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THE COUNCIL NEWS ISSUE

Council to consider raising campaign contributions

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Elected officials today are expected to consider raising financial contribution limits for City Council campaigns, a move which local activists believe will disenfranchise Santa Monicans in favor of wealthy, outside interests.

City staff is recommending the City Council raise the campaign contribution limit from a flat maximum of $250 to $400. The $400 limit would be revisited every five years to keep up with inflation, according to a city staff report.

The current limit has been in place since 1992, and includes no adjustment for inflation. If it did, the $250 limit would have naturally increased to approximately $388 on its own, essentially what staff recommend as the new amount.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie suggested the increase at the council's March 22 meeting, pointing at a recent court decision in San Diego which struck down an attempt to cap contributions by independent expendi-

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BIG DIG

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

City of Los Angeles officials and representatives from environmental groups TreePeople and Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay unveiled a rainwater harvesting system on Monday at Penmar Park in Venice. The project consists of a reservoir that will later be covered and topped with a sports field. Once operational, the captured rainwater will be used to irrigate the park and nearby Penmar Golf Course.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi girls' volleyball opens playoffs at home

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica High School's girls' volleyball team hosts Rio Hondo Prep in the first round of the CIF-Southern Section Division 3-AA playoffs today at 7 p.m.

Samohi finished the regular season as Ocean League champs and enter the playoffs as the No. 3 seed. The Vikings' overall record is 18-6 and a perfect 8-0 in league play.

Chadwick is the division's No. 1 seed with Pasadena Poly at No. 2.

The boys' team, also led by Head Coach Liane Sato, won the CIF-SS title last spring.

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Mitsubishi knows the ups and downs

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL Mitsubishi's tenacious hold on specs and parts for its elevators will win it a five-year, $305,979 contract if the City Council approves the appropriation on Tuesday.

The elevators, which are installed in the Public Safety Facility at the corner of Fourth Street and Olympic Drive and the Main Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd., were installed by Mitsubishi in 2004 and 2006 respectively.

Since, the company has been providing service for the elevators. None of the other four companies surveyed for the job would agree to provide service for the elevators because of lack of access to manufacturer parts, diagnostic equipment and equipment specifications.

That's the most expensive item on the $886,732 consent agenda. City Hall is also expected to receive a $1,313,085 grant for urban runoff water quality improvement projects.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011

Improve your improv
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Veteran improv instructor Brian Hamill hosts this weekly comedy workshop for seniors. All seniors are welcome to take part in the workshop, whether you want to be on stage or in the audience. Cost: free for Senior Center members. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Meditate on it
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
You're invited to enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself simply by sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. Led by Henry Schipper, a graduate of UCLA's program in mindfulness studies.

From demigod to mere mortal
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Author Kevin Sorbo swings by the library to sign and discuss his new autobiography, "True Strength." Sorbo, best known for his roles in "Hercules: The Legendary Journeys" and "Andromeda," suffered an aneurysm and three strokes in 1997. The actor will discuss this "life-changing incident" at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium; tickets are free and will be released one hour prior. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011

Seniors, heal thy selves
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Maria Loscin once taught about reducing waste and recycling. Now, she teaches how we can stay healthy and heal ourselves with the food we eat. Maria blends diet with acupuncture in fun lectures that encourage audience participation. Cost: free for Senior Center members. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Protect yourself
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 p.m.
Author Rana DiOrio, who authored the picture book "What Does It Mean to be Safe?", talks to children about physical, emotional, social and cyber safety. The event is open to kids ages 4-8 and their parents and caregivers. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011

Passing the torch
Santa Monica College, Bundy Campus
3171 S. Bundy Drive, 7 p.m.
SMC hosts a panel discussion, "REALIGNMENT: It's Not Just for Chiropractors Any More," with four representatives from Gov. Jerry Brown's administration and Los Angeles County. The free forum will focus on the shift of responsibilities from the state to local and county governments. Stop by Room 123 to join the conversation; parking is free. Reservations are required; contact ppi.rsvp@smc.edu or call (310) 434-3439 for more information.

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PLAYING AROUND: **Actor Kevin Sorbo having fun on the set of the 1990s TV series 'Hercules: The Legendary Journeys.' Sorbo recently released a book on his life and his struggles to recover from a stroke. He'll be at the Main Library tonight.**

A Herculean effort

Actor Kevin Sorbo to deliver talk, reading about stroke, recovery

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press



SORBO

MAIN LIBRARY Kevin Sorbo understands pain, as well as progress.

The American star of popular small screen hits like the sword and sandal series "Hercules: The Legendary Journeys" and sci-fi "Andromeda" suffered a stroke in 1997.

"I want people to hopefully be looking at this like a positive," Sorbo said.

The stroke, and other aspects of Sorbo's career as an actor, are the subject of his new book "True Strength: My Journey From Hercules to Mere Mortal and How Nearly Dying Saved My Life."

Sorbo has taken the book, as well as his experiences good and bad, on the road.

"I read a little bit, tell my story — the CliffNotes version of it — and take a lot of questions," Sorbo said.

Sorbo will be at the Santa Monica Main Library today at 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium to discuss

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Murray found guilty in Jackson case

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Michael Jackson's doctor was convicted Monday of involuntary manslaughter in the pop star's death for supplying an insomnia-plagued Jackson with a powerful operating-room anesthetic to help him sleep as he rehearsed for his big comeback.

Dr. Conrad Murray, 58, sat stone-faced, his chin held high, as he heard the verdict that could send him to prison for up to four years and cost him his license to practice medicine. He was handcuffed and immediately led off to jail without bail to await sentencing Nov. 29.

The verdict marked the latest chapter in one of pop culture's most shocking tragedies — the 2009 drug-overdose death of the King of Pop at age 50 as he was about to mount a series of heavily promoted concerts in London that he hoped would turn his career around after a slide prompted by child-molestation allegations and years of bizarre behavior.

A shriek broke the silence in the packed courtroom when the jury's decision was read, and the crowd outside the courthouse erupted in cheers. Jubilant Jackson fans sang "Beat It" and held signs that read "Guilty" and "Killer." Drivers honked their horns.

Members of Jackson's family wept, and his mother, Katherine Jackson, said, "I feel better now." His sister La Toya said she was overjoyed and added: "Michael was looking over us."

Members of the jury were escorted from the building and not available for comment. Murray's lawyers also left without saying anything.

The jury deliberated less than nine hours after a six-week trial that depicted Jackson as a tormented genius on the brink of what might have been his greatest triumph but for one impediment — extreme insomnia.

Prosecutors portrayed Murray as an incompetent doctor who administered propofol — an extremely potent anesthetic normally used during surgery — in Jackson's bedroom without adequate safeguards and botched his care when things went wrong.

Murray, who did not testify, told police that he administered only a small dose on the day Jackson died. And his lawyers blamed Jackson for his own death, saying the singer gave himself an extra, lethal dose while Murray wasn't watching.

Prosecutors said that theory was crazy, and in any case, they argued, Murray should not have left Jackson alone.

The jury was not asked to determine whether Murray actually gave Jackson the fatal dose, only whether he was primarily responsible for the singer's death.

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren extended his sympathies to the Jackson family, who "lost not a pop icon, but a son and a father."

In Las Vegas, a former Murray patient and current friend, Donna DiGiacomo, sobbed and said the jury was under "overwhelming pressure to convict."

"This man didn't deserve this. They needed a scapegoat," said DiGiacomo, a former Long Island, N.Y., teacher's aide who said she didn't believe Murray did anything to intentionally harm Jackson.

Testimony came from medical experts, household employees and Murray's former girlfriends, among others. The most shocking moments, however, came when prosecutors displayed a large picture of Jackson's gaunt, lifeless body on a hospital gurney and played his drugged, slurred voice, as recorded by Murray just weeks before the singer's death.

Jackson talked about his hope of cementing a legacy larger than that of Elvis Presley or the Beatles.

"We have to be phenomenal," he said about his "This Is It" concerts in London. "When people leave this show, when people leave my show, I want them to say, 'I've never seen nothing like this in my life. Go. Go. I've never seen nothing like this.

