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# Crowded field for council seat

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL There should be no shortage of candidates for the City Council to consider next week as it looks to replace its late colleague Herb Katz, who died last month after a long battle with cancer.

That's because a crowded field of 25 residents submitted applications for the council seat as of Tuesday's deadline, according to the City Clerk's Office.

They include familiar names such as Jon Mann and Ted Winterer, both of whom ran in the November election, and newcomers like William Nole Evans, an attorney, and Steven Rodman, a 26-year-resident of the city.

It also includes residents who currently serve on city commissions or elected bodies, such as Oscar de la Torre, a Board of Education member.

An appointment to fill Katz' seat is scheduled to be made next Tuesday. Should the council fail to reach an agreement within 30 days of declaring the seat vacant, which it did on Jan. 27, a special election will be held.

Many see the vacant seat as an opportunity to bring new blood to the council, given that challengers have a difficult time beating incumbents in general elections. The seat is so coveted that the last few weeks have been filled with speculation as to what, if any, deals are being made behind closed doors. Some believe that Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), the city's leading political party that holds a majority on the council, will use its muscle to get one of its members elected, while others believe developers and big business will win out.

Among the candidates are several current Planning Commissioners, including Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day, both of whom ran in 2006, and Gwynne Pugh, an architect who served two years as chairman.

Davis is also the co-chair of SMRR, which could give Davis an advantage over others.

A 32-year-resident of Santa Monica, Pugh, 56, said that he is motivated in part to serve on the council to see through the

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# Samohi boys soccer begins playoff run

**BY DANIEL ARCHULETA**
Managing Editor

SAMOHI If the boys soccer team is going to repeat as state champs, the ride will be wild.

Having finished third in the Ocean League, the defending champs will have to win a play-in wild card game against Covina's Gladstone High School (11-11-1 overall, 6-6 in Montview League play) today at John Adams Middle School to advance to the California Interscholastic Federation's Division IV Championships.

"For some reason, they gave us a wild card game," Head Coach Serafin Rodriguez said. "We finished third in league, but this is very weird.

"We never got the head's up from CIF that this was going to happen."

He said that usually 32 teams qualify in each division, three from each league, but this year for some reason, the CIF added a wild card round to expand the number of teams making the playoffs.

Even with the wild card, Rodriguez is still confident about his squad's chances. While a number of starters from last season's cham-

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## DEATH ON FOURTH

Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

**Santa Monica police officers investigate the death of Lucas Matthew Mackay, 27, of Oregon, on Monday evening. Police believe Mackay, a transient, committed suicide by jumping off Parking Structure 5 around 6:30 p.m. Police shut down the 1400 block of Fourth Street for two hours to collect evidence. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office will conduct an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death.**

# New details in hit-and-run released

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY After further interviews with witnesses regarding a hit-and-run accident that left a Santa Monica man in critical condition, investigators on Tuesday released a new description of the possible vehicle involved.

Police are asking for the public's help in identifying the car, which was identified by witnesses as a large sedan, dark blue or black in color with front headlights similar to the

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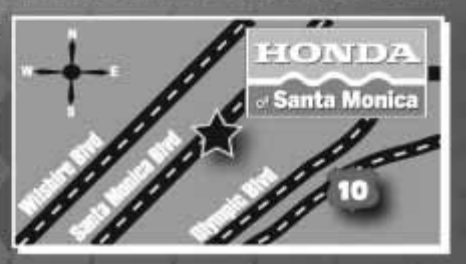
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

### Business first
Sheraton Delfina
530 West Pico Blvd., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Local businesses and artists will be showing their wares at the Sheraton Delfina this Wednesday night during the Business & Consumer Expo 2009. The Chamber of Commerce encourages people to come down and network and see how business is done in the City of Santa Monica. Call (310) 393-9825 for more information.

## Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009

### That manic feeling
Main Library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Terri Cheney wrote "Manic: A Memoir" after her own diagnosis with bipolar disorder. She watched in frustration as others suffered from the same comparison and struggled to find words to describe their pain. This book is a compilation of their stories as well as her own. A book sale and signing will follow the author's presentation. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

### Artist folk
Every Picture Tells a Story Gallery
1311-C Montana Ave., 4 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Celebrate the works of artist Esau Andrade. Celebrated amongst the company of famed Latino painters such as Diego Rivera and Rufino Tamay, Andrade's works are found hanging in respected museums and galleries. Enjoy refreshments and readings from his book, "A Perfect Season for Dreaming." Call (310) 451-2700 for more information.

### Fill 'er up
AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third St., call for times
"Fuel," the acclaimed documentary by Josh Tickell about America's dependence on fossil fuels, will be playing for the last time in Santa Monica on Thursday. The documentary explores the oil addiction and how green energy alternatives can change our world.

## Friday, Feb. 20, 2009

### Dancing up a storm
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Diavolo Dance Theater explores the funny and frightening ways in which individuals interact with their environment. The company is comprised of dancers, gymnasts and actors who work collaboratively under the tutelage of founder Jacques Heim to turn every day objects and situations into metaphors for our struggle to maintain our humanity in a technological world. Tickets range from $39 — $75. Call (310) 434-3412 for more information. Performances take place on Friday and Saturday.

