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THE MADE ON MAC ISSUE

Council keeps momentum behind airport visioning process

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A diminished City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to push forward with the second phase of a visioning process examining the future of Santa Monica Airport despite calls by neighbors to go back to the drawing board.

The vote also directed the city attorney to explore legal action that would clarify what rights City Hall has over the airport property in 2015 when two binding agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration are expected to expire.

The goal of the first phase was to look at possible alternatives between two extremes — maintaining the status quo at the airport and outright closure.

To do so, the City Council hired three consultants — HR & A Associates, the RAND Corp. and Point C Partners — to

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Beware of the 'first flush'

Heal the Bay warns swimmers and surfers to avoid water

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM BEACH On the heels of Los Angeles County's first significant rainfall since spring, Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay is urging people to not go into the water at local beaches for at least 72 hours.

The environmental watchdog issued a warning Wednesday as coastal areas and valleys were hit with a half-inch to an inch of rainfall, according to the National Weather Service.

The main source of pollution to Santa Monica and San Pedro bays is urban runoff carried through the 5,000 mile-long storm drain system. Unlike sewage, this runoff typically receives no treatment and flows freely onto shorelines and the sea through the network of open channels, catch basins, drain pipes and streams, officials with Heal the Bay said.

After the "first flush," debris and toxins that have been accumulating for months on sidewalks, roadways and riverbeds are now being washed into storm drains. More than 70 major outfalls funnel manmade debris, animal waste, toxic chemicals, automotive fluids and aerial outfall into the marine ecosystem. It is estimated that more than 80 percent of marine debris comes from inland sources, scientists with the environmental watchdog said.

"This pollution poses human health risks, harms marine life and dampens the tourist economy by fouling shorelines," Heal the Bay officials said in a press release.

The National Weather Service warned drivers to be alert during the storm as roads

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Photo courtesy Heal the Bay

NOT A GOOD LOOK FOR BEACHES: **Styrofoam cups and other trash washes up on Santa Monica's beaches during rain storms, creating a health hazard for swimmers and surfers.**

Teen arrested for string of robberies

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A 17-year-old student in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District was being held in a juvenile detention facility Wednesday after being booked on four counts of robbery, police said.

The teen, a white male who lives in Santa Monica, is believed to be responsible for a string of armed robberies that took place Tuesday in the Pico Neighborhood, said Santa Monica Police Sgt. Richard Lewis.

Investigators are trying to determine if the teen is also responsible for a robbery committed Monday in the 1800 block of Lincoln Boulevard, Lewis said.

The teen was arrested Tuesday around 3 p.m. in the 2000 block of Pico Boulevard after a short standoff at an apartment complex. Officers set up a perimeter and the suspect surrendered without further incident.

Officers went to the apartment building after receiving a tip from witnesses. They told officers that the teen had robbed a victim at knifepoint in front of Eddie's Liquor on the corner of 20th Street and Pico Boulevard.

The suspect was seen running east into a nearby alley and disappeared into the back of the apartment complex.

No one was injured during the robbery, police said.

During the investigation, officers made contact with victims from three additional robberies that were all committed in the same area just prior to the one at the liquor store.

The teen was identified by all the victims involved and witnesses, police said. Officers collected evidence from the apartment building that included cell phones, iPods and an undisclosed amount of cash, all of which are believed to belong to the victims, Lewis added.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011

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601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Don't miss the harmonicas, singers and choir — come to the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium and listen to a range of exciting music. Art for the Ears, designed for seniors but open to everyone, will host performances by Sunrise Serenaders, Mama Maria and the KAMA Women's Choir. For more information, call the Senior Arts Foundation at (310) 393-0701, ext. 21.

Life's a stage
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 8 p.m.
Live Talks Los Angeles will host actor John Lithgow in an in-depth discussion of his life and career. Lithgow, who has won two Emmys, two Tonys and two Golden Globes, recently published his autobiography, "DRAMA: An Actor's Education." For more information, call (310) 260-1528.

Tee time with the fire department
Malibu Country Club
901 Encinal Canyon Rd., Malibu, 8:30 a.m.
Hit the links for the fourth annual Santa Monica Firefighters Charity Golf Tournament at the picturesque Malibu Country Club. For more information, call (925) 708-0307.

Friday, Oct. 7, 2011

Strings attached
Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Come see Grammy-winning cellist Lynn Harrell perform his interpretation of Max Bruch's "Kol Nidre." Harrell, who played the song 15 years ago at the Vatican, will perform the song at Beth Shir Shalom Service with the 15-piece Angeli Ensemble. For more information and tickets, call (310) 453-3361.

A whole new world
Santa Monica Beach
2600 Barnard Way, 12-8 p.m.
Interested in eco-business, raw food or sustainable homes? The New World F.E.S.T, a science and technology festival, lands on the beach with more than 150 exhibits and six stages of live entertainment. This weekend-long event offers speakers, cooking demos, panel discussions and more. For more information, check out www.thenewworldfest.com/santa-monica.

Ready, set, read
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Dress up in your pajamas for a special reading of Anna Dewdney's book "Llama Llama Red Pajama," which will include stories and fun crafts. Thousands of children will read the book at the same time, as part of the nationwide "Read for the Record" campaign. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011

Tear up the dance floor
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 2:30 p.m.
Bring the whole family to come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the library's community room, where flamenco dancer Susana Elena will perform a variety of dances from across Spain. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Back to the past
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m.
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Commission paves way for Malibu High lights

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

HUNTINGTON BEACH Sports fans took home a win Wednesday when the California Coastal Commission gave the city of Malibu the authority to permit lights at the Malibu High School sports field.

The unanimous decision came quickly for the 12 commissioners after hours of testimony by athletes, parents and school officials speaking in favor of the lights and a coalition of neighbors opposing them on personal and ecological grounds.

Under the conditions of the vote, Malibu city officials can allow the school to have lights over the field on until 7:30 p.m. three days per week between the months of September and May.

Eighteen days of the year, the lights would be on until 10:30 p.m. to allow for late night games for either football, soccer or lacrosse teams.

The lights became a rallying cry for student athletes and their parents who argued that the lack of night games cut the heart out of the school's social calendar and prevented parents from watching their children play.

"I'm telling you this is the largest crowd of Malibu people to gather since our last homecoming under the lights," said Malibu Mayor Pro Tem Laura Zahn Rosenthal.

The solution proposed by city staff keeps the number of lit hours to 159.5 per year,

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Photo courtesy National Park Service

SEEN: **Mountain lion P-15, shown in a photo taken by remote camera, had been tracked for nearly two years by National Park Service scientists.**

State officials seeking tips in mountain lion killing

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM MOUNTAINS State fish and game wardens say a mountain lion found dead in the western Santa Monica Mountains was killed and mutilated by poachers and they are seeking tips in the case.

The 7-year-old lion, named P-15, was one of the last remaining male mountain lions in a wildlife study being conducted by the National Park Service. His body was found Sept. 11 after officials received a call from someone who had found a mountain lion carcass in a canyon between Cal State Channel Islands and Newbury Park in Ventura County. His tracking collar had been removed and the animal mutilated to the point that researchers had to use DNA to positively identify him.

"This is a significant blow to the mountain lion research study," said wildlife ecolo-

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi regroups for Compton Centennial

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

COMPTON Call it a bump in the road.

Santa Monica High School's football team took a 3-0 record into Valencia and walked away with a 17-0 loss last Friday.

For most teams, that sort of loss could threaten to derail an entire season. For Samohi head coach Travis Clark, it was just a blip that shouldn't affect the Vikings' spirits heading into their final preseason game at Compton Centennial on Friday at 6 p.m.

"We still have our confidence," Clark said. "We're just trying to get back on a winning track."

Despite suffering a 56-13 drubbing to Samohi last year, this edition of Centennial football is different. The Apaches come into the game 4-0 under second-year head coach Jimmy Nolan, who left a cushy job in Laguna Beach to lead the inner-city school.

Clark is impressed by the work Nolan has done, realizing that it's a reflection of what he's been able to do in such a short timeframe.

"They are feeling good about themselves," Clark said of Centennial. "I think [Nolan's] doing a great job. The kids bought in and I can tell he really cares about them.

"He's over there trying to help those kids. I can respect that."

After reviewing film on Centennial, Clark is impressed with the Apaches' ability to run the ball. He singled out running back D'carre Watson as an athletic ball carrier capable of big gains.

He also noted the Apaches' large offensive and defensive lines.

"They are bigger by a long shot," he said. "For us, it will be about execution and eliminating mistakes."

Samohi struggled with turnovers last

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Outgrown its home

Editor:

I have lived in Santa Monica since 1983 on property my family has owned since 1920 – 91 years. On the 3000 block of Steiner Avenue, we are often directly underneath the flight path of jets that take off from Santa Monica Airport (SMO).

