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## SUSPECT SENTENCED IN HIGH-SPEED CHASE

By Staff

HOLLYWOOD—The suspect responsible for leading police on a high-speed chase that ended at Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue was sentenced to 3 years in state prison on Thursday, October 5, the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office revealed.

Tony Carl Calloway Jr., 24, or Rancho Cucamonga pleaded no contest to one felony count of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's cruiser while driving recklessly, Deputy District Attorney Robert DuFour stated.



A suspect who led police on a high-speed chase throughout Hollywood was sentenced to 3 years in state prison.

On March 9, Calloway stole a car in Colton and was later spotted by authorities driving the stolen vehicle on the 101 Freeway near Parkway Calabasas. A pursuit that lasted nearly 1 hour commenced, before ending in Hollywood when police used spike strips to stop the vehicle.

After the pursuit stopped, the suspect lit a cigarette and refused orders by police to exit his vehicle. He was later arrested. The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Hollywood Division.

## BEACH CURFEWS TO BE RE-EVALUATED IN LOS ANGELES

By Vanessa Arrendondo

PACIFIC PALISADES—The city of Los Angeles has reached a settlement in court that would have officials go before the California Coastal Commission (CCC) to defend and re-evaluate the 30-year-old beach curfews, which close beaches to the public between midnight and 5 a.m.

The curfews, implemented in 1988 to deter crime in the area, span 11 miles of shoreline, including Pacific Palisades and San Pedro, the Los Angeles Times reported. The nighttime closures were put into effect

without the CCC's advice and were extended along the coast as crime increased during the 1990s. The CCC and Venice Beach activists have been fighting the curfew since its implementation. Activists state that the beach is public land and should be accessible to residents at all hours.

The California Coastal Commission contested the issue in 2010, when homelessness was on the rise in the region. The city denied the commission's request, and expanded the curfew off the sand to the Venice

Boardwalk. The CCC reopened the discussion in 2014, the Los Angeles Times reported, and requested that the city of Los Angeles provide proof that crime was still high enough to warrant the ordinances.

In 2015, the city of Venice sued, stating Los Angeles County created the curfews in defiance to the CCC. To placate them, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer was asked to draft an ordinance for 10-foot wide walkways on Dockweiler and Will Rogers Beach, that would be excluded from the curfew.

Los Angeles County remained firm on its position stating that the commission did not have jurisdiction on the shorelines. According to the Los Angeles Times, under the settlement agreement, the city will seek a permit from the city engineer and the commission, and will warn curfew violators before issuing citations.

The first hearing to discuss the issue will be Thursday, October 12 at the Westchester Senior Center in Venice, the Los Angeles Times reported.

## DAVID GEFFEN GIVES \$150 MILLION TO LACMA BUILDING

By George Morris

BEVERLY HILLS—David Geffen pledged \$150 million to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) planned Zumthor building on Wednesday, October 4. The pledge is the largest single cash gift from an individual in the museum's history.

"This historic commitment propels LACMA's two-decade expansion and re-building project forward," said Michael Gowan, LACMA CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director. "David Geffen is one of Los Angeles's, and our nation's, most generous philanthropists. This gift, for which we are incredibly grateful, ensures that our new building becomes a reality. Pledges of this magnitude are incredibly rare, and David's commitment demonstrates his belief in the power of art museums to reach a broad and diverse public and create significant civic benefit."



The early designs for the David Geffen Galleries.

The Zumthor building, will be named the David Geffen Galleries and is \$150 million away from the necessary \$650 million needed to break ground and begin construction. The David Geffen Galleries, which will replace four of the museum's seven current buildings, is intended to enable LACMA's vast encyclopedic collection to be shown and experienced in innovative ways.

"I am excited to see the positive effects this new building will have on Los Angeles's art and architec-

tural communities. This innovative addition to the LACMA campus will ensure ongoing and expanded access to their permanent collection. LACMA will be able to touch millions of lives and create an even healthier and more vibrant community for everyone," said Geffen.

He continued, "At a time when federal funding for the arts is threatened, it's important that we foster public-private partnerships, like this one, to support arts and cultural institutions. We must ensure that the

public, everyone, has access to these venerable institutions. I am proud to partner with the County and other members of the community in helping LACMA move this remarkable project from vision to reality. Together, we can and must make sure every person has access to the arts."

The building was originally designed to resemble the tar from the nearby La Brea Tar Pits, but has been updated and changed. It will bridge Wilshire Boulevard. If the funds are secured, the proposed project will officially break ground in 2019. The building is expected to be finished by 2023 if the timeline is not delayed.