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Break away

Editor:

An individual Malibu Unified School District is long overdue. Just keep the money and spend it on yourselves. You'll have school board candidates coming out of the woodwork, starting with the Pepperdine people. Just do it.

Paul Weller
Santa Monica

Missing something

Editor:

Re: Removal of attendants in parking structure booths ("Craving a human touch," Letters to the Editor, Nov. 5-6).

Since the removal of attendants from parking booths, I have regularly encountered the exit line being held up by a stranded motorist for one reason or another. Eventually an attendant appears to sort things out.

Am I missing something? What is the logic behind this move besides aggravation, wasted time and more exhaust fumes for citizens and tourists alike.

Mary Kat Gordon
Santa Monica

Religious progressives

Editor:

Although it no longer surprises me, it continues to sadden me each time someone like Matt Barber presumes to speak for all Christians in America ("Onward, Christian soldiers," Your Column Here, Oct. 12). It also saddens but doesn't surprise me that Barber's column gives people like B. Jones a reason to justify their anti-religious views ("New Age of Enlightenment," Letters to the Editor, Nov. 2).

In my opinion, they both got it wrong. Contrary to what Barber and Jones may believe, a good many, perhaps most, Christians in America do not share the Tea Party's myopic and paranoid view of our country. Indeed, a good many are progressive liberals.

Gene Williams
Santa Monica

Libraries linked to reading scores

Editor:

To improve reading in California, let's try the obvious.

California still ranks near the bottom of the country in fourth grade reading, according to the results of the national NAEP test, announced at the beginning of November.

California was in the basement the first time NAEP scores were analyzed in 1992. When this happened, whole language was blamed and California reacted by adopting an intensive phonics approach to language arts. But the scores remained low. A few years later, our low scores were blamed on bilingual education, and California reacted by adopting an English-only approach. Still, our scores remained low.

Back in the 1990s, researcher Jeff McQuillan published a number of analyses demonstrating that the real cause of the low scores was lack of access to reading materials, specifically the fact that California ranked at the bottom of the country in quality of school libraries as well as number of school librarians per student. This conclusion agrees with common sense as well as an enormous amount of evidence showing that the amount of wide, self-selected reading children do is a powerful predictor of reading test scores, and that overall library quality and the presence of a credentialed librarian are also related to reading test scores.

The most recent contribution to this research comes from Keith Curry Lance and Linda Hofschire, who reported recently in the School Library Journal that cuts in library staffing were related to lower reading scores, or a slower increase than would normally be expected.

The problem is not restricted to school libraries. In the annual "America's Most Literate Cities" report, in the category "Library Support, Holdings, and Utilization," six California cities were in the bottom seven (out of 75), including Los Angeles.

The plan now is to invest in standards and tests, despite research showing that increasing standardized testing does not increase school achievement. Why do we insist on spending money on weighing the animal rather than feeding it? Why this reluctance to even consider the idea of investing more in our public and school libraries?

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Politeness for the police

IT WAS SATURDAY NIGHT AND THE YOUNG ones were ruling Downtown, as were the old ones, and a large body of tourists. I made arrangements to pick up a friend and we were heading up to Topanga for a concert. We agreed that I would get him at the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf on Second Street. So I did what any normal person would do. I stopped on Second Street in front of OptomEyes and waited in my car for the arrival of my friend.

Of course, I'm using my iPhone and looking at the web as I wait.

That's when the gruffest, rudest traffic cop walks up to my open window and bellows at me, "Parking in a bus zone is a $300 fine, and texting is another $440. Move it!"

Aside from the fact that he startled the life out of me, his demeanor and attitude of overpowering intimidation for the mere sake of being intimidating was completely uncalled-for.

It is precisely this type of behavior that causes a lack of respect for the police department. It is almost as bad as when I see a police officer driving along with his cell phone firmly planted on his ear. One of my clients is a police officer and I asked him about this. His response was: "We are exempt from the mandatory headset rules." True or not, that above-the-law response erodes their authority and with it the respect they should be due.

This is not the first time that I have encountered the rough boot of the police department's staff. Last year, another friend of mine and I were in the alley behind the food court of the Third Street Promenade. He wanted to show me one of the ibuttons that are used to track the Downtown Ambassadors on their walking routes. We were in the alley for literally no more than two minutes when a couple of the city's finest rolled up and started asking us questions. "What are you doing? Why are you here?"

They didn't realize that they were talking to two lawyers, both of whom work for individuals' rights — me as a father's rights lawyer, and him as a real estate attorney. I decided to be cool and just sit on the railing and ask a few questions myself. They proceeded to tell us that about 10 minutes ago they received reports of two guys who matched our description causing damage to public property.

That was an absolute lie. It's not possible, as I had literally walked out of the parking structure we were in front of, made my way to the promenade and my friend took me right back to the light pole with the ibutton. Total time: three minutes.

I know that one gruff, arrogant, condescending, false accusing, police encounter is not the entire force. Two of them, and I'm starting to wonder if there is a pattern here. It could be me. I grant that I need to look at my behavior. But in neither case was I rude, uppity, or disrespectful. I can't say the same for the officers I encountered.

As a tourist haven, we live and breathe by our reputation. Our hotels are world class, our restaurants are excellent, and our activities are impossible to beat. But a couple of bad experiences with our police force and that reputation can be tarnished. We spend a huge amount of money on developing our reputation as a tourism hot spot. How we are viewed is crucial to our future well-being.

BASED ON MY EXPERIENCES IT MAY BE TIME FOR AN EMILY POST REFRESHER COURSE FOR THE OFFICERS WHO ARE WORKING THE PROMENADE AND SURROUNDING STREETS ON HOW TO BE EFFECTIVE WITHOUT BEING RUDE.

Our police force is the most visible governmental body we have. They need to be worthy of respect across the board and at all times. Respect is earned, not demanded. For the most part our police are wonderful, dedicated, respectful and respected men and women who give their all to serve, which makes those bad experiences that much more noticeable.

Based on my experiences it may be time for an Emily Post refresher course for the officers who are working the promenade and surrounding streets on how to be effective without being rude.

And even if the Supreme Court says it's OK to lie to get a conviction, our police force should live by a higher code and not do it. It just erodes their respectability.

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Signs point to improved real estate market

THE MOST COMMON QUESTION I AM asked is, "How is the real estate market?" My thoughts on the market are as much a feeling as a statistical analysis. I'm of the opinion that a combination of an emotional sensitivity (how buyers and sellers are reacting) and the statistics is the only way to yield a truly tacit understanding of what is happening.

My knowledge and experience is focused on the Santa Monica and Brentwood real estate markets. While there are charts and graphs that may contradict my feelings on the subject, I can confidently tell you that the real estate market in Santa Monica and Brentwood is good.

Even in the midst of the economic downturn, the median condo sale price in Los Angeles is $415,000, down about $15,000 since 2010. The median sales price YTD in Santa Monica is $660,000. North of Wilshire condos are averaging about $550 per square foot with an average sales price of about $790,000 (excluding Ocean Avenue condos). These numbers are slightly down from 2010 when the average sales price was $815,000 and the price per square foot was $560.

Houses in Santa Monica had a median sales price of $1,550,000 in 2010. That value has dropped about $100,000 or 15 percent this year to $1,450,000. However, one should note that a greater number of lower-end homes sold this year. I would say the drop in values is closer to 5 percent in Santa Monica single-family homes.

From 2007-09 there was a more dramatic drop in values, approximately 15 to 30 percent depending on the property with an average 20 percent drop. So, we hope this means prices are beginning to stabilize. There are two other notable developments in the market that point towards a positive trend. Rental rates are increasing and are up about 5 percent over what they were last year, with a continued increase expected. This places the cost of owning a condo, very much in line with renting; even before the tax advantage one can achieve with mortgage interest and property tax deductions.

If you consider the average days on market for Santa Monica houses sold year to date is 50 and the average escrow period is 45 days, we have about a five month supply of inventory of condos and single family homes in Santa Monica: 247 homes on the market and 71 in escrow.