Since I have lived here, airport noise – primarily the jet noise – has become unbearable. Conversations and phone conversations must cease while a plane is flying overhead. Yes, jets are faster, but they are also louder. Our yard and window sills are covered in soot from jet fuel. I am also very concerned about the carcinogens present in jet fuel, and am aware that studies have compared the air pollution when planes are flying high above the ground versus flying closer to the ground (as they do while approaching SMO and after taking off from SMO). Another study found a huge increase in harmful particulates when the airport was in operation, versus much cleaner air when the airport was closed for a few days.

I urge City Hall to conduct a thorough investigation of the noise and air pollution generated by SMO and its adverse affects on residents of Santa Monica and nearby areas. As far as I can see, the staff report for the Oct. 4 City Council meeting focused primarily on economic and social impacts, but almost completely ignored the environmental impacts to residents.

A common argument is that the airport was here long before residents. Well, that is not a valid argument. While it's true that SMO opened in 1917 and was here when my grandparents established their dairy on Marine Street in 1920, it has grown dramatically over the years. Meanwhile, many more people now live in Santa Monica, Venice, Mar Vista, and West Los Angeles and are affected by SMO.

While I understand the airport's historical significance (my aunt was a welder at Douglas), I think it is time for City Hall to respond to the needs of residents by making SMO safer, less polluting, less noisy, and less intrusive on our lives. If that means closing the airport, then the airport must be closed.

Anne Hawthorne
Santa Monica



Life Matters



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Alcoholism runs in the family

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I grew up around alcoholics and for a long time told myself that I would never be like my family. I am not anything like them yet, but I now find myself worried that it will all catch up with me. It's almost like a dark cloud following me. For some reason, I started to worry when my father died from his alcoholism about a year and a half ago. My mother is still alive but she is so bitter and is difficult to be around. My siblings are so different you would not think that we are related.

I am a high achiever and do not drink other than an occasional glass of wine with dinner, but I do have a problem trusting relationships. One of my brothers is a drug addict and I have a sister who does not want to be close to any of us. Can you educate me on the basic concerns that I should have or advise me on what I should do or know?

Signed,
Son of alcoholic parents

DEAR SON,

This is such an important issue. One out of four families in our country are affected by alcoholism. Moreover, the children of alcoholics are four times more likely to develop such abusive behavior than other children.

Knowing that there is a genetic predisposition to alcoholism, if you are the child of an alcoholic you should learn all that you can and be very careful; children should also be alerted when the appropriate time comes. This is because alcoholism tends to skip generations precisely because of what you said about never wanting to be like your family. If you have kids, they won't see and experience the same things you did, so they won't be defended against alcoholism. But they will have the genetic vulnerability.

Having said that, armed with this knowledge, you are not a shoo-in for alcoholism. You can override genetic predisposition by making the correct and healthy behavioral choices. In truth, only one in five children of alcoholics become an alcoholic themselves.

However, many children of alcoholics develop emotional or psychological problems from growing up in alcoholic families. It is not uncommon to have relationship problems because you have grown up with them. Alcoholism takes center stage, everyone adjusts to it and around it, tension is high and in many ways childhood is aborted.

You mentioned your mother being bitter and you also say you had alcoholic parents. It sounds like she had a problem also but even if she didn't, it is not unusual for a wife to try to drink with her husband but she usually gives up when she cannot keep up. Her whole world becomes preoccupied with his every move and her lost dreams. If she can't get him into treatment, she will usually start reorganizing the family to keep him on the outside. Children can get lost in the shuffle.

Children of alcoholics often become overly responsible and they also become caretakers, a natural role for them. Some act out their hurt and rage like your brother has. Most do not have the time or safe environment to find out who they really are or what they really want out of life because they are too busy surviving and avoiding the conflict. Many become chameleons as a means of survival. And one of the biggest problems children of alcoholics have is trusting others. Abandonment and loss of attentive parents, normal childhood, and predictable, secure homes all contribute to this.

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If you couldn't trust your own parents or family at whatever level, it will be difficult to trust others. You probably have come to believe that others will hurt and disappoint you if you let them get close. You may even find that you don't trust love or marriage because of what you witnessed in your parents. Lastly, most children of alcoholics continue the same defenses they used in childhood as adults. Out of the situation, these defenses usually do not serve us well. In fact, they often cause us more problems.

Get some help and learn all that you can. Besides psychotherapy, there are 12 step groups and there is the National Association for Children of Alcoholics, which you can contact at www.nacoa.org/

Thanks for writing in. Hope this helps some.

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I'm having an out-of-cash experience

I HAVE READ OF PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED to the fact that they have had an out-of-body experience. After meeting some of these people I can understand why they would want to abandon their body if only for a moment. My question is, why did they return? Whether this was a real experience or not, only their hairdresser knows for sure.

I have made it one of the primary purposes of my life to stay in my body as long as I live. In fact, I have so developed my body so that there is ample room for my La-Z-Boy chair and me. I like to be comfortable.

Truth compels me to say that I have never experienced an out-of-body experience. Every night when I go to sleep, I am unconscious until morning, but I do not think that counts except when it comes to sheep, but who gives a baa-baa about sheep. I have a hard time relating to these people with such esoteric experiences. I do not doubt them, I just do not relate to them.

One thing that I can relate to is "an out-of-cash" experience. There, I said it. Confession is good for the soul. For many years, I was ashamed of having these kinds of experiences. I thought I was the only one in the whole world that ever experienced such trauma in their lives. I kept it a secret for many years.

But all that has changed. I am ready to come out of the closet and confess that when it comes to cash, I am simply out of it.

It's not that I have always had an over abundance of cash. Throughout the years, it has come in a little here and a little there but mostly nowhere. I can never remember a time when my life was flooded with so much cash I did not know what to do with it all.

Being out-of-cash must not be as bad as it sounds. I suppose the terrible thing is how a person gets to that point in life.

I wanted to write a book about my out-of-cash experience but I only got up to chapter 11.

From everything I can gather, everybody seems to be out-of-cash. Even our government has come to such a perilous place as this. The government used to say, "I feel your pain," and now they are really feeling our pain. The government is not broken as some people attest; the government is simply broke. Now they know how I really feel.

Being out-of-cash does have some advantage.

Last Tuesday, for example, was a long, hard day and I was glad to get home. When I did get home, my wife greeted me at the door and said, "Let's go out for supper tonight. I don't feel like cooking."

I looked at her and said rather soberly, "I sure would love to go out tonight for supper, but I'm really out-of-cash."

My wife gave me one of her trademark looks and said, "Let's use your credit card."

I would have argued but I was simply out-of-arguments. I must say that through the years she has been very generous with my credit card, which may be why I am really out-of-cash.

Being out-of-cash is not really the worst thing that can happen to a person. About three weeks ago, I had to go out of town for a little trip and forgot to fill up my gas tank. I didn't even think about it. After all, with all the car payments and the monthly insurance payments you would think the car would come up with a little bit of cash on its own. But no, it leaves everything to me. My car once told me it was the responsibility of the owner.

I am not saying that my car is contrary but I was about 7 miles out of town when I ran out of gas. It does not matter how much cash you have on hand, if you run out of gas without a gas station nearby it just does not matter.

The men's store where I usually buy my clothing was running a sale on shirts, the kind I usually wear. I had some errands to run and by the time I got to the men's store, they had sold the last shirt. "I'm sorry," the salesperson said, "but you're out of luck."

I am not quite sure which is worse, being out of cash or being out of luck. The truth of the matter is, no matter how much cash you have on hand if there are no more shirts left, you are simply out of luck.

A long time ago, I faced the simple truth that money cannot buy everything. I might be able to rent a little bit of happiness but it does not last forever. I have learned that the most important thing in life is to be balanced. Too much of anything, even a good thing, can really be harmful.

This must be what Solomon had in mind when he wrote, "Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain" (Proverbs 30:8-9 KJV).

The problem today is not that we do not have enough; we simply are not thankful enough for what we have.

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The Q Line

Crime on the decline

Crime reports in Santa Monica held largely stable from 2009, with the largest decreases seen in property crimes, according to a report released in September by the FBI.

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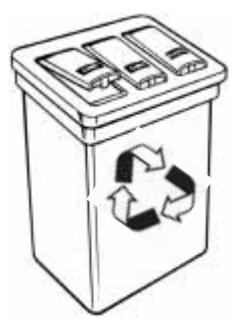
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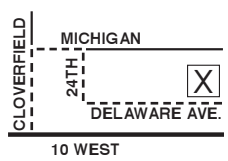


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'Occupy' protesters get official support from city

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LOS ANGELES The five-day old campout demonstration outside Los Angeles City Hall to protest Wall Street greed is getting official thumbs up from the city.

City News Service says the office of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa distributed 100 rain ponchos to the demonstrators on Wednesday while seven of the 15 councilmembers voted in favor of a resolution in support of the Occupy LA protest.

The resolution, which is slated for a final vote next week, called the protest "a peaceful and vibrant exercise in First Amendment rights."