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is located at 5905 Wilshire Boulevard (at Fairfax Avenue) in Los Angeles. For additional information call (323) 857-6000 or visit [www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org).

## PIERCE COLLEGE INTENDS TO KEEP ITS URBAN FARM

By Vanessa Arrendondo

WOODLAND HILLS—Pierce College is planning to use the property on De Soto Avenue and Victory Boulevard to supplement the Agriculture Department, quelling resident's fear about the fate of the urban farm after the Farm Center vacated the area two years earlier.

"The developers that drive past there everyday, their mouths water, and they just can't believe that property doesn't have something on it," said John Walker, the executive vice president of the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization (WHHO).

Pierce Vice President of Administrative Services Rolf Schleicher and Vice President of Academic Affairs Sheri Berger met with the homeowners on September 27, at Kaiser Permanente in Woodland Hills and assured them that no commercial development would be built on the property.

"We are a farm in the city, and that is very unique. We need to preserve that," said Berger. "We are serving students who grew up in the city, who may have never seen a cow, who don't know where their food comes from."

According to Berger, an agricultural education center is set to be built in 2020. The building will be 8,000 square feet and will act as anchor to the Agriculture Program and fill the area left by the Farm Center. Two greenhouses, each 1,000 square feet, will be built to allow future expansions.

The Farm Center, owned and directed by Robert McBroom, occupied the land from 2005 to 2015. The Los Angeles Daily News reported when the five-year lease ended in 2010, McBroom was given a year to vacate the property. After refusing to leave the property, the Los Angeles Community College District and McBroom came to a settlement, which stipulated that the center would



Pierce College in Woodland Hills.

close indefinitely to the public the day after Christmas 2014, and the area would be vacated by April 15 the following year.

According to Berger, the Farm Center lease was not renewed because the college decided a better use to the property would be to educate its agricultural students, and the present enterprise wasn't educational or monetarily profitable.

"Our intention all along is that the college is here to meet the educational needs of our students. Our primary goal is for students to further their education, have them transfer and enter the workforce," said Berger.

Schleicher added that the Farm Center was good for the community and provided K-12 educational services, but it conflicted with the institution's focus to provide optimal post-secondary education.

"Across the state, there was a need for education in agricultural and plant sciences; there was a high demand for students, and our program was not fulfilling that demand. So we made an assessment and decided to

go in this direction," said Schleicher.

After the Farm Center's departure, the Woodland Hills area was concerned that it would be lacking in community-engaging events. Pierce administration assured WHHO that efforts would be created within the Agriculture Department to draw in the community. A community garden, equestrian shows, and a farm store are tentative projects.

"There's more than running events that are enterprise oriented," Schleicher said. "Could I make more money putting enterprises in there? Absolutely. But that's not what we are here for."

According to Berger, plans for the land have been available online since April 4, 2015, however, the lack of progress on the vacant plot has caused residents to question if Pierce intends to preserve the entire farmland.

"There will never be a time when a developer will go by that property and say, 'I'm glad it's a farm,'" said Walker. "They will always go by that property and say, 'How can I get my hands on

that to do something with it?' It's just the nature of the beast that floats through the community."

Founded in 1947, the Clarence W. Pierce School of Agriculture was created to educate Los Angeles school children about agriculture and animals, the Los Angeles Times reported in a 1997 article. The college began instruction on 392 acres in Woodland Hills.

According to the Pierce College website, as the San Fernando Valley grew, the need for public secondary education grew. Enrollment grew from about a hundred students in 1947, to more than 25,000 in the early 1980s. Though the college has been modernized and expanded to include additional areas of study, the Agriculture Program and the farm have remained through the decades.

Pierce College is now 426 acres, with 226 dedicated to the Agriculture Program. Berger indicated the farm has 100 chickens, several goats, sheep, and cattle, three donkeys, a pot belly pig, a llama and a tortoise.

All aspects of the Agriculture Program were not discussed at the meeting, but Berger indicated they are still present and important, but the current focus is bringing this part of the program up to industry standard.

The fields along Victory Boulevard will be used for instructional food production, an area that was previously lacking. Berger noted, the students will learn to plant, learn irrigation techniques and learn about soils and soil conditions.

"To a lot of people on the outside, you see just land. And you don't see anything on it and people think, 'Oh, I can put something on it,'" said Berger. "Not us. We see instruction. We see laboratory space. We see training for our students."