In Brentwood we have about a four-month supply: 179 homes on the market and 68 in escrow. While not an exact science, for example one should consider that some of these homes will never sell and others will fall out of agreement, these are the types of numbers generally used to describe a healthy real estate market.

Out of the 27 buyers and sellers I have represented so far this year, about half of the properties were in multiple offers. In the heyday of the market, 2003-06, multiple offers would achieve extraordinary leaps in value. These days, half a dozen offers may yield no more than the highest offer being slightly under the asking price. Even so, a well-priced property with desirable qualities, about a third of the marketplace, will sell and have its choice of several eager suitors.

Sure, there are a plethora of insecure buyers backing out of escrows for no good reason. However, on a quality property, sincere and confident buyers have always been there to put it back into escrow and see it through closing. Today, it takes more clarity of purpose than it may have in previous markets to move forward as a buyer. It's almost as if there is a radio station on during the entire transaction going: "don't buy it," "the world is going to end," or "you are paying too much!"

In exchange for a courageous heart, the real estate market is bestowing gifts of fantastic real estate buys and interest rates under 4 percent (15-year fixed term). At the market's peak, a 7,500-square-foot lot north of Montana Avenue in Santa Monica, with a tear down or major fixer house on it, was selling for about $2.3 million. A very workable house on a 7,600-square-foot lot on 15th Street in 90402 recently went into escrow somewhere in the $1.7 million range. Keeping in mind that North of Montana is one of the most expensive neighborhoods in all of Los Angeles, the buyer got a good deal.

It's a good market for buyers. It's a better market than most people think it is. If you are thinking about making a purchase, the next couple of years will continue to yield sound buys. Wetside Los Angeles real estate is the gold standard in real property, it would be wise not to discount it and foolish to miss out on this opportunity.

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The Q Line

Shop around

The City Council last week endorsed a plan to create a more sustainable local economy. One issue is the lack of more affordable shopping options; "something between a 99 Cents Store and Bloomingdale's."

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Do you feel you can satisfy all of your shopping needs in Santa Monica, or do you have to go outside the city for certain goods? If so, what stores or price points would you like to see?

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18-year-old found dead at UCLA fraternity house

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LOS ANGELES Investigators are looking into whether drugs and alcohol played a role in the death of an 18-year-old visitor who was found dead at a fraternity house at UCLA, a coroner's official said Monday.

Glen Parrish Jr., of Manhattan Beach, Calif., was found dead Saturday at the Theta Chi house, which is located off campus.

The death was reported as a possible accident involving prescription drugs and alcohol, and an autopsy was planned for Monday, Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman Craig Harvey said.

Parrish had an Arizona driver's license, Harvey said. He was pronounced dead several hours before UCLA beat Arizona State 29-28 in a football game at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

However, Parrish was not enrolled at either university, school representatives said. He also was not a former student of Arizona State University, according to a statement from the school.

UCLA will cooperate with a Los Angeles police investigation, and it was too early to say whether the fraternity could face any discipline, school spokesman Phil Hampton said.

The Theta Chi national organization issued a statement saying members were saddened by the death.

"The fraternity extends its heartfelt sympathies to Mr. Parrish's family and friends," the statement said. "Local authorities are engaged in an investigation in regards to the death of Mr. Parrish, who was not a member of Theta Chi fraternity. Theta Chi awaits the outcome of this investigation."

Messages seeking comment from the UCLA and Arizona State chapters of the fraternity weren't immediately returned.

Lindsay Lohan serves less than a day in jail

BY GREG RISLING
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LYNWOOD Lindsay Lohan was released from a Los Angeles County jail early Monday, less than five hours after she arrived at the crowded women's lockup to serve a 30-day sentence for violating probation.

The "Mean Girls" actress was booked into the Century Regional Detention facility in Lynwood at 8:48 p.m. Sunday, in what was expected to be a short stay because of jail overcrowding.

She was released at 1:35 a.m., county sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

News crews staking out the jail said she left in a black Cadillac Escalade sport utility vehicle, and that she was in her Venice home by 2 a.m.

Lohan did not get any favors, Whitmore said.

"She's treated like every other inmate who has gone through similar circumstances," he said.

Lohan had until Nov. 9 to report to the jail.

It's Lohan's fifth jail sentence since being arrested twice for drunken driving in 2007.

Her brief return to jail came after Lohan completed an interview and photo shoot for Playboy magazine that will appear in the January/February issue, her spokesman Steve Honig wrote in an email Monday.

On Wednesday, a judge ordered jail time because Lohan recently violated court orders by getting booted from a community service assignment at a women's shelter.

The judge imposed a complicated sentence, telling Lohan that she will now have to perform all of her community service at the county morgue or risk serving an additional 270 days in jail.

Lohan will have to serve 423 hours at the county morgue, where for nearly two weeks she has been mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms and washing dirty sheets.

The sentence also requires Lohan to undergo psychotherapy sessions and appear monthly at court hearings between December and March.

The judge also said Lohan can no longer leave the country and needs the permission of her new "no-nonsense" probation officer to travel outside California.

Jail overcrowding has led to significantly shortened jail terms.

In 2007, Lohan spent 84 minutes at the jail before being released, and in the past she has served about 20 percent of her sentence, which is roughly six days.

"The longer the sentence, the longer you stay in jail," Whitmore said.

"As pathetic as it sounds, this is not necessarily special treatment," said Adam H. Braun, a defense attorney who was not involved in the case. "It just depends how full the jail is when someone surrenders. If it is filled to capacity or nearly full, offenders like her are the first ones let go so more serious offenders can be held."

"Even so, she was not likely to do more than 20 percent of the 30 days under the jail crowding formulas being used because her offense was not a crime of violence," he added in an email.





CONTRIBUTIONS
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ture committees, which are not directly controlled by a specific candidate.

Courts have also declared some campaign contribution limits so low that they effectively hamper free speech because candidates couldn't raise enough money to run a competitive campaign.

A relatively new group called the Santa Monica Transparency Project opposes the change, calling the campaign contribution limit changes "a solution in search of a problem."

Members of the Transparency Project combed through campaign contribution records for the past two general elections, in 2008 and 2010 respectively, and came to the conclusion that most of the people or businesses who gave the maximum $250 contribution hail from outside Santa Monica's borders.

According to those figures, 64 percent of donations made to all seven council members over the last two elections came from people, organizations or corporations from outside of the city.

Members of the project didn't know what they would find when they finally sat down and looked at the contributions, but the numbers weren't much of a surprise, said Julie Dad, member of the Santa Monica Transparency Project.

"It does create a gap between people who live in Santa Monica who rightfully believe council members are acting on their behalf and people who don't, who have deeper pockets and might even be corporations," Dad said.

Raising the campaign contribution limit from $250 to $400 would only exacerbate the problem, she said.

As it stands, relatively few Santa Monica donors give the full $250. According to the Transparency Project's numbers, the average donation to council members from Santa Monica individuals was $197, while the average donation to council members from individuals or organizations from outside of Santa Monica was $222.

Only 256 Santa Monica donors gave the full amount, compared to 804 outside donors, according to the project.

If Santa Monicans already aren't giving the maximum, it seems unlikely that many would jump at the chance to throw another $150 onto the pile, particularly with many families and individuals still hurting from the economic freefall seen in 2008, Dad said.

Santa Monica taxpayers as a whole already contribute approximately $14,000 to each campaign through the provision of free benefits from City Hall, including television time and campaign commercial production, according to the city staff report.

Recompense for that work is also on the council's agenda for Tuesday, in the form of a potential $200 filing fee, which would be waived if candidates collected a sufficient number of verifiable signatures from registered voters.

Opposition to the increase will find it hard to defend maintaining a campaign finance limit now almost two decades old, said Jessica Levinson, a professor at Loyola Law School.

"The cost of everything has gone up. I think it's a fair and reasonable case that the cost of running for office has, too," Levinson said. "This is not an instance of trying to go from $250 to $2,250."

Furthermore, if outside interests want to get involved in local campaigns in a big way, they can do so using independent expenditure committees, Levinson said.

That's nothing new. A number of independent expenditure committees are already involved in Santa Monica politics, including ones for education interests, police and fire and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, arguably the city's most powerful.

