryce Petty under center. Oregon flies past opponents behind Marcus Mariota. Nick Marshall led Auburn to last season's national title game. Johnny Manziel won a Heisman Trophy at Texas A&M and Kenny Hill has picked up where he left off.

These guys are talented and now they're everywhere.

"I liked it when there were fewer people running it because it was easier to be unique," Rodriguez said. "Now it's hard to be unique anymore."

Teams are still finding ways - and it's still hard to stop.

AP Sports Writer John Zenor in Birmingham, Alabama, contributed to this story.



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12:15 p.m., 3:35 p.m., 7 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13)
11 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

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The Boxtrolls 1:37 (PG) 3D
2:05 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

The Boxtrolls 1:37 (PG)
11:15 a.m., 8:30 p.m.

The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby 2:03 (R)
11 a.m., 5 p.m.

The Equalizer
10:40 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 11 p.m.

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This is Where I Leave You 1:43 (R)
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TREAT SOMEONE TO DINNER, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Relate to a loved one directly. This person really enjoys your chats; however, someone else in your life could make it clear that he or she wants your time, too. A discussion will have a very intense, reflective quality. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Others come toward you, and it will be difficult to deal with a family dispute, as minor as it might be. If you can, screen your interactions until you and a loved one have reached an amicable solution for both of you. Tonight: Go along with someone's suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You could be full of ideas, and leaning toward using them in order to facilitate your friends' enjoyment of the weekend. You might feel manipulative, but when you see their huge smiles, you won't care. Tonight: If you're tired, call it a night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your more playful side emerges, which allows greater give-and-take. Your imagination could add to statements that others make. Share some of these thoughts, if they are appropriate. Tonight: Let the fun and games begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Touch base with a family member who seems uncomfortable at this point in time. You could feel as if you need to make up for someone who is not up to snuff or who has let you down. Information comes through a discussion, and it will allow you to relax. Tonight: Unwind with close friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You have a lot to share, and so do others. It might be difficult to be as vulnerable as you would like to be. Constant calls and interruptions could make it difficult to have a conversation. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Remain sensitive to others yet keep a strong hand on your finances. You might have had enough of someone's strong personality. Just find something else to do. Friends would love you to join them. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You'll beam in much more of what you want. Your magnetism attracts many different people; although, for the moment, you might need to exclude some people from joining you. Tonight: Go with the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to step back and let someone else take the lead. You could be unduly frustrated when dealing with a child or loved one. Let it go for now, and you will create more give-and-take between you. Tonight: Know when to vanish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Somehow, wherever you are, others think you are the host or hostess of the happening. A partner bathes in your caring and feels great no matter what your decision is. Sometimes, even today, you become far too serious. Lighten up with friends. Tonight: Where the gang can be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You could be thrilled with what is going on with a parent or older friend. You will do whatever you need to do in order to support this person. Much conversation is likely to occur about new possibilities that have opened up. Do not question what is happening. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. A call could set the stage to get together in the near future. Understand how much you expect from others. Take it easy right now; go off to the movies, or perhaps go see a concert. Tonight: Be entertained.

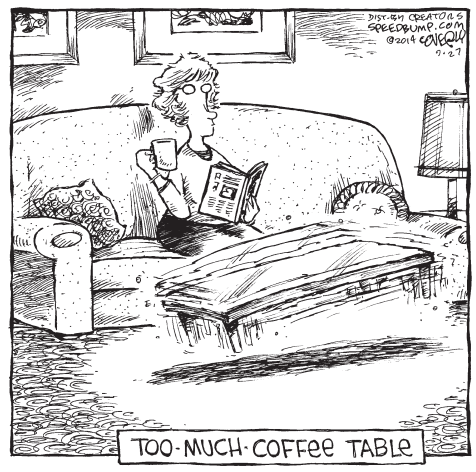
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you might be more in tune with what you have to offer others. A natural, innate talent might emerge out of the blue that also has the ability to add to your financial security. You will start to feel more secure than you have in a substantial period of time. You will achieve a long-term goal if you stay focused, which might be difficult at times. New friends enter your life. If you are single, a friendship plays a role in meeting your next sweetie. Another scenario might be that a friend also could become more. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy many good times with your friends. It is likely that you will manifest a long-term goal that means a lot to both of you. Be aware of a tendency to sometimes be very cold when making your point. You might feel weighed down by SCORPIO's demands and needs.

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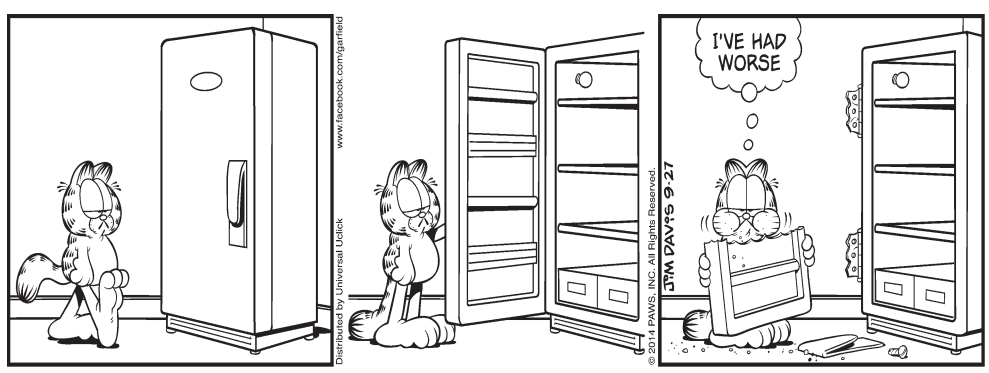
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Sudoku

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.