As part of the resolution, the council will vote later this month on a measure that would require the city to divest from financial institutions that have not cooperated with measures to prevent foreclosures.

The demonstration is part of a nationwide series of protests.

Oscar organizers have sights on film museum

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES Academy Awards overseers have the expertise and memorabilia. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art has the know-how to run a world-class exhibition space. So the two outfits have hooked up to create what they hope will be the finest museum in the world devoted to moviemaking.

While there is no definite timeline, organizers said they hope the film museum — housed in a landmark department store building that is now part of the LACMA campus along Wilshire Boulevard — could open in three to five years.

"There are a lot of movie museums all over the world. They're growing in number, but there isn't one in Los Angeles, the film capital of the world," Dawn Hudson, chief executive officer of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, said Wednesday. "There isn't one the academy is presenting, and it just seems like a gap, that we should be the ones leading the way for the definitive film museum."

Over the decades, the academy has accumulated a huge collection of goods related to movies, including rare film prints, posters and scripts. That material would form a foundation for the film museum, which would include permanent and rotating exhibitions.

The partnership announced Tuesday night is a shift from the academy's plans to go it alone on a movie museum on land it owns a few miles away in Hollywood, near the theater where the Oscars are handed out each year.

The academy had to abandon that idea after the economy went sour, making it impossible to raise the funds needed to build a whole new facility for the museum.

Though they would not estimate the costs, organizers still will need to raise a huge amount of cash to convert the historic May Co. department store, built in 1939 and acquired by the art museum in 1994. But academy President Tom Sherak said planners will be getting twice as much space — 300,000 square feet at the May building compared to 144,000 square feet that had been planned at the academy's Hollywood property — for less than half the money it would have taken to build from scratch.

They're also getting an architectural landmark — its art moderne style includes a huge golden cylinder above the entrance — that went up the same year such movie classics as "Gone with the Wind" and "The Wizard of Oz" came out. The academy aims to sign a long-term lease for the building.

Times remain hard, but Sherak said the academy is creating an endowment out of its own pockets to help fund the museum.

And there is no shortage of rich, successful actors and filmmakers in Hollywood who will be asked for contributions once fundraising starts.

"The feeling is the time is right for Los Angeles to assert itself culturally, and we feel like people are committed to that cause," said Michael Govan, the art museum's chief executive officer.

Sherak said that for now, the academy will hang on to the property where the museum had been planned in Hollywood, which includes a former discount department store and a film post-production facility.

Some of the property will be razed, but some buildings will be preserved and used for academy exhibits and other events until the facility at the art museum is ready, he said.

The academy paid top dollar — reportedly $45 million to $50 million — for the Hollywood properties at the height of the real-estate boom, before the bubble burst in 2008. Land prices have tumbled since, but the academy owns the property outright and does not regret buying it, Sherak said.

"We own two blocks of land in part of what might be considered the heart of Hollywood," Sherak said. "That land is going to be an incredible investment for whatever we decide to do."

Push to repeal firefighting fee fails

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO An effort to repeal California's fire protection fee on rural property owners has fallen short of the signatures it needs to go before voters next year.

Republican state Sen. Ted Gaines of Roseville had been leading the effort to overturn the annual fee, which can run up to $150. The state fire board has voted to charge property owners no more than $90 starting next year.

Gaines told The Associated Press on Wednesday that organizers won't have enough signatures to force a ballot referendum. Proponents need to turn in 505,000 signatures by Thursday.

Gaines says he may try to repeal the fee through the Legislature next year.

Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown also is seeking to fix flaws in the bill he signed in July as part of the state budget.

DA gives up on keeping former priest in custody

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors have dropped efforts to keep a sexually abusive former priest from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles locked up indefinitely in a mental hospital, a district attorney spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Prosecutors informed the court at a hearing Friday that they would not pursue a petition to have former priest Michael Baker designated a sexually violent predator, said Los Angeles County district attorney spokesman Sandi Gibbons.

The former priest, now 63, pleaded guilty in 2007 to 12 felony counts of oral copulation with a person under the age of 18 for abusing two boys he met at parishes in Pico Rivera and Los Angeles.

He was to be released on Aug. 23 when prosecutors stepped in and attempted to block his parole.

Baker did not plead guilty to any "sexually violent" offenses when he entered his pleas four years ago and therefore cannot qualify as a sexually violent predator under state law, according to a statement Gibbons provided that was read in court. The district attorney's office said it reserved the right to pursue such a designation for Baker if the law changes.

It wasn't immediately clear if Baker was still in custody.

Terry Thornton, the California Department of Corrections deputy press secretary, and spokesman Paul Verke, didn't immediately return calls or emails seeking Baker's status.

Gibbons did not know if Baker was still incarcerated.

Baker no longer shows up on the department's online inmate locator.

His attorney, Don Steier, declined to comment.

Although Baker was only sentenced for his abuse of two children, he was originally charged with 34 counts of molestation involving six victims.

Those charges were dismissed in 2003 after the U.S. Supreme Court voided a California law that allowed the prosecution of cases involving acts that occurred before 1988.

However, allegations by the two boys and one other man allowed prosecutors to file charges against Baker that were within the statute of limitations.

In January 2006, the former priest was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport as he returned from a vacation in Thailand.

He was defrocked in 2000.

Baker's case seriously tarnished the reputation of then-Cardinal Roger Mahony, who said Baker told him at a retreat in 1986 that he had molested two young boys. Mahony said he didn't alert anyone because the priest told him the children were illegal immigrants who had returned to Mexico.

When the archdiocese settled its abuse cases for a record-breaking $660 million in 2007, lead plaintiff attorney Ray Boucher estimated that Baker's conduct accounted for $40 million of the total.

The two boys whose allegations led to the criminal case received a $1.2 million settlement.

The archdiocese has previously said 23 people accused Baker of abuse, although not all of them filed civil lawsuits. More civil cases have been filed since Baker's incarceration.

Tod Tamberg, a spokesman for the archdiocese, said in a statement Wednesday that Baker caused terrible harm to multiple victims.

"Mr. Baker repeatedly lied to his superiors, therapists and friends, and manipulated treatment protocols in order to continue to prey upon young people," the statement read.

Ventura teen set to face yet another murder trial

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VENTURA A teen accused of killing a gay classmate at a Ventura County junior high school will be retried on a murder charge after a first trial in which jurors could not decide on the degree of guilt.

Prosecutors on Wednesday announced their intention to pursue a murder charge in adult court against 17-year-old Brandon McInerney. However, a hate crime charge will be dropped, Deputy District Attorney Maeve Fox said.

Last month, a judge declared a mistrial after a nine-woman, three-man panel couldn't reach a unanimous decision on the degree of McInerney's guilt for killing 15-year-old Larry King. After a series of votes, seven jurors were in favor of a voluntary manslaughter conviction, while five others supported either first-degree or second-degree murder.

Superior Court Judge Charles Campbell set a Nov. 21 trial date, according to Fox, but it's unclear if it will be held in Ventura County. The first trial was moved to Los Angeles County due to pretrial publicity.

McInerney was 14 in February 2008, when he is accused of killing King at E.O. Green Junior High School during a computer lab class.

Prosecutors contend McInerney embraced a white supremacist philosophy that sees homosexuality as an abomination. Police found Nazi-inspired drawings and artifacts at his house, and a white supremacist expert testified at trial the hate-filled ideology was the reason for the killing.

Authorities maintained the shooting was premeditated and deserving of a murder conviction. During the trial, Fox noted at least six people heard McInerney make threats against King in the days leading to the shooting.

Defense attorneys acknowledged that McInerney was the shooter but explained that he had reached an emotional breaking point after King made repeated, unwanted sexual advances. They also have argued that juvenile court would be the best venue to try their client.

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Early fall storm hammers raisins in fields

A storm dumped more than an inch of rain on parts of California's agricultural heartland in less than five hours, flooding streets, uprooting trees and soaking a bumper crop of raisins drying in vineyards.

The storm hit Tuesday in Northern California, then swept through the central portions before bringing rainfall to Southern California by midmorning on Wednesday.

A live web cam at China Peak in the central Sierra Nevada showed snow accumulation on the slopes. Squaw Valley USA reported eight inches of new snow overnight, with up to nine more predicted by Thursday. The snow forced the closing of the 9,300-foot Tioga Pass through Yosemite National Park.

"It is an early winter storm. It is not unheard of to have one this early," said Cindy Bean, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Hanford.

The storm was especially painful to California's agriculture industry.

Leading up to the deluge, alfalfa growers worked to bale late cuttings, and cotton growers were scrambling to harvest before the storm hit. Rain can soak bolls and cause the cotton to fall out, making it unusable.

Wine grape growers, who are in the midst of harvest, generally did not expect the rain to be as much of a problem as it would have been if it had come earlier, when mold can develop. In Napa County, only cabernet sauvignon remains in the fields, and its thick skin serves as a protection, growers said. On the Central Coast, growers in the midst of harvest said the rain would serve to wash the dust from the grapes, but likely would not cause damage.