Some, notably City Councilmember Bobby Shriver, have argued that increasing limits is the only way to give regular voters the ability to counter those independent expenditure committees.

Instead of trying to increase contribution limits, the City Council and staff should be using the opportunity to put in place real enforcement measures to make sure candidates are playing by the rules during the race, said Mary Marlow, who also works with the Transparency Project.

The previous election was plagued by inaccuracies on forms, or missing information, she said.

"There's no teeth to that, no penalty if you don't," Marlow said. "That's crazy."

Given the entrance of powerful, monied interests in local races, additional protections should be built in to ensure transparency, like a requirement to file forms electronically and hefty penalties for inaccurate or misleading paperwork, Marlow said.

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JACKSON
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Go. It's amazing. He's the greatest entertainer in the world.'"

Craving sleep, Jackson had searched for a doctor who would give him the intravenous propofol that Jackson called his "milk" and believed to be his salvation. Other medical professionals turned him down, according to testimony.

Prosecutors said Murray abandoned his medical judgment for money: According to testimony, Jackson planned to pay the cardiologist $150,000 a month for an extended tour in Europe.

Murray gave up his practices in Houston and Las Vegas and agreed to travel with Jackson and be his personal physician indefinitely. For six weeks, as Jackson undertook strenuous rehearsals, Murray infused him with propofol every night, the doctor told police. He said he later tried to wean Jackson from the drug because he feared he was becoming addicted.

In the end, the doctor was never paid a penny because Jackson died before signing a contract with Murray.

The circumstances of Jackson's death on June 25, 2009, were as bizarre as any chapter in the superstar's sensational life story.

During the last 24 hours of his life, Jackson sang and danced at a spirited rehearsal, reveling in the adulation of fans who greeted him outside. Testimony showed Murray gave Jackson intravenous doses that night of the sedatives lorazepam and midazolam. Jackson also took a Valium pill. But nothing seemed to bring sleep.

Finally, Murray told police, he gave the singer a small dose of propofol — 25 milligrams — that seemed to put him to sleep. The doctor said he felt it was safe to leave his patient's bedside for a few minutes, but Jackson was not breathing when he returned. Witnesses said he was most likely dead at that point.

What happened next was a matter of dispute during the trial. Security and household staff described Murray as panicked, never calling 911 but trying to give Jackson CPR on his bed instead of on the firm floor. A guard said Murray was concerned with packing up and hiding medicine bottles and IV equipment before telling him to call 911.

There is no law against administering propofol or the other sedatives. But expert witnesses for the prosecution said that using propofol at home without lifesaving equipment on hand was an egregious deviation from the standard of medical care. Prosecutors called it gross negligence, the legal basis for an involuntary manslaughter charge.

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ROLLING AROUND: **An SUV exits the I-10 Freeway at Fourth Street on Monday.**

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GREEN MEANS GO

Because traffic in Santa Monica can't afford to get any worse, City Hall plans to purchase emergency back-up systems for 74 traffic signals to keep cars flowing.

Traffic signals can stop operating properly after power failures, power spikes or interruptions in service, according to the staff report.

At present, half of Santa Monica's 180 traffic signals have these backups, but many are eight years old and may soon expire.

The new systems, supplied by California-based C.T. & F., will cost $290,000. Eleven companies bid on the project.

Replacing them will save $9,180 per year in repairs, and more in police and traffic services for traffic control at intersections with a failed light, according to the staff report.

FREEWAY SIGN IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council is expected to approve $136,000 in improvements for freeway signage to help motorists exiting Interstate 10 onto Santa Monica streets.

Both city staff and the California Department of Transportation agree that signage for the freeway exits off of the I-10 are deficient, but the state has no money to improve the situation.

Travelers exiting the freeway habitually go to the wrong lanes, which backs up traffic onto the freeway and going into the city.

City staff recommend eight locations for the new signs, but before those can be installed they need construction documents, which will be provided by RBF Consulting, a California-based company.

The project will also include the installation of advisory signs to direct drivers to radio stations that will clue them in to traffic and parking conditions.

PREMIUM CABLE

Staff is asking for a fifth and sixth modification to respective design and construction services for the CityTV building on 19th Street, a project that has been in the works since March.

The changes would add an additional $24,935 to the design contract with Nonzero Architecture, and $110,000 in construction costs for the SBS Corp.

Problems arose when workers tried to install new utilities, heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Termite damage was found in plywood on the roof, which had to be replaced.

Roof drains and piping also had to be replaced after the existing roofing was removed.

Those and other factors resulted in the additional $134,935 for the project.

STREET SWEEPS

An oversight in the original contract to replace three street sweepers for sidewalk cleaning on the Third Street Promenade will force staff to come back for a $20,000 ask on Tuesday.

The City Council approved the original expenditure in June 2010. At that time, staff did not include property tax and processing fees in the $328,673 purchase order.

To rectify that, staff recommends a purchase order modification of $20,000 to pay for $9,705 in taxes and handling fees, $2,455 in late fees and a $7,840 contingency.

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

The City Council will get a chance to accept $1,313,085 in grant money from the state government for two projects intended to improve water quality in the Santa Monica Bay.

The first, worth $300,000, will involve the installation and monitoring of two separate storm drain retrofit systems at four locations to capture, filter, clean and infiltrate dry weather and stormwater runoff.

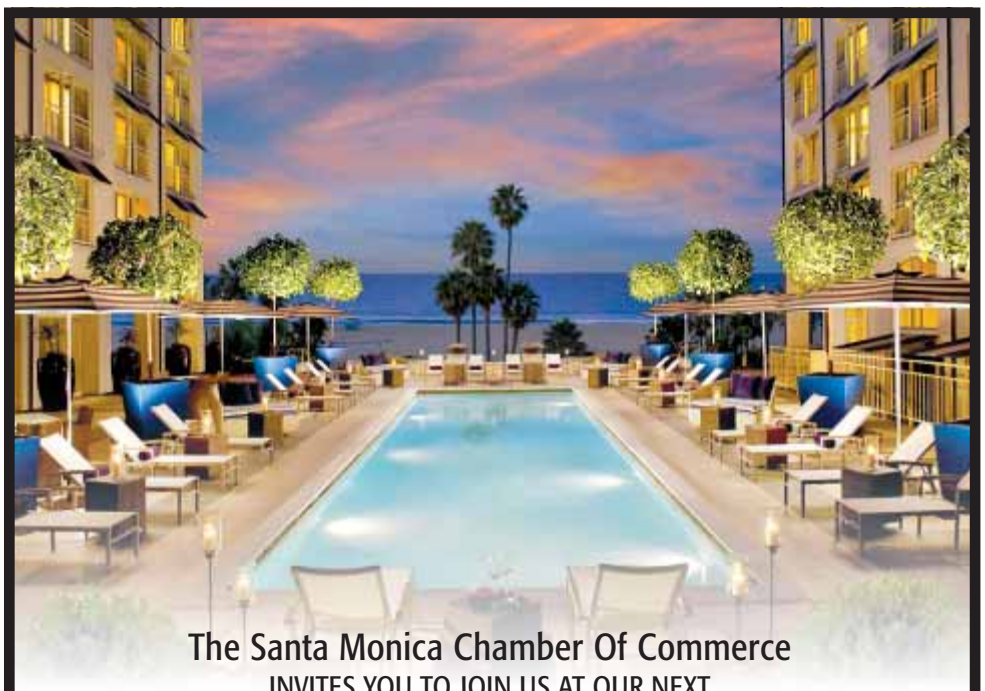
The systems will be monitored for their effectiveness at treating runoff and removing pollutants.

A second project, the 16th Street Watershed Marine Park urban runoff use project, will divert runoff from the Rose Avenue storm drain into a treatment system, after which the water will be stored in an underground cistern under a playing field.

City Hall will receive $1,013,085 to construct a pipeline from the Penmar cistern to Marine Park, where disinfected water will be integrated into the irrigation system.

That grant funding will cover half of the $2,000,222 project. The rest will be covered by funds from a local parcel tax called Measure V.