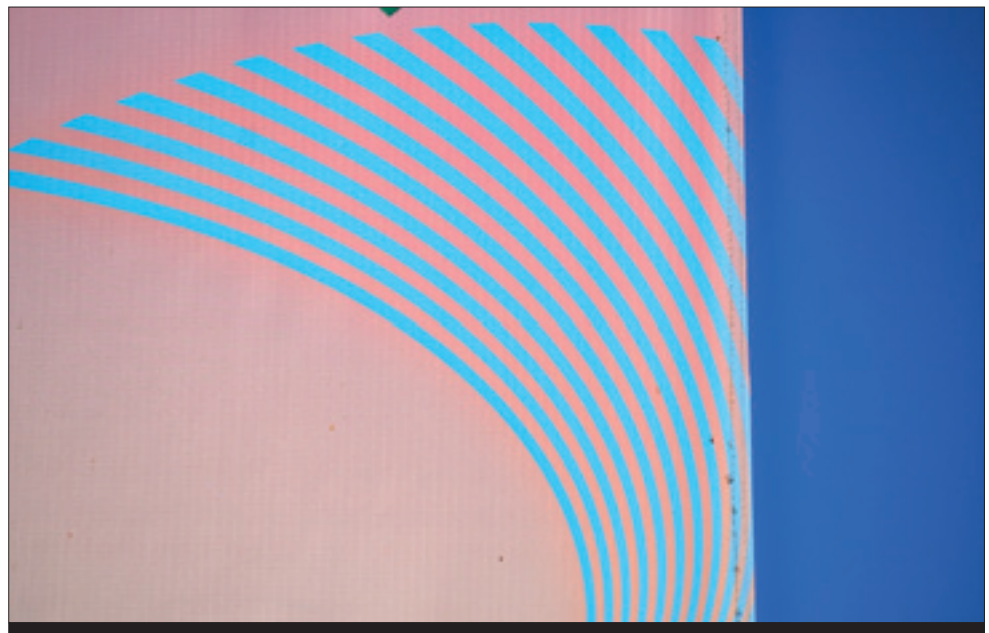
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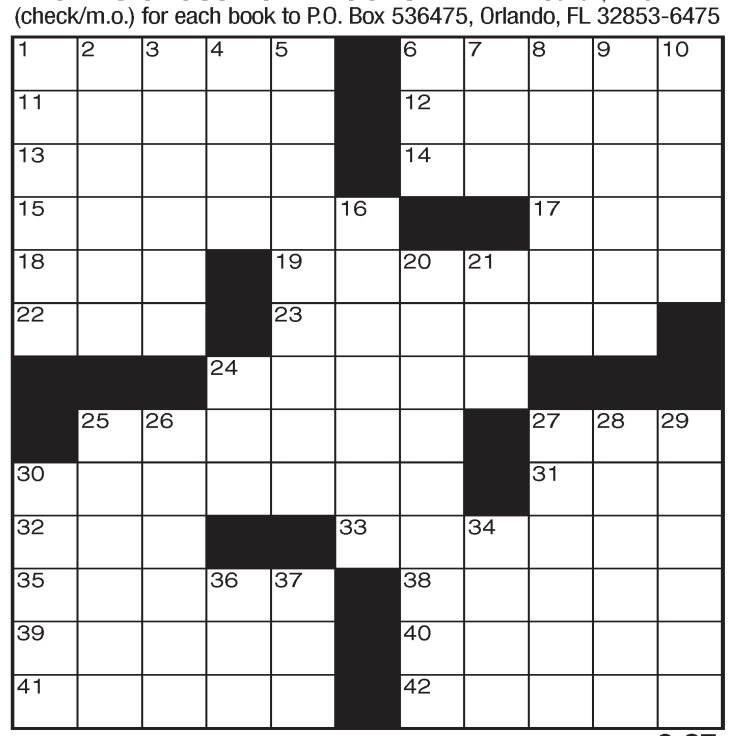
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22 Toronto-to-D.C. dir.
23 Wall Street type
24 Clear
25 Café order
27 Big galoot
30 Cuts off
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41 Sculpting medium
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5 Cause of an outburst
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7 Lobbying org.
8 Fifth, for one
9 "The Bathers" painter
10 Goes downhill
16 Tries hard
20 Do-or-die effort
21 Shelley work
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26 Familiar with
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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■ (1) Clearwater, Florida, police pulled over a "suspicious" car on July 24 and ultimately arrested the driver and his passenger. The back seat was loaded with potted plants -- in fact, potted pot plants (i.e., marijuana), so crowded that the leaves and branches of some plants were sticking out of the car's windows. (2) Daniel Warn, 28, was arrested in July in Costa Mesa, California, and charged with the burglary of an El Pollo Loco restaurant -- a caper that was captured on surveillance video. Police were notified later that day when Warn -- wearing the same distinctive hat and bright green shirt worn by the burglar -- came to the restaurant to order a meal.