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County location filming rebounds, up 15 percent

On-location film, television and commercials production has rebounded in Los Angeles County.

FilmL.A. Inc., the nonprofit agency that processes film permits, says on-location shoots jumped 15 percent in the quarter ending Sept. 30, compared to the same period last year.

The figures reflect filming on streets and non-certified sound stages.

The Los Angeles Times (http://lat.ms/pgqNW6) says a surge in motion picture filming, which generated 2,079 production days, led the increase. It was up 50 percent over the year-ago period.

FilmL.A. officials say California's film tax credit, which allocated another $100 million in July to about 30 new projects, helped to drive the rebound.

The program, which took effect in 2009, gives filmmakers a tax credit of up to 25 percent toward production expenses.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Collection firm closed amid harassment claims

Federal regulators have shut down a Southern California debt collection firm accused of harassing debtors by threatening to kill pets and dig up dead relatives.

The Ventura County Star said Wednesday the Federal Trade Commission halted operations and froze the assets of the business that operated under a variety of names.

Owners David Hynes Jr. and wife Lorena Quiroz-Hynes are charged with violating the Federal Trade Commission Act and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Defense lawyer Christopher Pitet says they deny the allegations.

The FTC says a collector told a woman unable to pay the balance on her daughter's funeral bill that they were going to dig up the body and hang her from a tree if she didn't pay. Officials say she was also told they would take her dog and eat it.

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LOOKING TO THROW: **Samohi quarterback Christian Salem drops back to pass against Canyon.**

SAMOHI
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week against Valencia, something that was new for a team that didn't turn the ball over once during its 3-0 start. Clark sees it as a major factor in the loss and doesn't want a repeat performance. To that end, he's made the boys put in extra work on offense in practice to limit giveaways.

"If we can pull that off, we should be fine," he added. "I don't think it will be easy, but we're confident."

Confidence is a buzz word with Clark this season. He uses it to describe his players' will to win and willingness to put in the work necessary to achieve the team's goals that include an Ocean League title and a deep run into the Western Division playoffs.

A key to any success for the Vikings is their defense. Samohi has allowed just 32 points through four games, a stat Clark can hang his hat on. Leading the defense will again be senior linebacker Chris Collins, a player being recruited by Arizona, Washington State and Nevada, among others.

Clark said that any success the team has on the defensive side of the ball will come through Collins, who registered 14 tackles and a pair of sacks against a strong Valencia team last week.

Teaming with Collins on defense is senior transfer London Lewis. Not to be outdone, he was responsible for 10 tackles and a pair of sacks of his own last week. Clark said that his emergence at both safety and linebacker has been pivotal during the Vikings' strong start.

"Those kids are running around making plays," Clark said. "They play like grown men."

Collins and Lewis will again have to come up big as the Vikings prepare to be without USC-commit lineman Chad Wheeler. The towering lineman suffered a separated shoulder in practice after the third game of the year. Wheeler is having the shoulder scoped on Friday with no return to the field certain. Clark said his presence will be missed, but insists that Wheeler's health is much more important than a ball game or two.

"We'll miss him," Clark said. "But he has a bright future and we don't want to jeopardize that."

On the other side of the ball, Clark isn't as certain. Despite scoring 110 points through the first three games of the campaign, the shutout by Valencia has Clark thinking that the offense needs to catch up to defense at this point.

Clark said last week's problem with turnovers should stay there — in the past. He looks to senior quarterback Christian Salem as the key if his team is to regain its offensive prowess to open the season.

It's a task Salem said that he's up to.

"Considering we gave it to them bad last year," he said, "we know that this will be a big game for them. It's kind of a revenge game."

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Rosenthal said.

"I think it's a great compromise," she said.

Some residents disagreed.

Judi Hutchinson, a 43-year-resident of Malibu Park, a neighborhood immediately adjacent to the high school, argued that the impact of the lights would be harmful to migratory birds, and disrupt the natural beauty of Malibu.

Tourists come to watch whales, star gaze and go on full-moon hikes, she said.

"I don't see how you can approve any amendment that has the potential to impact that," she said.

Steve Uhring, of the Malibu Dark Skies Commission, demonstrated the difference that the temporary lights made on the otherwise lightless skies of Malibu.

"If you approve these lights you will dramatically change the character of this dark, coastal area," Uhring said.

The use isn't compatible with the rural area and impacts native animals and scenic views, he said.

"The school and students have as much responsibility to protect the coastal resources as does the average resident," Uhring said.

Board of Education Vice President Ben Allen told commissioners that a balance could be struck.

"I want to mention our school district's respect for the rural nature of Malibu," Allen said. "We can have both environmental protection, youth sports and limited community events under the lights."

This is the third time the controversial lights have come before the Coastal Commission.

In 2000, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District requested permission from the commission to build a new gym facility.

At the time, commissioners approved the building, but denied the district the right to put up lights, temporary or permanent, in order to protect wildlife and coastal views from the disturbance of the stadium.

However, in 2003, the school began using temporary lights anyway, and continued to do so until they were asked to take the lights down.

The district returned to the commission in 2009 to allow lights 16 nights per year, a recommendation that staff supported, but the commission shot the request down.

This time was different.

Malibu city officials, rather than the school district, requested that the Coastal Commission amend the city's Local Coastal Procedure.

The school district would have to apply to City Hall for the ability to use the lights, and officials could build in additional requirements like an annual review of the impacts on neighbors.

Before the necessary permits are issued, the school must also create a plan to study the effects that the lights have on migratory birds.

After some back and forth, commissioners concluded that the steps taken by City Hall, the school district and Coastal Commission staff put in place enough protections for the area to warrant approval.

All three motions needed to amend the local coastal procedure passed unanimously.

"Over and over again today, residents commented on how important it is to have night lighting so that parents can participate in their children's activities," said Mayor Richard Bloom. "I couldn't agree more and … I was gratified and moved when the 30 or so youth in the audience waved their arms in agreement."

When the decision came out, the room broke out into riotous applause.

"I want to thank you all for coming," Chair Mary K. Shallenberger said to the assembled students and parents. "Now, go back to school!"

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LION
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gist Seth Riley. "There are not a lot of mountain lions left in the Santa Monica Mountains, and each one plays an important role in the overall local survival of the mountain lion population."

The National Park Service believes there are at least seven other mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains.

California Department of Fish and Game and the National Park Service are asking for the public's help in locating the suspected poachers.

Due to the condition of the animal and the amount of time that passed before officials found it, there was no forensic evidence at the scene, said Andrew Hughan, a spokesman for fish and game.

"What we're hoping is that someone sitting around a campfire or is drinking at a bar starts bragging about how they killed a mountain lion and someone will call us," he said. "The hunting community is pretty tight knit."

Those with information can make an anonymous tip by calling (800) 334-2258.

P-15 was first captured in Point Mugu State Park in November of 2009. He was fitted with a GPS collar and researchers tracked him all over the Santa Monica Mountain range.

NPS biologists devote considerable time and resources to capturing and fitting mountain lions with collars; it may take several weeks for a successful operation and the loss of even one lion is a setback to the research on wildlife movement and the importance of habitat connectivity.

P-15's death comes on the heels of another mountain lion death, P-18, who was killed while attempting to cross Interstate 405 in late August.

Mountain lions are designated as a "specially protected species" in California, and it is illegal to hunt or trap them.

Given their large spatial and prey requirements, mountain lions and other large carnivores are a strong indicator of ecological health for an area, Riley said.

The National Park Service began studying mountain lions at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area in 2002. A total of 21 mountain lions have been tracked via radio telemetry and GPS collars in that time. In addition to studying mountain lion movement, a genetics study is also ongoing to discover indications of possible inbreeding among the mountain lion population in the Santa Monica Mountains.

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assess the current state of the airport in terms of its economic impact, non-aviation land uses and public perception about the area.

But residents took issue with the reports, alleging that they were slanted toward keeping the airport operating without considering either closure or even a modification of uses for the 187 acres of the campus devoted to aviation.

"We live in a city where leaf blowers are banned because of noise and lanes are closed down for bikes … and you don't even look at other alternatives?" said resident Thane Roberts.

The presentations overall showed a decidedly glowing view of the airport, without mentioning many of residents' chief concerns including noise, pollution and proximity of the planes to residential areas.

Paul Silvern of HR & A Associates, an economic development, real estate and public policy firm based in Santa Monica, told council members that his models demonstrated that the airport contributed $187.5 million in direct benefit to the local economy and employed over 1,400 people at no cost to City Hall's General Fund, which covers essential services like police, fire, libraries and street maintenance.

Silvern, of Sunset Park, a neighborhood directly impacted by the airport, had not been tasked to look at the financial ramifications of changing the uses at the airport, nor looking at a cost-benefit analysis of the current operations.

HR & A was also asked to confine its analysis to the 8.3 square miles of Santa Monica.

The RAND Corp. was similarly constrained.