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PACIFICA CHRISTIAN V-BALL AT HOME

Pacifica Christian's girls' volleyball opens the CIF-SS Division 4-A playoffs tonight against St. Matthias at 7 p.m. at Crossroads.

The Seawolves finished the regular season 22-6 overall and 7-1 in the Heritage League. They tied Milken for the league title.

Pacifica Christian is the No. 5 seed in the field.

SAMOHI FOOTBALL KEEPS CLIMBING

Just days after clinching Samohi's first Ocean League football title in a decade, the Vikings moved up two spots in the latest CIF-SS Western Division rankings to No. 5, it was announced on Monday.

Samohi's move up the rankings comes after the Vikings dispatched rival Culver City, 17-14, on Friday to secure the league crown.

Chaminade retained its No. 1 ranking in the poll. With the loss to Samohi, Culver City dropped from No. 8 to No. 10.

The Vikings, 8-1 overall and 4-0 in league, close the regular season on Friday at Hawthorne.

SAMOHI WATER POLO HITS ROAD

Samohi's boys' water polo team will begin the CIF-SS Division 3 playoffs on the road at La Canada on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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his experiences. A book signing will follow.

"So far, the response is amazing," Sorbo said.

At readings in Los Angeles and New York, stroke victims and the families of stroke victims have approached Sorbo to share their own stories, he said. But even those who haven't had serious health problems have spoken with Sorbo after the readings to talk about the affirmative impact they have felt.

Sorbo, who had covered up the stroke until now, said that with time he feels that he has gained enough distance and perspective to say something meaningful about his experiences.

"It took me three full years afterward to say, 'everything's going to be better now,'" Sorbo said. "The next few years were like a safety net."

Sorbo's story started before he came to Hollywood, when he was attending Minnesota State University. He double majored in marketing and advertising, but underneath it, he minored in drama.

"I met a girl at that time who was a model," Sorbo said, admitting that his story should sound familiar.

Sorbo followed his girlfriend into modeling and across the ocean. Sorbo worked well in Europe, modeling and doing commercials.

He found that he stood out in more ways than one.

"Most of the other models were smaller than me," Sorbo said.

After a few years, Sorbo's work took him to Los Angeles, where he could pursue his original passion — acting.

Sorbo claims there was nothing special about the way he got the part of Hercules, which would prove to be his breakthrough role.

"I got an agent, a manager. I got my break on 'Hercules.' 'Hercules' was seven auditions over two months, and I was lucky enough to get it," Sorbo said.

"I think every actor could write the same book," he added.

With "Hercules," Sorbo found steady work. A typical day of shooting could last more than 14 hours, he said.

A couple of seasons into "Hercules," Sorbo noticed a lump near his shoulder. Only slightly concerned, Sorbo visited a chiropractor.

"He cracked my neck. Within a few minutes after leaving his office, that's when I suffered the stroke," he said.

Terrifyingly enough, Sorbo suffered the stroke while he was driving in Los Angeles.

Despite the stroke, shooting on "Hercules" continued. But Sorbo's schedule shrank, and his 14-hour days turned into one hour days to compensate for his weakened condition.

The experience initially left Sorbo in physical and mental confusion.

"Thirty-eight years old and I suffered a stroke. I was in better shape than most guys in their 20s," Sorbo said.

"I'm playing Hercules for crying out loud," he said.

At first, Sorbo's medical diagnosis looked grim. Doctors told him he might have less than a year to live, Sorbo said.

"I said to myself, 'there's no way these guys are right. I'm not going to live my life like this,'" he added.

Slowly, and with the help of physical therapy, psychiatry and alternative medicine, Sorbo recovered from the negative effects of the stroke.

The biggest challenge was learning to trust his own body again, Sorbo said.

"You can make up your own mind whether you want to get better or not," he said.

And get better he did. Sorbo continued to work on "Hercules" and on his health.

"I just kept pushing and pushing and pushing," he said.

Today, Sorbo golfs, runs a charity health program and continues to stay busy acting.

"I've got another movie I start next month, a movie in January, and a new TV series in spring," he said.

The stroke was definitely a turning point for Sorbo, and he has learned to see it as a turn in the right direction.

"I wasn't back 100 percent, I'd never be as good an athlete as I was, but I wasn't going to let that control my life. That's what I'm hoping people find," he said.

"I'm hoping people get past their fears."

Sorbo's book is available on www.amazon.com. More information can be found at his website, www.kevinsorbo.net.

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Life coaches give teenagers help along the way

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NEW YORK At 17, Maggie Duwelius is a busy high school senior with her eye on a tough, competitive college.

She's a hard worker, her mom said, but her grades often fall short of that goal as she navigates a whirl of extracurriculars: sports, volunteer gigs, voice lessons, baby sitting.

Maggie's life — much of the crush self-imposed — felt out of control, with up to six hours of homework nightly and as little as five hours of sleep.

"She's the most self-motivated of my three kids by far, but she's not one of those naturally 'I can walk into this test with a pencil and do all right' kids," said mom Sarah Duwelius in suburban Portland, Ore. "I'd see her working so hard and thought there has to be another way."

That's where Maggie's life coach came in, riding a trend over the last few years of extending the nontraditional help for adults to middle and high schoolers. Life coaching for kids is not just about streamlining study habits or staying organized, though those things are part of what John Williams does with Maggie. It's about young people taking control.

"It's more about the internal game, which is where the next frontier of education is," said Williams, a former Latin teacher. "Coaching provides her an arena to talk through things she's thinking about doing, which activities to be involved in, how she should allocate her time, what's most important to her."

As a former middle school and high school teacher, Williams said he saw "that kids were not getting a lot of essential skills I wish I had gotten, like the ability to understand a default perspective and how to shift that perspective, or to just be aware of what your top three values are, how do you feel about certain relationships and assumptions made in relationships?"

The need, for Maggie's mom, is far simpler: "He's taking a good thing and making it better. He's giving her even more tools and making her successful."

Life coaching can lend valuable breathing room for kids from the cheerleading, criticism or advice that parents and therapists might normally provide.

"What's great about the coaching is the problem identification and problem solving comes from the person being coached," said Sharon Haynes, whose 11-year-old daughter started meeting with a life coach in Houston after a stressful transition to middle school. "I found myself talking to my daughter ad nauseam and encouraging her and telling her everything was going to be good, but it's helpful to run through it with somebody else."

Haynes' daughter, Tuesday, said her coach "has helped me by showing me the ups and downs of different situations and the different perspectives. She helped me discover my little WIIC monster, and that helps me to see that I don't need to be so nervous and that WIIC makes me worry for no reason."

That's WIIC, for "What If I Can't."

A year into life coaching, the freedom to speak freely with Williams is something Maggie still looks forward to.

"We can talk about anything," she said. "It's just such a better conversation than you can have with someone else. I always walk out of there feeling better. He makes school make sense."

Life coaches, at least 25,000 strong around the globe, are unregulated in the United States, though a nonprofit called the International Coach Federation and other organizations are working to align training and standards. More than half of all life coaches are working in the U.S., according to ICF, but it's unclear how many take on teens as clients. Some charge by the hour, some have a minimum number of sessions. Prices vary but are comparable to therapy.

Many life coaches for pre-teens and teens come from other fields where they've worked with kids, including teaching, social work or psychology, said Sandi Lindgren, a social worker and youth coach in Minneapolis. But kids "have to want the coaching and they have to have something that they want to change, want to do differently," said Lindgren. "It could be something as simple as school or relationships, but it has to come from them."

Not every teen sees the benefits of life coaching. In Chicago, Robin Simborg's 17-year-old son Jack gave up on his coach after four sessions.

"I enjoyed the discussions I had with my life coach and how she made me dig deep and think hard to make connections," said Jack, who hopes to move on to a music college from high school and has had a therapist for years to help with attention deficit disorder and other issues. "I also enjoyed how easy it was for me to apply the lessons I learned to my life. However, I did not get as much out of the exercises as I did working with my therapist."

Some life coaches, like Stephanie Sarkis, a therapist and coach in Boca Raton, Fla., specialize in ADD issues.

"Just having an impartial third party can really help," said Sarkis, who works with high school and college students. "When you're a college student, you want to feel independent. You're focusing on the present and future."