### Lights! Camera! Glamour!
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
MGM studio photographer George Hurrell's work goes on display at the California Heritage Museum. His 60-year career involved shooting stills of the biggest stars of the Golden Age of Cinema up through modern movies. The display is open Wednesday through Sunday. General admission is $5, students and seniors $3. Call (310) 392-8537 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

# Television begins move to digital

**BY PETER SVENSSON**
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK About a quarter of the nation's TV stations cut off their analog signals Tuesday, causing sets to go dark in households that were not prepared for digital television despite two years of warnings about the transition.

Though most viewers were ready — and people with cable or satellite service were unaffected — some stations and call centers reported a steady stream of questions from frustrated callers. Many wondered how to get coupons for converter boxes that translate digital signals for older TVs — or how to get the devices working.

"It's kind of an irritation, but I understand that everyone will have a much better picture. As far as I was concerned, they could have left things the way they were," said Dorothy Delegard, 67, of Minneapolis, who bought a converter box because a friend gave her a coupon that expires Tuesday.

Phones were ringing off the hook at a walk-in information center set up by stations in Providence, R.I.

A volunteer at the center, Jeremy Taylor, said he tried to calm agitated callers and explain the reasons for the disappearance of analog signals, which have remained largely unchanged since the 1950s.

"I try to explain that the digital switch is not something we're doing to extort them of money," Taylor said.

The federal government mandated the end of analog broadcasts to make room on those frequencies for wireless Internet service, emergency radio traffic and other uses. Digital TV broadcasts, which began several years ago, take up much less of the wireless spectrum.

Originally, all U.S. stations were to cut their analog signals on Tuesday, but at the urging of the Obama administration, Congress voted this month to give broadcasters more time.

Most stations, particularly those in big cities, accepted the offer to wait until June 12. Others wanted to stick to Feb. 17, a

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Rachel Dardashti *news@smdp.com*

STANDING IN LINE: **Students wait to enroll for classes at Santa Monica College on Tuesday. Enrollment at SMC is up for the spring semester.**

# Recession driving enrollment at SMC

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC When Alexandria Easter was laid off from her position as a retail graphic designer, she decided to forgo the job hunt to fulfill a long-time dream.

The Santa Monica College student is part of a growing population of adults who in the current economic climate were let go of their jobs and have returned to school to advance their career.

Easter, a Long Beach resident, had been attending SMC on a part-time basis since the summer of 2007, taking a few courses here and there, when she was recently laid off from PacSun. Rather than look for a new job, she instead decided to enroll full time in school to pursue a degree in art history.

The 37 year old had long regretted never finishing her studies at the University of Kansas, leaving school for a well-paying job as a designer in Kansas City.

She started her new gig as a full-time college student this week when the spring semester commenced.

"I decided to work toward getting a degree in hopes that I can change my career since retail seems to be volatile," she said.

The college has seen its enrollment levels for the spring semester shoot up 10 percent, an indication that more students are returning to school to further their credentials.

"I think most people understand that education is an investment," said SMC President Chui Tsang.

The college is currently battling its own set of economic challenges from the state, operating on a 5 percent reduction in funding this year.

"It's important to serve as many students at this point when we have this kind of crisis," Tsang said. "I don't think this will continue but it's important that students know they have a place to come when they are in need and we won't slam the door on them."

Tsang said that the college is preparing to weather the storm through a relatively strong economic reserve.

"We are trying to contain cost here and not have to make drastic cuts," he said.

The increased enrollment is a trend that the community colleges in the state have seen in past recessions.

The California Community Colleges system as a whole experienced an increase of 100,000 students — or 9.8 percent — in fall 2008 from the previous academic year, said Ron Owens, the spokesman for the CCC's Chancellor's Office. There are 110 community colleges in the state.

"Historically, when the California unemployment rate increases or when economic times are bad, people that are laid off or underemployed go back to community college to improve themselves, improve their marketability, and improve their skill sets,"

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### Advocating for Olympic

**Editor:**

Councilmember Kevin McKeown is quoted as saying he hasn't met anyone who advocates the light rail all the way down Olympic Boulevard?

Let me be that person.

In a city where the city itself is taken to task for hypersensitive citizens' concerns for near every attempt to improve the quality of life here, when the time comes for the opposition to the rail project to begin pouring in for the city to start paying out all those claims from impacted neighbors, you'll regret not having used Olympic.

Olympic is wide enough, the cross streets are further apart, there is great opportunity for a new commercial zone, the street is safe enough with a buffer between either side of the path, one side is a half block from the existing freeway, and there are scant few residences within a short distance to the opposite side.

It just makes sense to me to route all the way down to a terminus. All of the commercial sites that the historic line serviced no longer exist on Colorado. But instead of me telling the council why Olympic should be used over Colorado, suppose the council tells me why Olympic shouldn't be the correct choice? Because I cannot fathom any advantage Colorado would have instead.