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## THOUSANDS OF UCLA STUDENTS VOLUNTEER OVER THE WEEKEND

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WESTWOOD—Thousands of UCLA students were scattered throughout Los Angeles over the weekend as part of the annual UCLA Volunteer Day.

Over 3,500 freshman and new transfer students mobilized on Saturday, October 7 to volunteer across the region. They were led by over 400 additional UCLA Bruins including alumni, returning students, staff, faculty, parents and community members. The volunteers will be distributed throughout the city by a fleet of 60 school buses.

The annual event sends Bruins all over the city, working on projects in K-12 schools, parks, food banks, veterans' service centers,



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and senior and neighborhood sites. The projects include helping move supplies, clearing brush, pulling weeds, tutoring younger students and painting murals to support schools.

Los Angeles Councilman

Marquee Harris-Dawson, California Assemblyman Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Los Angeles Unified School District Board member George McKenna and UCLA Chancellor Gene Block came together to visit Horace Mann

## "I LOVE LUCY" WRITER BOB SCHILLER DIES

By George Morris

PACIFIC PALISADES—Bob Schiller, writer of the hit TV series "I Love Lucy," passed away on Tuesday, October 10 at the age of 98. He co-wrote the show with Bob Weiskopf who passed away in 2001.

Schiller worked with actress Lucille Ball once the series ended on "The Lucy-Desi Comedy Hour" and "The Lucy Show." He also worked with Weiskopf on other well-known shows that included "All in the Family," "Maude," "The Carol Burnett Show," "The Red Skelton Show" and "Archie Bunker's Place." Schiller spent a vast majority of his career with comedic writing. In 1935, he attended UCLA, where he penned



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comedy pieces for The Daily Bruin and used the pen name "Bob Tales."

During the 1940s, he was drafted into World War II, where he once said that

"the worst weapon I had to use was a pie to the face." He wrote columns for "Star and Stripes," boosting troop morale.

Schiller received two Emmys during his career, both victories which he shared with Weiskopf. Those awards were for his work on "All in the Family" and "Flip." Both Schiller and Weiskopf also won the Paddy Chayefsky Laurel Award for lifetime achievement from the Writer's Guild of America. The duo collaborated during the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, until Schiller retired in 1988. He passed away inside his Pacific Palisades home with his daughter, Sadie Novello by his side.

## CITY COUNCIL CONTRACTS FIRM ABOUT FLOODPLAIN MAPS

By Dylan Gera and Donald Roberts

MALIBU—The Malibu City Council contracted the consulting firm of Moffatt and Nichol to assist the city with appealing the Federal Emergency Management Agency's proposed floodplain maps of the region.

City council is challenging FEMA on the grounds that the agency's current maps are outdated, do not account for seasonal tide fluctuations, and are incorrect. According to reports, residents contend that the current proposed floodplain maps—which overlie many homes and businesses—adversely impact opportunities for fair priced mortgages, construction loans, or insurance premiums.

Once the Appeal Period concludes, the city will

evaluate all appeals and submit its findings to FEMA. Once FEMA reviews all appeals and protests and incorporates any needed map changes, a Letter of Final Determination will be issued. Six months later, maps will be adopted and become effective, as will any new flood insurance requirements. Currently, the city intends to use these flood hazard maps to help determine requirements for construction and development.

The city of Malibu will conduct a series of community meetings to inform the public about these proposed map revisions. A public outreach meeting was held on August 22.

The firm plans to present its findings to the Malibu City Council at the council's next meeting on Monday, October 23. Assistant Public Works Director Rob DuBoux stated that the firm's report to the city council would determine the city's final decision on whether or not to file an official appeal with FEMA.

Moffatt and Nichol levied challenges against FEMA on behalf of Ventura and Dana Point. A deadline of November 6 is set for all appeal proposals. All of the firm's findings must be science based for FEMA to accept the revisions. If no revisions are accepted, the current maps will go into effect August 2018.

## BODY FOUND IN CAR NEAR LAUNDROMAT UNDER INVESTIGATION

By Eugene Achim

WEST HOLLYWOOD—On Sunday, October 8, at around 4:30 p.m. a body was discovered inside a vehicle on the 7900 block of Santa Monica Boulevard. Officials from the

Los Angeles Sheriff's Department were called to the scene after the body was discovered by a clerk near a laundromat in the region.

"Right now, it appears to

be death by natural causes, but the coroner will have to make the final determination," said LASD Deputy Kimberly Alexander to City News Service.

According to reports, the

body has been identified as a male, but the name of the victim and cause of death has not yet been disclosed to the public. Authorities are investigating the case.