Among the more practical aspects of her work: helping set up a highly structured schedule broken down into color-coded blocks of 30 minutes — the colors denoting specific classes, study times, meetups for social activities and free time. And suggesting non-emergency smartphone notifications be turned off, instead scheduling specific times to check email and social media to avoid the constant distraction.

Sarkis also looks at class syllabuses and test schedules, and has her young clients break down project deadlines into smaller tasks, assigning due dates for reporting back to her for each one. "That way there's an accountability factor," Sarkis said.

All are strategies that could benefit a broader range of students, including Maggie's 20-year-old brother, Connor. The college junior is pulling Bs and Cs as he pursues a major in communications. He began using Williams after his sister started.

"The key aspect that makes him so effective is his ability to observe," Connor said. "In the end, the process becomes much more than just raising a grade point average."

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Job market shows modest growth

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WASHINGTON The American job market improved modestly in October, and economists looking deeper into the numbers found reasons for optimism — or at least what counts for optimism in this agonizingly slow economic recovery.

The nation added 80,000 jobs. That was fewer than the 100,000 that economists expected, but it was the 13th consecutive month of job gains. Fears of a new recession that loomed over the economy this summer have receded.

The unemployment rate nudged down, to 9 percent from 9.1 in September.

"Those are pretty good signs," said Michael Hanson, senior economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. "We're hanging in there."

No one looking at Friday's report from the Labor Department saw a quick end to the high unemployment that has plagued the nation for three years. The jobless rate has been 9 percent or higher for all but two months since June 2009.

The government uses a survey of mostly large companies and government agencies to determine how many jobs were added or lost each month. It uses a separate survey of households to determine the unemployment rate.

The household survey picked up a much bigger job gain — 277,000 in October, and an average of 335,000 per month for the last three months. The household survey picks up hiring by companies of all sizes, including small businesses.

The household survey is more volatile and less comprehensive than the other survey, and is not followed as closely by economists. Still, job growth in the household survey has not been this strong for three months since the end of 2006.

People counting themselves self-employed increased by 200,000 in October, accounting for most of the increase, but it is difficult for economists to explain the three-month trend.

Economists pointed out other bright spots in the unemployment report:

— Average hourly wages rose 5 cents a week, to $23.19. More pay for workers means they have more spending power in the economy. Many businesses are waiting for customer demand to pick up before they hire in big numbers again.

— August and September turned out to be much better months for job creation than first thought. The nation added 104,000 jobs in August and 158,000 in September, a total of 102,000 more than earlier estimates. The August figure was first reported as zero.

— The number of people considered long-term unemployed, meaning they have been looking for work for at least six months, fell by 366,000, to 5.9 million. That is the fewest since April.

"Overall, while this report is not good enough, several key numbers are now moving in the right direction," Ian Shepherdson, an economist at High Frequency Economics, a data analysis company, told clients. He said the prospects for the next few months "seem to be improving."

The job gain was the smallest in four months. And because the population is always growing, it takes many more jobs, about 125,000 a month, to keep up with population growth, more to bring down the unemployment rate.

The job market turned consistently negative in February 2008. The nation lost jobs for 25 months in a row — almost 8.8 million in all. Since then, the economy has only recovered 2.3 million jobs. The adult non-military population has grown 7.5 million.

The Federal Reserve earlier this week lowered its economic forecast for the rest of this year, and said unemployment is not expected to fall significantly through the end of next year. It should still be at 8 percent even through 2013, the Fed said.

President Barack Obama will almost certainly go before voters next November with the highest unemployment of any sitting president seeking re-election since World War II. The highest so far was Gerald Ford, who faced 7.8 percent unemployment in 1976 and lost to Jimmy Carter. Ronald Reagan faced 7.2 percent unemployment in 1984 and beat Walter Mondale in a landslide.

Obama, appearing at the G-20 economic summit in Cannes, France, said the U.S. economy is growing "way too slow." He repeated his call for Republicans in Congress to pass his $447 billion jobs bill, a mix of tax cuts and spending on roads and rail lines.

"There's no excuse for inaction," the president said.

On Thursday, Republicans in the Senate blocked a $60 billion measure for building and repairing infrastructure, the third in a string of defeats for Obama's jobs agenda. Republicans opposed it because it was tied to a tax surcharge for the wealthy and because they said it cost too much.

Republicans laid blame on Obama and Democrats in Congress for the economy's problems.

"At virtually every step of the way, President Obama and Democrats have increased uncertainty," said Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas. "This has discouraged businesses from making new investments."

Hiring last month was broad. Professional and business services, which includes the accounting, engineering and temporary help industries, added 32,000 jobs. Hotels, restaurants and entertainment companies added 22,000. Health care added 12,000.

The construction industry cut 20,000 jobs for the month, the most since January. That industry is examined closely because a pickup in the housing market could add force to the economic recovery.

The private sector added 104,000 jobs for the month, but state and local governments cut 24,000 jobs, resulting in the net increase of 80,000. State and local governments have cut 288,000 jobs this year. That's unusual for an economic recovery, when state, local and federal governments typically are hiring workers.

But as the economy recovers and they receive more tax revenue, those layoffs should be limited in the months ahead, said Carl Riccadonna, senior U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank.

The number of discouraged workers, those who have given up looking for work and are no longer counted as unemployed, is down 47,000 from last year, at about 2.55 million. And there were fewer people with part-time jobs who were looking for full-time work, another positive sign.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in July, August and September, its best performance in a year. In the first half of this year, the economy expanded at the slowest pace since the Great Recession ended in June 2009.

The stronger economy over the summer was powered by consumer spending, which grew three times as fast as it had this spring. Americans spent more even in the face of fears of a new recession and wild gyrations in the stock market.

Still, companies appear to be waiting for customer demand to pick up even more before they hire again in great numbers. People have been dipping into savings to finance their spending, and that may not be sustainable.

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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!

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

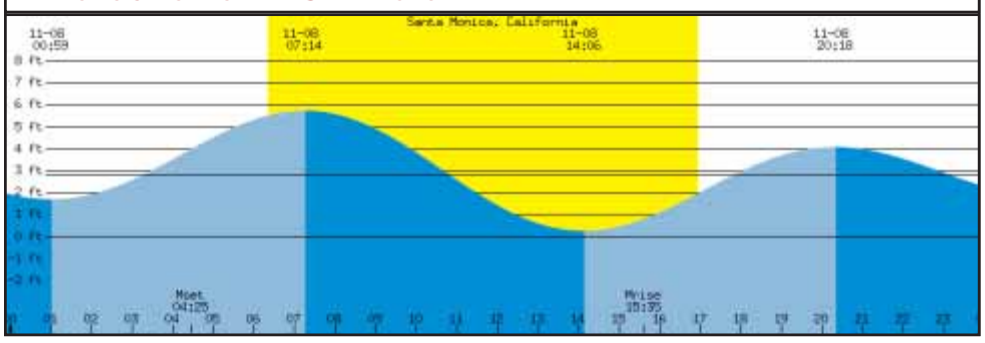
Swell Forecast

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 **November 2, 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 -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 16 / 1
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	B	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Aline 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.	F	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.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	f
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	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.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	B
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.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	B	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	B	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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NCAA FOOTBALL

Huskies have hands full against No. 18 USC

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SEATTLE The fervor surrounding this week's game between Washington and 18th-ranked USC started to build just before midnight last Saturday.

Washington defensive coordinator Nick Holt was ruminating about the just-finished game against sixth-ranked Oregon, a 34-17 Huskies loss.

"I'd rather play USC than Oregon, quite honestly," Holt said.

That honesty has turned into motivational material being talked about around the USC campus.

Holt's comment reportedly was on signs posted in USC's Heritage Hall, along with the fact that the Trojans gained 484 yards in last year's game against the Huskies, a 32-31 Washington victory.

Head coach Steve Sarkisian said Holt likely isn't the only one who feels that way about facing the Ducks' spread attack versus preparing for USC's more traditional offensive approach.

"I think you could ask every defensive coordinator in our conference the same question, and they'd tell you the same thing," Sarkisian said. "That Oregon is hard to prepare for because of how unique they are. That doesn't mean that SC's not really good.