Dr. Martin Wachs, of RAND, kept his analysis focused on the 40 acres of non-aviation land on the campus, ignoring the other 187 acres that houses hangars, flight schools, the runways and other aviation services.

Instead of addressing any kind of mitigation measures, Wachs spoke of new restaurant or shopping opportunities, access improvements and the possibility of a site to help foster small business.

Residents and other stakeholders challenged that premise, noting that the recommendations did nothing to address people's primary concerns, and instead would just add to another complaint: traffic.

The local focus did nothing for the crowds from Mar Vista, Venice and West Los Angeles that flocked to the meeting to express their concerns with the process.

"Santa Monica gets all of the revenue, and we get all of the noise, pollution and fear," said Lies Kraal, a Venice resident.

Those present also complained that Point C Partners, a firm that conducted over 100 interviews with residents, stakeholders and aviation interests, restricted them from commenting on closure, instead pressing for other ideas.

Of the 42 speakers that took the podium Tuesday, less than 10 seemed to have any warm feelings for the airport, while the rest either asked the council to send the consultants back for more information or advocated for closure.

Council members were inclined to move forward rather than revisit the first phase.

The steps laid out in the visioning process will serve to create a record of public opinion that can become the baseline for whatever option this or another City Council chooses to take, be that development of the airport or a legal battle with the FAA, said Councilman Kevin McKeown.

"There's a very practical reason to move forward," he said. "Eventually, we will go to court or pursue political pressure in Washington. Before we make that work, we will have to agree on what we want."

That could only be achieved by going onto the next phase, a more formal series of focus groups that will put all options on the table.

Perhaps by design, the hot topic of the night — closing the airport —was the one thing that council members could not touch.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie made that point abundantly clear at the beginning of the meeting when she laid out the legal context of the airport discussion.

"Council members can only deliberate on what's on the agenda," Moutrie said. "They cannot deliberate to close the airport because that is not agendized."

Even so, council members danced around the subject all night, particularly when the first public speaker, Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, took the podium.

Rosendahl went for the throat, asking that the City Council join arms with him to bring the fight over airport closure to U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica).

Nothing is impossible, he maintained,

"A pilot told me, 'Rosendahl, the airport was here first,'" he said. "Well, the Indians were here before us."

Santa Monica Councilmember Bobby Shriver, who invited Rosendahl to the meeting, pressed the L.A. official for details.

"How would that really work?" Shriver asked. "It's great, we'll join arms, but how will we really work on a day-to-day basis?"

As Rosendahl launched into an explanation, Moutrie cut him off short.

"I'd be delighted to speak to the attorneys in Los Angeles at any time," she said. "I am not delighted about this unagendized discussion of closing the airport."

For those looking to explore the entire range of options, the second phase of the visioning process will be a series of focus groups where participants from any zip code, both inside and outside the city, will be able to express their views.

Residents and others will be able to sign up on a website that will be created for the purpose.

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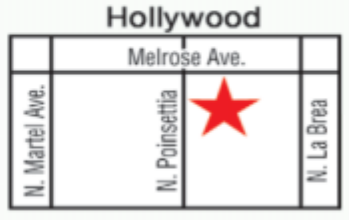
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Michael Jackson dreamed of building children's hospital

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Six weeks before Michael Jackson died, his doctor recorded the semi-comatose superstar mumbling what might have been his farewell address to the world.

In a slow, slurred voice, clearly under the influence of sedatives, Jackson spoke about leaving a performance legacy bigger than Elvis or The Beatles, and building a fabulous hospital for children with proceeds from his highly anticipated "This Is It" comeback concerts.

"Elvis didn't do it. Beatles didn't do it. We have to be phenomenal." Jackson is heard saying on the tape.

Jackson, known for donating huge amounts to children's charities, said his vision was driven by his love of children. In his ramblings, he envisioned the hospital would be big enough to house a million children, with a movie theater and game room.

"That will be remembered more than my performances," he says. "My performances will be up there helping my children and always be my dream. I love them. I love them because I didn't have a childhood ... I feel their pain. I feel their hurt. I can deal with it."

The full tape of the May 10, 2009, ramblings by Jackson was played for the first time Wednesday during the involuntary manslaughter trial of Dr. Conrad Murray. A portion of the recording was played last week during the prosecution's opening statement.

The more than four-minute audio recording was found on Murray's cell phone by forensic digital expert Stephen Marx. There was no indication why Murray made the recording.

With Murray murmuring agreement, Jackson referred to the children of the world as "angels" and said, "God wants me to do it. I'm gonna do it, Conrad."

Murray replied, "I know you would."

And, as he had done long ago with his Neverland ranch, he spoke of a place to raise children's spirits. "They're sick because they're depressed," he said.

The tape was played by prosecutors to show that Murray knew for weeks how Jackson was reacting to heavy sedatives the doctor was administering to help his patient sleep.

Toward the end of the recording, there is a period of silence before Murray asks, "You OK?"

Eight seconds pass then Jackson mumbles, "I am asleep."

Marx, an investigator with the Drug Enforcement Administration, testified Wednesday that he retrieved another recording from Murray's phone and other files that showed he was busy e-mailing, texting and handling messages about insurance for Jackson's concerts during the time the singer was believed to be under the influence of the powerful anesthetic propofol.

Authorities contend Murray gave Jackson a lethal dose of the drug and other sedatives in Jackson's bedroom on June 25, 2009. Murray's attorneys say Jackson gave himself the fatal dose.

Prosecutors claim the doctor was too distracted to give his patient adequate care and allowed him to die on his watch.

Murray has pleaded not guilty. He could face up to four years behind bars and the loss of his medical license if convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

One voicemail message left for Murray came from Jackson's late manager, Frank Dileo.

"Dr. Murray, it's Frank Dileo," he was heard saying on the June 20, 2009, voicemail. "I'm Michael's manager. I'm the short guy with no hair.

"He had an episode last night. He's sick," Dileo says. "I think you need to get a blood test on him. We've got to see what he's doing."

STORM
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can become slippery from accumulated oil on the asphalt.

Exposure to runoff can cause a variety of illness, most frequently respiratory infection and stomach flu. Human pathogens of unknown origins are also frequently carried in storm-drain gutters.

Experts agree after a major rainfall that local beachgoers should stay out of the water entirely for at least 72 hours. During dry months, Heal the Bay and county health officials urge swimmers to stay 100 yards from flowing storm drains, which have been shown to have elevated levels of pathogens and other pollutants.

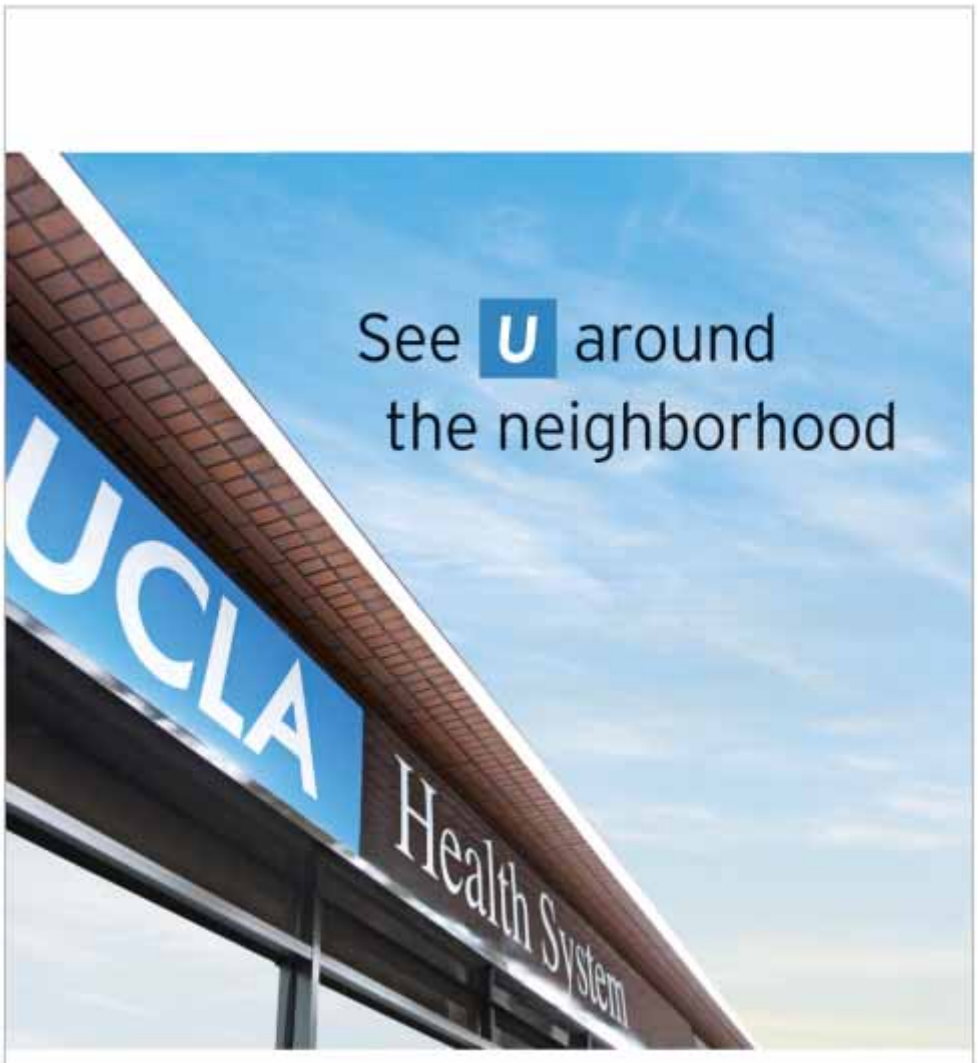
Swimmers are also advised to avoid contact with storm water that pools or streams along the beach. Near flowing storm drain outlets, bacteria indicator counts are approximately 10 times higher at ankle depth — where small children typically play — than at chest depth.

