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Silicon Valley loses a legend



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Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds up an Apple iPhone at the MacWorld Conference in San Francisco on Jan. 9, 2007.

Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Inc. and tech industry visionary, dies at 56

By David Sarno and Christopher Goffard
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Steven P. Jobs, the charismatic technology pioneer who co-founded Apple Inc. and transformed one industry after another, from computers and smartphones to music and movies, has died. He was 56.

Apple announced the death of Jobs — whose legacy included the Apple II, Mac-

intosh, iMac, iPod, iPhone and iPad — on Wednesday.

“We are deeply saddened to announce that Steve Jobs passed away today,” Apple said. “Steve’s brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives. The world is immeasurably better because of Steve.”

He had resigned as chief executive of Apple in August, after struggling with illness for nearly a decade, including a bout with pancreatic cancer in 2003 and a liver transplant six years later.

Few public companies were as entwined with their leaders as Apple was with Jobs, who co-founded the computer maker in his parents’ Silicon Valley garage in 1976, and decades later — in a

comeback as stunning as it seemed improbable — plucked it from near-bankruptcy and turned it into the world’s most valuable technology company.

Jobs spoke of his desire to make “a dent in the universe,” bringing a messianic intensity to his message that technology was a tool to improve human life and unleash creativity.

“His ability to always come around and figure out where that next bet should be has been phenomenal,” Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates, the high-tech mogul with whom Jobs was most closely compared, said in 2007.

In the annals of modern American entrepreneur-heroes, few careers traced a

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Sacramento airport opens \$1B, art-filled terminal

By Don Thompson
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SACRAMENTO — Sacramento International Airport is scheduled to open a \$1 billion terminal today, replacing a structure that is four decades old with a building that is designed to be a striking entrance to California’s capital region.

The \$6 million in public art includes a distinctive centerpiece that is certain to generate attention, a suspended-in-air, 56-foot-long aluminum red hare leaping into a suitcase that dominates the glass-and-steel entryway.

“People will remember this airport,” said construction worker Monique Hawn.

The terminal is among the largest construction projects in Sacramento County’s history and created 2,400 jobs during the 2½ years it was being built, the heart of a recession that has left state and regional unemployment hovering around 12 percent.

The new terminal, elevated people mover and concourse are designed to expand the airport’s capacity to 16 million passengers a year, a surge that had been expected in about a decade, county Airports Director G. Hardy Acree said.

Those expectations have been downsized with the recession. The economy contracted just before groundbreaking in 2008, and the annual passenger count fell by nearly 2 million, from nearly 11 million in 2008 to 9 million last year.

What had been a nearly \$1.3 billion project shrank to \$1 billion after officials delayed construction of a hotel and parking garage. Instead, they built a terminal with walls designed to be expanded as the airport grows.

The airport, the fifth busiest in California and 39th busiest in the nation, expects to return to its 2008 passenger peak in five years. Officials said it will not hit its expected capacity until sometime late in the next decade.



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The front of the Sacramento International Airport’s Terminal B is seen on Sept. 29 in Sacramento. The new \$1 billion terminal, which is scheduled to open today, will expand the airport’s capacity to 16 million passengers a year.



Above: Workers stand near the sculpture “Your Words Are Music To My Ears,” by artists Louise Bertelsen and Po Shu Wang, at Terminal B at the Sacramento International Airport on Sept. 12. Left: The 56-foot red rabbit, titled “Leap,” is suspended from the ceiling of Terminal B on Sept. 12.

Palin says she will not run for president

By Charles Babington
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WASHINGTON — Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin said Wednesday she will not run for president, leaving little doubt that the eventual Republican nominee will come from the current field of contenders.

After months of leaving her fans guessing, Palin said in a statement that she and her husband Todd “devote ourselves to God, family and country.” She said her decision maintains that order.

Palin sent the statement to supporters. She told conservative radio host Mark Levin that she would not consider a third party candidacy because it would assure President Barack Obama’s reelection.

In a video posted on Youtube, Palin said, “you don’t need an office or a title to make a difference.”

Sen. John McCain plucked Palin from relative obscurity in 2008 by naming her as his running mate. She electrified Republican activists for a while, delivering a well-received speech at the GOP national convention. But Palin later seemed overwhelmed by the national spotlight, faltering at times in televised interviews even when asked straightforward questions.



PALIN

A visit to Lodi’s Sea Salt Cottage



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Raychel Hug-Lusk, owner of Sea Salt Cottage in Downtown Lodi, scoops scented bath salt into a jar for a customer on Friday. Sea Salt Cottage offers bath and cooking salts along with other gift items. To read the full story and test your salt knowledge, see Page 8.

VINDICATED

Ridiculed Israeli chemist wins Nobel

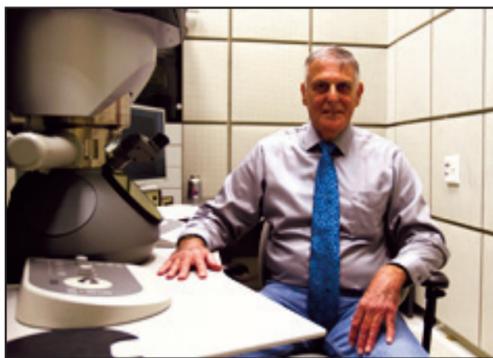
By Aron Heller
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JERUSALEM — When Israeli scientist Dan Shechtman claimed to have stumbled upon a new crystalline chemical structure that seemed to violate the laws of nature, colleagues mocked him, insulted him and exiled him from his research group.

After years in the scientific wilderness, though, he was proved right. And on Wednesday, he received the ultimate vindication: the Nobel Prize in chemistry.

The shy, 70-year-old Shechtman said he never doubted his findings and considered himself merely the latest in a long line of scientists who advanced their fields by challenging the conventional wisdom and were shunned by the establishment because of it.

In 1982, Shechtman discovered what are now called “quasicrystals” — atoms arranged in patterns that seemed forbidden by nature.



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Israeli scientist Daniel Shechtman poses next to a transmission electron microscope at the Haifa Technion in Haifa, Israel on Wednesday. Shechtman won the 2011 Nobel Prize in chemistry on Wednesday for his discovery of quasicrystals.

The discovery “fundamentally altered how chemists conceive of solid matter,” the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in awarding the \$1.5 million prize.

Since his discovery, quasicrystals have been pro-

duced in laboratories, and a Swedish company found them in one of the most durable kinds of steel, which is now used in products such as razor blades and thin needles made specifically for eye surgery, the academy said.

Council moves ahead with Grape Bowl improvements

By Maggie Creamer
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The Lodi City Council unanimously approved spending about \$2.45 million on the Grape Bowl to install permanent restrooms, a concession stand and a ticket booth that will all be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The project will also include a new plaza entrance on the west side of the stadium and the installation of ramps to help people get from the upper levels of the stadium to the lower levels on the south side of the stadium.

While she has not supported the project in the past, Councilwoman JoAnne Mounce said she feels like the city needs to finish the project and get the stadium in working order.

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