"I think they're a tremendous offensive football team, and I think Nick would agree with that. That the comment was about the preparation (for) an offensive style. And as we've all seen it now for years, since Chip has been at Oregon, they're hard to prepare for. If that quote is going to make SC play better, then that will make them play better. I don't know. We don't motivate that way here."

Washington (6-3, 4-2 Pac-12), should have plenty of motivation after Saturday's loss. All three of the Huskies' losses this season were in marquee games against ranked foes. Washington lost at Nebraska, at Stanford, then home against Oregon.

The Huskies have been able to recover from each loss, winning the following week, though each time against unranked opponents.

Saturday, the Huskies return to the Los Angeles Coliseum for the second straight year to face their final ranked opponent of the regular season. Washington has two consecutive wins over the Trojans (7-2, 4-2) since Sarkisian took over, both thanks to field goals in the final seconds.

Trojans quarterback Matt Barkley missed the 2009 game because of a sore shoulder. Barkley was 14 of 20 for 186 yards last season versus the Huskies.

This year, Barkley has been exceptional overall, throwing 28 touchdowns and just six interceptions.

Barkley is playing so well, he inspired Sarkisian to make an eyebrow-raising statement of his own on Monday.

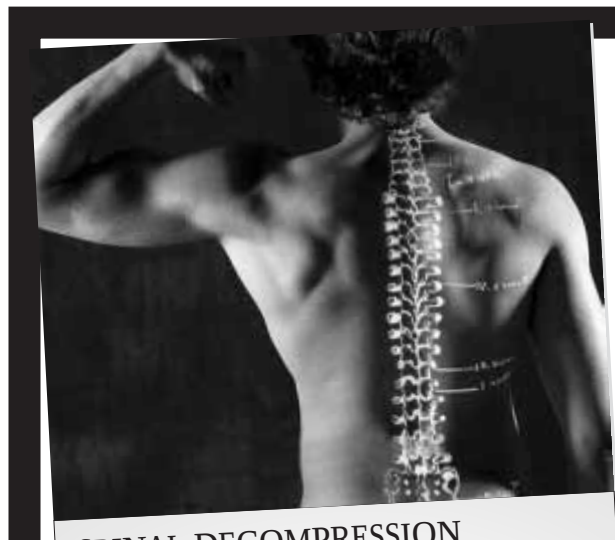
"If I'm an NFL head coach, right now, I'd pick Matt Barkley ahead of Andrew Luck," Sarkisian said. "I think he's playing at that high of a level. I think where he fits into the National Football League in his pocket presence and what (USC coach) Lane (Kiffin is) doing with him, the variety of offense they're playing with, his ability to make all the throws, anticipate throws, throwing them on time, throwing them accurately, he's fantastic to me."

Thanks to the new Pac-12 scheduling, Washington plays at USC for the second consecutive season. It's a homecoming for Sarkisian, who was an assistant at USC for seven seasons, and quarterback Keith Price.

Price is from Compton, Calif., and threw his first college touchdown pass last year in the Coliseum. He came in for one play to spell an injured Jake Locker and completed a 1-yard touchdown throw.

Sarkisian and Price head back to California hoping for another crucial rebound. The Huskies still have bowl position, and a third consecutive win against USC, to play for.

"I'd expect us to get up off the mat again and try to put our best foot forward," Sarkisian said. "We can't be concerned about the stadium, the other team, what happened last year or what coach said what. It's got to be about our ability to prepare so we can put our best foot forward."



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Like Crazy (PG-13) 1hr 29min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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Footloose (PG-13) 1hr 53min
4:45pm, 10:30pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:45pm, 8:30pm

Moneyball (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
1:30pm, 7:30pm

In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Son of No One (R) 1hr 35min
1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Three Musketeers (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm

Tower Heist (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

In Time (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Martha Marcy May Marlene (R) 2hrs 00min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Puss in Boots (PG) 1hr 30min
11:10am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Ides of March (R) 1hr 42min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Puss in Boots 3D (PG) 1hr 30min
12:15pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

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1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Take Shelter (R) 2hrs 00min
10:10pm

Margin Call (R) 1hr 49min
7:40pm, 10:10pm

Women on the 6th Floor (Les femmes du 6eme etage) (NR) 1hr 44min
7:30pm, 10:00pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
7:50pm

Le Havre (NR) 1hr 43min
7:30pm, 9:45pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Rum Diary (R) 2hrs 00min
11:00am, 1:55pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Anonymous (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
12:10pm, 3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:45pm

Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 1hr 21min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 9:30pm

50/50 (R) 1hr 39min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) 1hr 29min
11:00am, 12:15pm, 1:15pm, 2:45pm, 3:30pm, 5:15pm, 6:00pm, 7:45pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm

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Read between the lines, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You spark like lightning. If someone is on your bad side, he or she might wish to be otherwise. An assumption you make could be totally off base. You have a lot of fire and get-up-and-go. Tap into your creativity when facing a snafu. Tonight: Don't go until the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might feel slightly out of sorts as you try to come to a conclusion. Give yourself time; don't pressure yourself. You will see the right path, though it could be much later, or tomorrow. Tonight: Read between the lines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ A friend points to the right path, though there is a defiant side to you that doesn't want to go along. Of course, ultimately, it is your call, and no one else's. You will experience the ramifications either way, too. Tonight: Play until you are too tired.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Accept your role right now, even if you aren't comfortable. We all would like more control -- you are no exception. Right now you really have tremendous sway and impact. First you need to know what you want, OK? Tonight: Until the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Look to positive changes and opportunities. Someone in your immediate environment could be a bit sour. Go forward and avoid this person for now. Mobilize your energy positively. Others feel inspired by you, making anything possible. Tonight: Make it early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A key partner pushes you very hard. You might not always feel like you have your finances handled. Stay open to suggestions. A partner could test your limits. Be careful with anger and projecting it. Tonight: Let your imagination kick in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be sour and coloring a situation far more negatively than need be. One-on-one relating could be tense. Toss yourself into something you might enjoy doing more. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas. You will like the outcome.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You have a lot to get done, but you will get it done. Simply focus on one project after another. Do yourself a favor and try not to isolate yourself or spend too much time alone. You could be a very sorry camper otherwise. Tonight: The later it gets, the better it is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Focus on getting the job done, whatever that looks like. Push comes to shove with a friend or loved one. You might wonder why you are doing what you are doing. Stay centered knowing full well when enough is enough. Feelings run to extremes when dealing with others. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ If you can work from home, by all means, do. A boss or higher-up could be close to impossible. Why would you subject yourself to that treatment? A communication is vague. The other party might not be as sure as he or she would like to be. Tonight: Yipping up a storm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might find it a little difficult to get someone to talk who has no intention of spilling the beans. Try as you might, you get nowhere very fast. Frustration builds to unprecedented levels. You might feel unusually inspired and pick up on what is going on. Confirm, please. Tonight: Visit on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Discord easily could continue if the topic is finances. Someone has a vested interest in your thoughts and ideas. Realize what is happening behind the scenes. Know what you need to occur. Tonight: Catch up on calls.