"Our region's water bodies are likely to see significantly higher pollution levels after this rain event," said Kirsten James, Heal the Bay's director of water quality. "With so many year-round ocean users now, it's critical that they stay out of the water for a while."

Ocean users can get the latest water quality grades for more than 500 beaches statewide throughout the year by visiting brc.healthebay.org.

During the rainy season, Heal the Bay reminds residents that they can take steps in their own home to take pressure off an already taxed storm-drain system. Among them: keep trash out of gutters and storm drains, dispose of animal waste and automotive fluids properly and avoid hosing off driveways and sidewalks.

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Apple co-founder Steve Jobs dead at 56; leaves legacy

JORDAN ROBERTSON
AP Technology Writer

CUPERTINO Steve Jobs, the Apple founder and former CEO who invented and masterfully marketed ever-sleeker gadgets that transformed everyday technology, from the personal computer to the iPod and iPhone, died Wednesday. He was 56.

Apple announced his death without giving a specific cause. He died peacefully, according to a statement from family members who said they were present.

"Steve's brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives," Apple's board said in a statement.

Jobs had battled cancer in 2004 and underwent a liver transplant in 2009 after taking a leave of absence for unspecified health problems. He took another leave of absence in January — his third since his health problems began — and officially resigned in August. He took another leave of absence in January — his third since his health problems began — before resigning as CEO six weeks ago. Jobs became Apple's chairman and handed the CEO job over to his hand-picked successor, Tim Cook.

Outside Apple's Cupertino headquarters, three flags — an American flag, a California state flag and an Apple flag — were flying at half-staff late Wednesday.

"Those of us who have been fortunate enough to know and work with Steve have lost a dear friend and an inspiring mentor." Cook wrote in an email to Apple's employees. "Steve leaves behind a company that only he could have built, and his spirit will forever be the foundation of Apple."

The news Apple fans and shareholders had been dreading came the day after Apple unveiled its latest version of the iPhone.

Jobs started Apple with a high school friend in a Silicon Valley garage in 1976, was forced out a decade later and returned in 1997 to rescue the company. During his second stint, it grew into the most valuable technology company in the world with a market value of $351 billion. Almost all that wealth has been created since Jobs' return.

Cultivating Apple's countercultural sensibility and a minimalist design ethic, Jobs rolled out one sensational product after another, even in the face of the late-2000s recession and his own failing health.

He helped change computers from a geeky hobbyist's obsession to a necessity of modern life at work and home, and in the process he upended not just personal technology but the cellphone and music industries.

For transformation of American industry, he has few rivals He has long been linked to his personal computer-age contemporary, Bill Gates, and has drawn comparisons to other creative geniuses such as Walt Disney. Jobs died as Walt Disney Co.'s largest shareholder, a by-product of his decision to sell computer animation studio Pixar in 2006.

Perhaps most influentially, Jobs in 2001 launched the iPod, which offered "1,000 songs in your pocket." Over the next 10 years, its white earphones and thumb-dial control seemed to become more ubiquitous than the wristwatch.

In 2007 came the touch-screen iPhone, joined a year later by Apple's App Store, where developers could sell iPhone "apps" which made the phone a device not just for making calls but also for managing money, editing photos, playing games and social networking. And in 2010, Jobs introduced the iPad, a tablet-sized, all-touch computer that took off even though market analysts said no one really needed one.

By 2011, Apple had become the second-largest company of any kind in the United States by market value. In August, it briefly surpassed Exxon Mobil as the most valuable company.

Under Jobs, the company cloaked itself in secrecy to build frenzied anticipation for each of its new products.

When he spoke at Apple presentations, almost always in faded blue jeans, sneakers and a black mock turtleneck, legions of Apple acolytes listened to every word. He often boasted about Apple successes, then coyly added a coda — "One more thing" — before introducing its latest ambitious idea.

In later years, Apple investors also watched these appearances for clues about his health. Jobs revealed in 2004 that he had been diagnosed with a very rare form of pancreatic cancer — an islet cell neuroendocrine tumor. He underwent surgery and said he had been cured. In 2009, following weight loss he initially attributed to a hormonal imbalance, he abruptly took a six-month leave. During that time, he received a liver transplant that became public two months after it was performed.

He went on another medical leave in January 2011, this time for an unspecified duration. He never went back and resigned as CEO in August, though he stayed on as chairman. Consistent with his penchant for secrecy, he didn't reference his illness in his resignation letter.

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NYPD monitored Muslim collaborator

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NEW YORK The New York Police Department's intelligence squad secretly assigned an undercover officer to monitor a prominent Muslim leader even as he decried terrorism, cooperated with the police, dined with Mayor Michael Bloomberg and was the subject of a Pulitzer Prize-winning series by The New York Times about Muslims in America.

Sheikh Reda Shata was among those singled out for surveillance because of his "threat potential" and what the NYPD considered links to organizations associated with terrorism, despite having never been charged with any crime, according to secret police documents obtained by The Associated Press.

This was life in America for Shata: a government partner in the fight against terrorism and a suspect at the same time.

During his time at the Islamic Center of Bay Ridge since 2002, he welcomed FBI agents to his mosque to speak to Muslims, invited NYPD officers for breakfast and threw parties for officers who were leaving the precinct. As police secretly watched Shata in 2006, he had breakfast and dinner with Bloomberg at Gracie Mansion and was invited to meet with Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, Shata recalls.

"This is very sad," Shata said after seeing his name in the NYPD file. "What is your feeling if you see this about people you trusted?"

The dichotomy between simultaneously being partner and suspect is common among some of New York's Muslims. Some of the same mosques that city leaders visited to hail their strong alliances with the Muslim community have also been placed under NYPD surveillance — in some cases infiltrated by undercover police officers and confidential informants.

In April, more than 100 area imams publicly supported a rally to "oppose wars, condemn terrorism and fight Islamophobia." Of those, more than 30 were either identified by name or work in mosques included in the NYPD's listing of suspicious people and places in 2006.

"The way things are playing out in New York does not paint a picture of partnership and of a conversation among equals," said Ramzi Kassem, a professor at the City University of New York School of Law. "It seems that city officials prefer hosting Ramadan banquets to engaging with citizens who wish to hold them to account. Spying on almost every aspect of community life certainly does not signal a desire to engage constructively."

The New York Times story about Shata, which won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for feature writing, described his efforts to reconcile Muslim traditions with American life. Police documents from the same year the story was published paint a different picture. Shata, who emigrated from Egypt to the U.S. in 2002, is described by police as a "Tier One" person of interest. According to the police files, a person of interest is "an individual with threat potential based on their position at a particular location, links to an organization, overseas links and/or criminal history."

Police assigned an undercover officer and an informant to watch Shata personally, and two others were assigned to watch his mosque, according to the NYPD files. Mark Mershon, the FBI's senior agent in New York in 2006, said he has no recollection of Shata ever being under FBI investigation. A search of commonly used court and public record files show no evidence of any criminal record for Shata.

"What did they find?" Shata asked through an interpreter at his current mosque in Monmouth County, N.J. "It's a waste of time and a waste of money."

On Wednesday, seven New York Democratic state senators called for the state attorney general to investigate the NYPD's spying on Muslim neighborhoods.

NYPD spokesman Paul Browne did not return messages over two days. Bloomberg's office, which has repeatedly referred questions to NYPD, also did not respond.

In May, Bloomberg and Kelly organized a news conference to discuss two suspected terrorists. Appearing with the officials was Mohammad Shamsi Ali, an imam regularly at the mayor's side for public appearances that touch on Muslim issues. Shamsi Ali said he and the mayor have maintained good communication over the years. In July, he was invited to a pre-Ramadan conference hosted by the NYPD, and for the past three years he said he has been invited to speak at the police academy about Islam and Muslims.

Yet in 2006 the NYPD infiltrated two mosques where Shamsi Ali holds leadership roles — the Islamic Cultural Center of New York and the Jamaica Muslim Center. The NYPD cited radical rhetoric and possible money laundering in the Islamic Cultural Center of New York and said the Jamaica Muslim Center was a hub of radicalization that offered martial arts training. Shamsi Ali said he was unaware of the police assessments and denied the underlying accusations.