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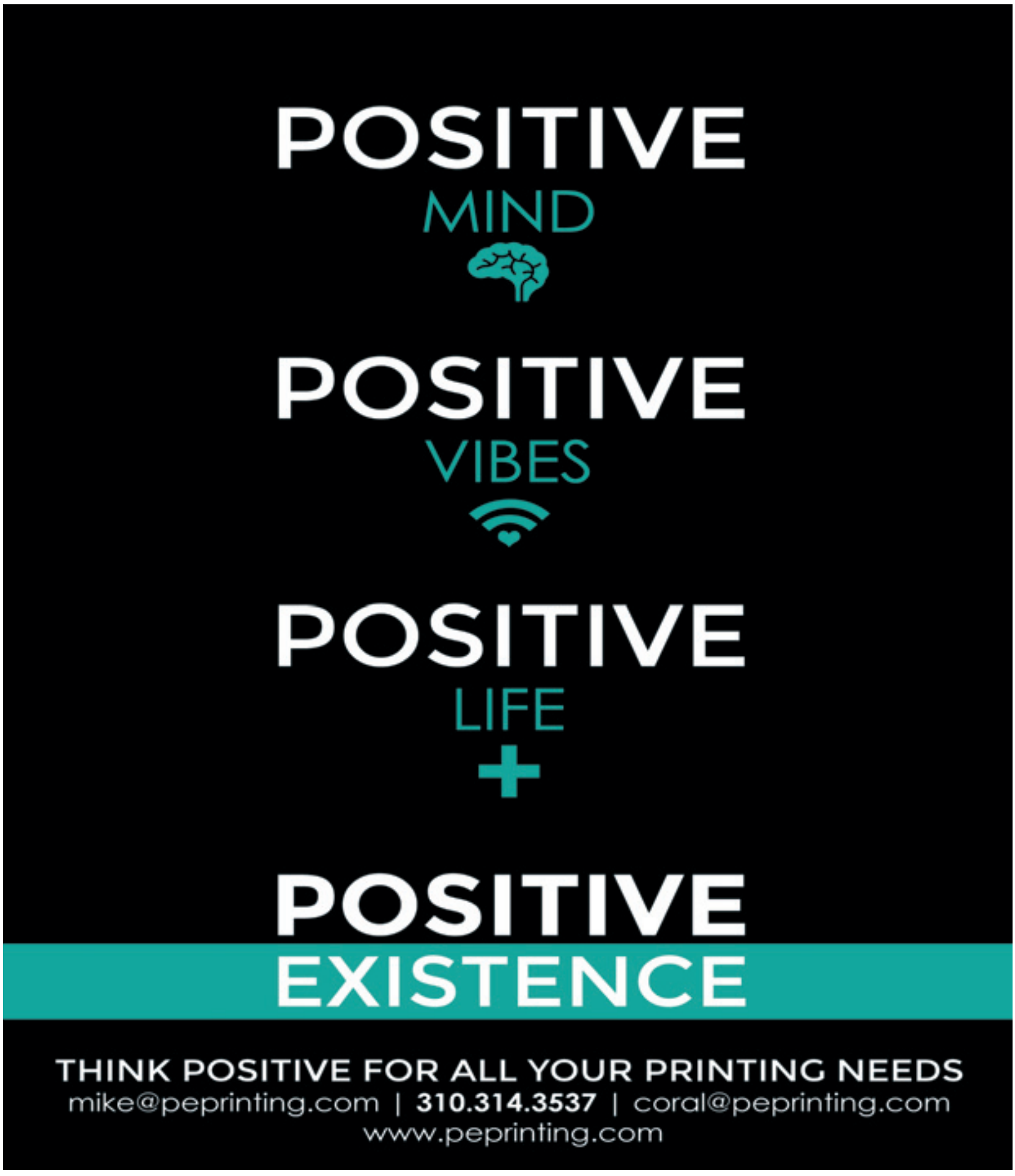
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• Single Family Home • North of Montana • Minimum 4 + 3 • Up to $4,500,000	• Santa Monica • 2 Condos in Same Building • Or Single Family Home/Land • Up to $2,800,000
• Condo • 2+2 or 3+2 • Ocean Ave only, No. of Wilshire • Front Facing Unit ONLY • Up to $3,000,000	• Single Family, Condo, Townhome • Santa Monica, Mar Vista • Minimum 3 Bedroom (or 2 + Den) • Up to $1,600,000

Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica
Single Family Homes
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale as of Late September 2014

Santa Monica Canyon	=	$ 2,004,750
North of Montana	=	$ 5,970,385
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	$ 3,472,167
South of Wilshire	=	$ 1,207,000
Sunset Park	=	$ 1,674,833
Ocean Park	=	$ 2,104,200

Statistics updated every Friday

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