Happy birthday

This year you have many ideas and a little too much to follow through on. Frustration and/or confusion could be the natural outcome. Focus on the quality of your life. If you are single, someone you meet this year is unlikely to be a long-term bond. If you are attached, the two of you often see life goals and the path to get there differently. Don't view each other as wrong; simply accept the other person and his or her views. Your relationship will become easier. TAURUS can be challenging.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★ Average

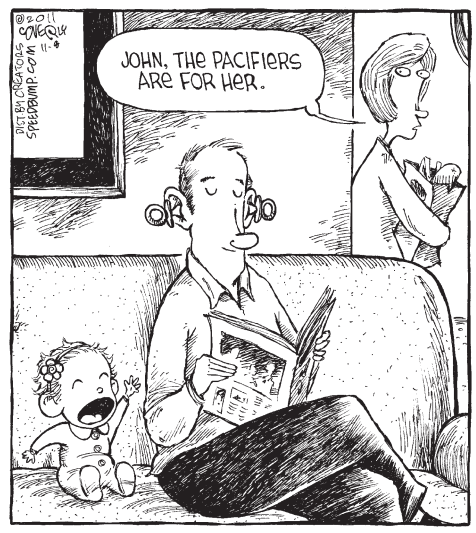


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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

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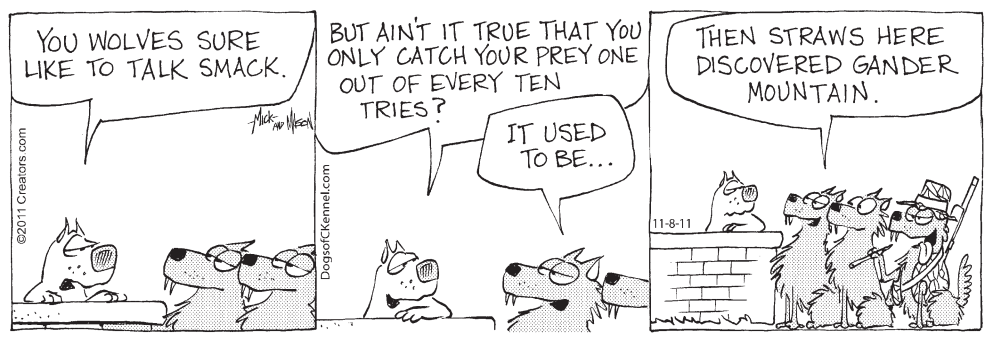
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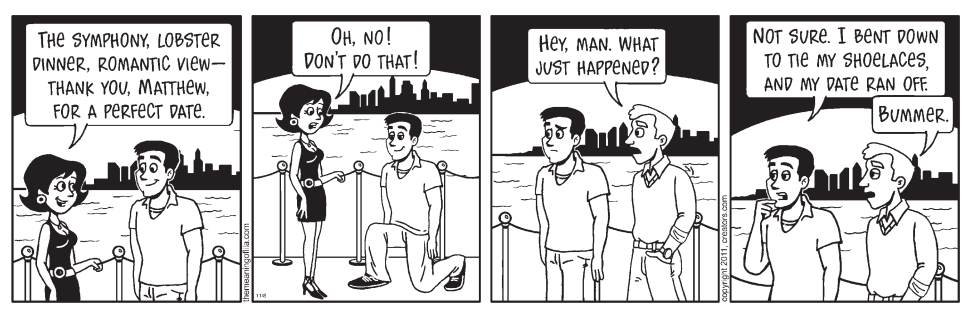
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Church leaders
6 Outpouring
11 Throat dangler
12 Opera's Callas
13 Blood vessels
15 Golfer Ernie
16 Road goo
17 Louvre fill
18 Takes five
20 Ready for battle
23 Regatta entrant
27 Luke's sister
28 Sound of relief
29 Precise
31 Veep Agnew
32 Joyous
34 Plop down
37 Soap buy
38 Enjoy the slopes
41 Direct results
44 In the know
45 Alpine trill
46 "Oleanna" playwright
47 Play part

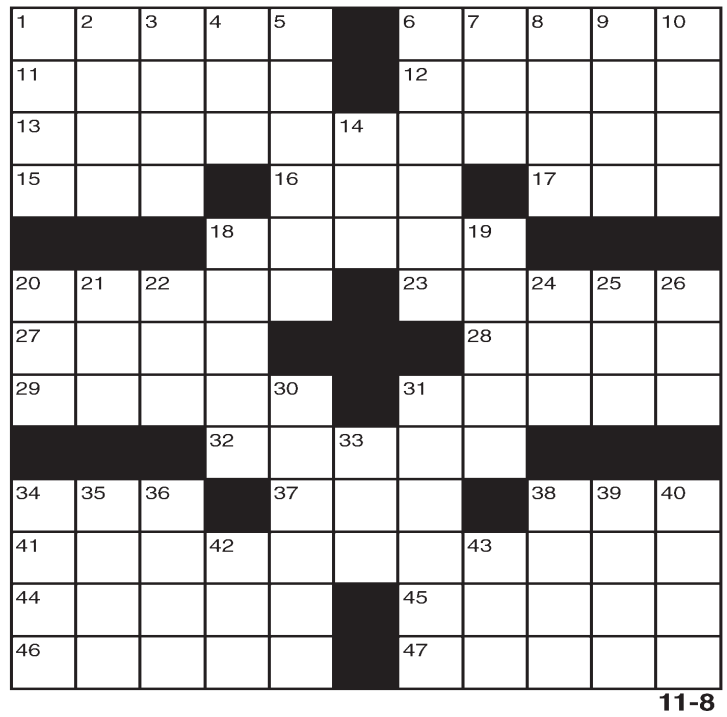
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1 Grayish purple
2 Track shape
3 Young seals
4 Yale student
5 Like some nuts
6 Know-it-all
7 Golf goal
8 Diva's song
9 Stratum
10 Sunup site
14 — Vegas
18 Attain
19 Sentimental
20 Pub pints
21 Writer Stout
22 Soccer's Hamm
24 Greek X
25 That lady
26 Binary base
30 Pad
31 Uses a mister
33 Crony
34 Con game
35 Corn Belt state
36 Trolley's kin
38 Flank
39 Enthusiastic
40 Land in the sea
42 Valuable rock
43 Mythical bird

■	B	E	T	A	■	D	A	D	A	■
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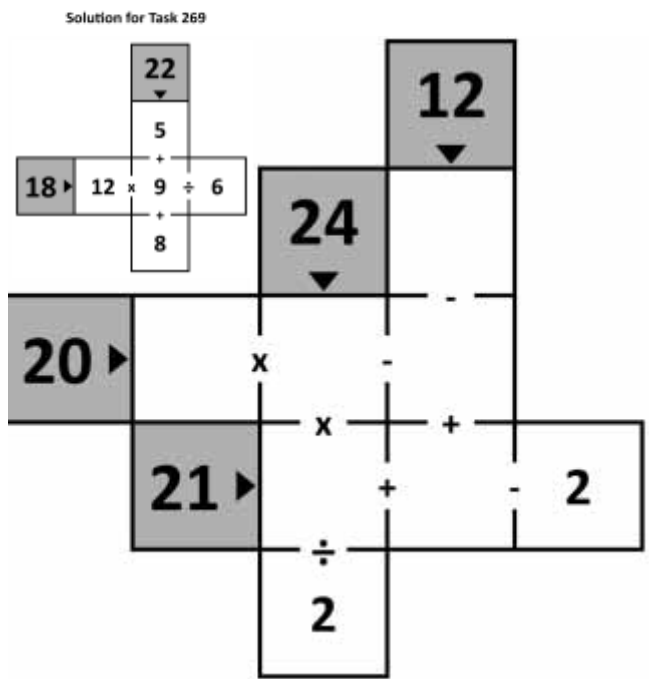
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Justice! ... Now! (1) Elsie Pawlow, a senior citizen of Edmonton, Alberta, filed a $100,000 lawsuit in September against Kraft Canada Inc., parent company of the makers of Stride Gum, which brags that it is "ridiculously long-lasting." Pawlow complained that she had to scrub down her dentures after using Stride, to "dig out" specks of gum -- a condition that caused her to experience "depression for approximately 10 minutes." (2) Colleen O'Neal filed a lawsuit recently against United/Continental airlines over the "post traumatic stress disorder" she said she has suffered since a 20-minute flight in October 2009 -- in which, during turbulent weather, the plane "banked" from side to side and lost altitude.

■ In August, a state court in Frankfurt, Germany, awarded 3,000 euros (about $4,200) to Magnus Gaefgen, 36, on his claim that during a 2002 police interrogation, officers "threat(ened) ... violence" against him if he did not disclose what he knew about a missing 11-year-old boy who was later found dead. In 2003, Gaefgen was convicted of the boy's murder and is serving a life sentence, but the court nevertheless thought he should be compensated for his "pain and suffering."

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS021396
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of KAREN MARIE LARABEE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: KAREN MARIE LARABEE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: KAREN MARIE LARABEE to CARON LARABEE. 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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Date: 9/27/2011
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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