"How do you define rhetoric?" Shamsi Ali asked. He said some imams sound harsh when they're preaching. He said if the NYPD suspected money laundering, it should ask the Internal Revenue Service to audit the mosque.

"It's wrong to view Muslims as radicals simply because of the outfit," Shamsi Ali said.

Last year, after a Pakistani-American man was accused of attempting to detonate a car bomb in Times Square, Kelly, the police commissioner, visited the Al-Iman mosque in Astoria, Queens, where he praised a Muslim street vendor for reporting the suspicious vehicle to local police. Kelly assured members of the mosque that racial profiling is prohibited by the police, though he acknowledged in response to a question that officers will conduct random checks of people who fit a particular description.

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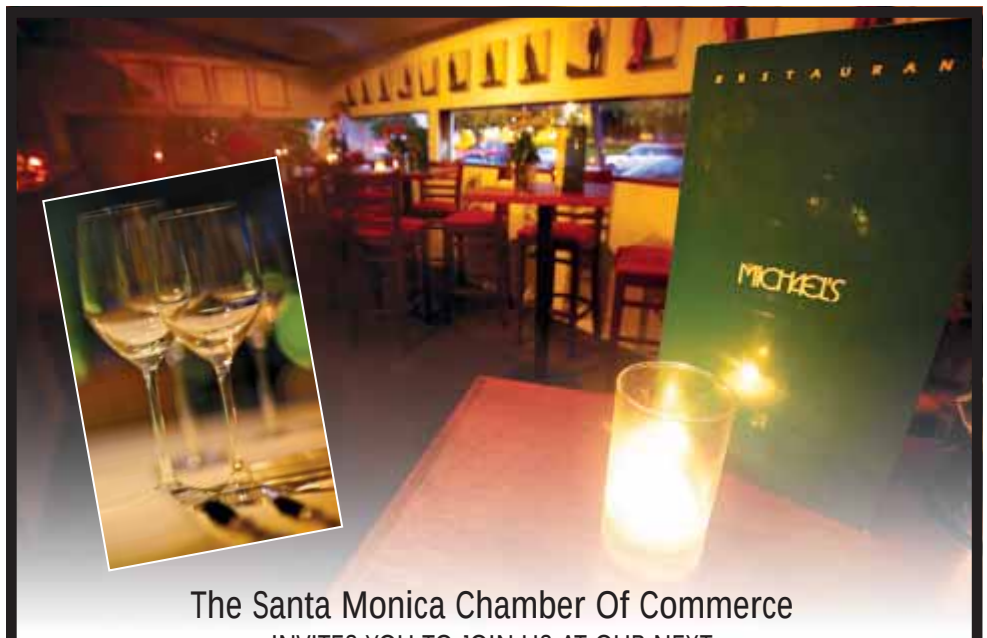
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New-look Pac-12 creates new races

JOHN MARSHALL
AP College Football Writer

PHOENIX The addition of two teams and a split into divisions has altered the competitive landscape of the Pac-12.

By changing to a divisional format with six teams in the north and six in the south, the emphasis has switched, if ever so slightly, toward winning games within the division.

Coaches still want to win every game possible, but beating division opponents gives teams an added advantage in the race to the inaugural Pac-12 Championship game and, hopefully, a spot in the Rose Bowl or another BCS bowl.

"Obviously, if you beat somebody in your division, it gets you two up on them; you've got to lose two games for them to make up the difference," Arizona State coach Dennis Erickson said Tuesday. "They all count ... but I guess the games in the South are a little bit more important to us because they count two as opposed to one."

Five weeks into the reconfigured Pac-12 season, the division races are starting to shape up.

No. 22 Arizona State bounced back from its nonconference loss to Illinois by ending an 11-game losing streak to Southern California, then shook off a shaky start to beat Oregon State last week.

At 2-0, the Sun Devils (4-1) are in control of the South Division, a game ahead of USC (4-1, 2-1 Pac-12) in the standings that's essentially two because of the head-to-head matchup.

But Arizona State can't quite lock it up.

The Sun Devils have two tough road games coming up, against Utah and No. 9 Oregon, and a remaining schedule that includes rival Arizona and improving teams Washington State and California.

Arizona State hasn't exactly been consistent, either, following a win over Missouri with a loss to Illinois and its victory over USC with the slow-starting win over Oregon State.

Besides, it's not like the Sun Devils are way ahead; UCLA is right behind them at 1-1 and the Bruins host Arizona State on Nov. 5 in another two-game swinger.

"We set a goal to be in the conference race and we're still in it," UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel said. "We're 1-1; with a win this week, we're 2-1 and with USC off this week, we could be tied for second place in the division and, pending how Arizona State does against Utah, possibly in a tie for first. So it's everything we could ask for in terms of being in the conference race."

The North appears to be headed toward a deciding Nov. 12 showdown between No. 7 Stanford and Oregon.

The Cardinal (4-0, 2-0) have steamrolled opponents, running their winning streak to 12 games — longest in the nation — behind Heisman Trophy front-running quarterback Andrew Luck, who's been calling some of his own plays and added a one-handed catch to his resume last week.

The Ducks (3-1, 1-0) bounced back from their season-opening loss to LSU, averaging 61.6 points in their past three wins.

There are still slip-up chances between now and the big game in Stanford.

This weekend, Oregon plays Cal, which gave the Ducks their toughest game last regular season. The Ducks follow with Arizona State, which appears to be better than the past couple of years and could give them a run.

Stanford should be able to coast against Colorado this weekend, but has an always-tough game against the Trojans just before facing Oregon.

And both teams have Washington and Washington State on the schedule between now and then.

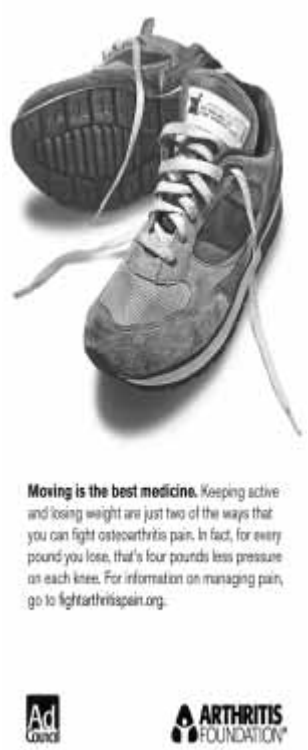
Washington (4-1) appears to have some good momentum going at 2-0 in the conference and the Cougars are not the walkovers they once were at 3-1, 1-0 in conference, after rallying from 10 points down late in the fourth quarter to beat Colorado 31-27 last Saturday in Boulder.

"We've taken a step; in terms of what the corner means, I know it's a step in the right direction," Washington State coach Paul Wulff said. "We've notched something in our belt."

The leaders still need a few more notches before they can claim their respective divisions, but it may be a year or two before the coaches start putting an emphasis on divisional games.

The format is new and the coaches are still in the mindset of winning as many conference games as possible to get that Rose Bowl bid. And with the new Pac-12 championship this year, winning the division only means a chance to play another game, not a trip to Pasadena.

"That's probably something we will get a better feel for as the years go by and what that all means," Oregon State coach Mike Riley said. "As long as they count in the conference standings, I don't notice any difference regarding that. As we go on, though, when playing somebody in your division and you're vying for the championship, obviously that will be a big factor."



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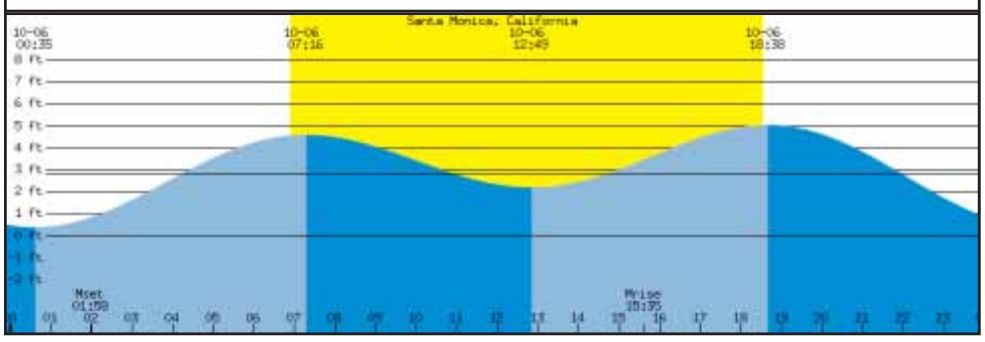
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NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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 27, 2011**

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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 -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 24 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Groudwick Family Foundation, simplehuman, LacarGUY, SMA

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 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
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alina creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	C	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	D	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	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
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).	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	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).	B	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.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W 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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Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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4:00-5:00pm	(1st and 3rd Tuesday/Month): Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, fraud, personal injury and employment law.
WEDNESDAY	
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THURSDAY	
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1:40pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
3:10pm, 9:25pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
12:15pm, 3:25pm, 6:40pm, 9:50pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

American Teacher (NR) 1hr 21min
1:00pm, 7:15pm

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Dream House (R) 1hr 32min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm

Dolphin Tale (PG) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 10:25pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:10pm, 5:10pm, 7:20pm, 8:20pm, 10:30pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
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Lion King 3D (G) 1hr 29min
11:25am, 1:50pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:10pm

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11:20am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:45pm

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Whale (G) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 (NR) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Finding Joe (NR) 1hr 20min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 9:55pm

Sarah Palin: You Betcha! (NR)
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 10:15pm

Yoga Is (NR) 1 hr 00min
7:30pm

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What's Your Number? (R) 1hr 46min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:55am, 3:15pm, 6:45pm, 10:15pm

Abduction (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:05pm, 9:50pm

Drive (R) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

50/50 (R) 1hr 39min
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Get some rest, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Avoid being feisty at all costs. Words said are difficult to take back, don't you think? You will have a difficult time warming up the atmosphere if you don't keep yourself somewhat restrained. Not everyone has the bounce that you do. Tonight: Find your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Friends surround you left and right. You could be amazed by what you accomplish. Lighten up and worry less. A family member pushes you too hard for your taste, and you react. Giving this person the cold shoulder might not be most effective. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to try empathizing with someone. Detach and imagine being this person; put yourself in his or her life. You discover that an effort to warm up your discussion might have been more stifled than you realized. Try again. Tonight: Choose the unusual.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A partner makes an offer that could be too good to be true. Don't overthink the issue; simply leap into action and deal with a key associate directly. Listen to what a family member or roommate shares. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Stay anchored, knowing what is necessary in order to handle others who cannot help but test their limits. Your easygoing attitude but relatively stern face lets them know this is a real boundary and you are being nice. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision that revolves around an important choice. Your finances might restrict you from doing what you want. Accept the fact that you might be holding back some intense feelings. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be overly serious, and might get a strong reaction from others. If you can be a little less withdrawn, you might be able to draw stronger responses. A male or very assertive friend could be on a rampage. Tonight: Where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You cannot avoid dealing with family issues. You could be overly tired or withdrawn. Assume a low profile rather than cause a problem. A boss or authority figure could be most touchy. Use your instincts. Tonight: Head on home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Phones ring. You experience considerable pressure to do something the way someone else does. You feel as if you have no choice. A friend works hard to make peace with several people. Could you be one of them? Tonight: Talk is free.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Steer clear of making assumptions or tossing a sarcastic statement in the middle of a conversation. You want to get to the bottom of a problem. Do it in a kind and orderly manner. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your bounce counts more than you realize. You seem to mitigate someone's anger so it doesn't hit others so hard, yet at the same time you honor his or her feelings. If you so choose, you could clear the air. Tonight: As if there is no tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take advantage of an offer that might be too difficult to say "no" to. Realize the ramifications. You also could be too busy for words. A touchy associate might have less time with you. How nice! Tonight: Get plenty of rest while you can.

Happy birthday

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

You can be serious and creative at the same time. If you are aware of your objectives and don't lose sight of them, you will have little problem manifesting your goals. Allow your intellect and imagination to intertwine in order to draw success. If you are single, your determination could scare some people away. That characteristic is part of you. If someone reacts to it, this person might not be the right person for you. Trust that knowledge. If you are attached, encourage your sweetie to join you in making a long-term goal a reality. AQUARIUS can be provocative.



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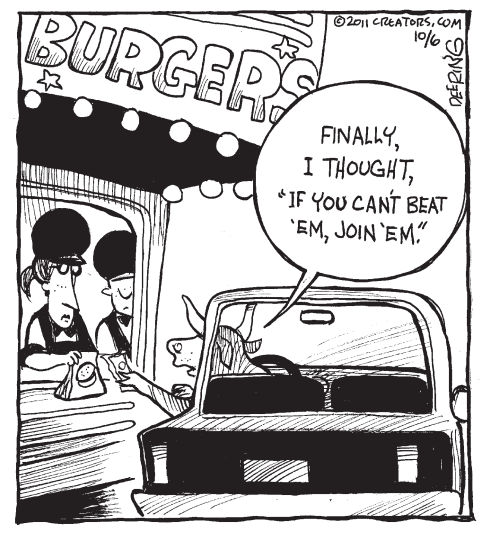
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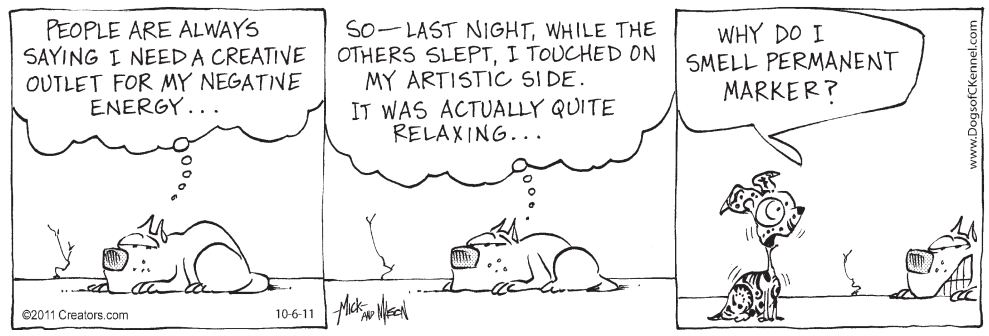
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Sudoku

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

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

1 Lamented
5 Small herring
10 Destroy
11 Fall guy
12 Baja boy
13 Hurt
14 Standout performance
16 A truck may make one
20 Parish heads
23 "Norma ___"
24 Like some sandwiches
25 China piece
27 Mineral suffix
28 Had a sword fight
29 Economic decline
32 Reverse, as a ruling
36 Gallery star
39 "Got it"
40 Hovers
41 Spring period
42 Modern message
43 Grounded planes

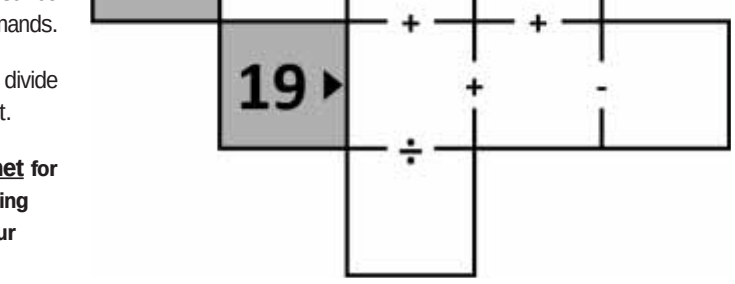
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1 Diamond scores
2 Mile or meter
3 Writer Ferber
4 ID checker's post
5 Long look
6 Pencil part
7 Harry's friend
8 Candle count
9 Slugger Williams
11 Taters
15 Bike part
17 Russian river
18 Assess
19 Must have
20 Empty
21 Fond of
22 Ship staff
25 Content-ed sound
26 Soup veggies
28 Songs for two
30 Urban pollution
31 Family-room fixture
33 Avails oneself of
34 Monthly bill
35 Takes in
36 Fitting
37 Quarrel
38 Suit accessory

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Yesterday's answer

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Solution for Task 1063

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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 5 5 6
EVENING: 9 0 3

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

★ While too many children in Third World countries die from starvation or lack of basic medicines, the preschoolers of the TLC TV channel's "Outrageous Kid Parties" reality show celebrate birthdays and "graduation" (from or to kindergarten) with spectacular events that may cost their parents $30,000 or more. Typical features, according to an August ABC News report, included a Ferris wheel, a roller coaster, a dunking booth, animal rides and a cotton candy machine, as well as the obligatory live music and limo or horseback (for grand entrances).

★ Strategies: (1) Alicia Bouchard, 41, was arrested in Jackson County, Fla., in August, accused of hatching a plot with her husband to impregnate a 12-year-old girl for the purpose of producing a baby that would eventually earn an additional welfare check. (2) In August, the Japanese construction firm Maeda Corp. ordered its 2,700 employees to adopt standard, short hairstyles (a "bob" for women with a longer fringe that could be swept to the side, and a routine short-back-and-sides cut for men with a slightly longer cut on top). Maeda said it was responding to the government's plea to reduce energy usage (less water, less hair dryer time).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1976 New Premier Hua Guofeng orders the arrest of the Gang of Four and associates and ends the Cultural Revolution in the People's Republic of China.

1976 Massacre of students gathering at Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand to protest the return of ex-dictator Thanom, by a coalition of right-wing paramilitary and government forces, triggering the return of the military to government.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: MARIA CHEYENNE PHOENIX THIBEAULT filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MARIA CHEYENNE PHOENIX THIBEAULT to CHEYENNE PHOENIX WELLS. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
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