**Stewart Resmer**
Santa Monica

### A bargain is not always a bargain

**Editor:**

Like everyone else these days, I'm looking for every which way to save money. This cleaner located near Eighth Street on Pico Boulevard – Georgio Cleaners – advertises great prices. What they don't tell you is how poor the quality of their workmanship is and how they don't stand behind their work. After spending $37 there, all my shirts were returned without starch, though requested, so poorly ironed that I'll have to take them elsewhere to be redone, and one with new red stains on the back of the shirt that didn't exist before. A suit blazer had to go back twice because it was returned with the same stains with which it went in. But worst of all, they destroyed a brand new pair of slacks I just bought seven weeks ago ($180) and only wore twice. All they had to do was wash out the mud at the bottom of each pant leg. Not only didn't they do it, but they ironed the dirt back in and the stains spread. After sending them back a second time, they lost my pants. I instructed them to call me as soon as they found them, not to iron them again, and that I wouldn't be paying for this. Instead, well you guessed it, they ironed them with the same stains there – now permanently imbedded, and with a button missing, and I was charged for them. The manager was supposed to call me back five days ago. I'm still waiting. The Better Business Bureau is now aware of them. Actually, had I checked the BBB Web site first, I would have seen that the store has a "D" rating. So to all you penny-pinchers, remember, a bargain is not always a bargain and sometimes you get exactly what you paid for – and much, much less.

**Linda Moscona**
Santa Monica



## Going Postal

**Steve "the Mailman" Breen** — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

# Part 2: Neither snow nor rain nor sleet ...

AS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IS THE acknowledged Republican ancestor of the U.S. Postal Service after having served as the first colonial-era postmaster general, what would Ben say to the "suits" of the Google challenged USPS who have driven a government affiliated corporate monopoly into the economic ditch? As the extant master of fiscal frugality, I'm sure that Dr. Franklin would recommend some very simple adjustments to trim the "fat" from the budget.

1. Simplify your operation. The more complicated the scheme, the easier it is to screw up. The first step would be to fire every "efficiency expert" that has ever been hired. Obviously, if the USPS is a couple of billion dollars in the red with projected losses heading to over $6-plus billion in the coming year, then the postmaster general needs to pass out some swords for these alleged "experts" to fall upon or face criminal prosecution for expelling too much CO2 and contributing to global warming. Their forced departure saves big bucks on unnecessary payroll. Include PR lackeys, too. Their sole purpose is to provide political cover over embarrassing emetics by bureaucratic nitwits that couldn't find their backsides with both hands. There, I just saved the USPS even more money.

2. Stop using computer models as a justification for performance workload versus labor cost containment. A computer readout is binary-coded spew, with no bearing in the real world, that is generated for non-combatant office weenies to justify their pernicious existence. When a computer can physically walk the mail up a flight of stairs, let me know. I want to see what kind of running shoes your PC wears.

Technology should be the slave of the worker not the other way around. Screw the computer paper chase, I've got mail to deliver.

3. Trust the USPS "Smurf Army" (carriers and clerks). They know more than management does. In my office there are three career mailmen that have a combined work experience of over 90 years delivering mail. So how does a manager whose real age is half of that work experience gainsay the wisdom of his/her betters?

4. Low-tech advertising. Put the big blue mailboxes back in the neighborhoods. They were the cheapest, most visible, physically tangible and cost effective dual purpose advertising for our bottom line. What part of "out of sight, out of mind" don't you fathom? Management can't exculpate the malfeasance of their business acumen because mail volume is down if management has eliminated a daily visceral reminder to the public of our services. I don't care if there is just a single letter in that box at the end of the day as that single letter may be the difference between floating in a fiscal black sea or drowning in the red one if you get my drift.

5. Take off your power doofus necktie and use it as a headband. For 30 days every 12 months all managers, from the postmaster general to floor supervisor, must re-qualify as a grunt in the Smurf Army whether as a mailman, clerk, trucker, janitor or whatever. You will garner more respect from the troops if you participate in the stupidity of the rarefied policies that you've green-lighted and mayhap exercise more caution in the implementation of future stupidities. And if you can't hang in the trenches then the USPS can save more money by delivering you to the nearest unemployment line. It works for the military.

6. We are not sexy! Ben Franklin was a known horn-dog of such renown that Bill Clinton would blush. Tap into the culture. Sex sells! Why spend $35 million to watch some guy with one testicle chase a yellow T-shirt in a French bike race (booooring!) when you could make a commercial, at a fraction of that sum, featuring box office American blockbuster "Iron Man" flying an Express Mail package through a gauntlet of bad weather, Muslim terrorists and a pack of rabid chihuahuas to its destination? When it's delivered, have the actor take off the Iron Man helmet to reveal … ta-DA!! … actor/politician Fred Thompson dressed as Ben Franklin giving the thumbs up or maybe even Jessica Simpson (my personal choice) with the suit half unzipped.

What would you rather watch?

Editor's note: This is part two of a four part series.

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## Word in Edgewise

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# Governor needs to use his muscle

SACRAMENTO WAS THE PLACE TO BE this past weekend. Lance Armstrong was in town for time trials in the Tour of California, Gov. Schwarzenegger was in his office trying to get his fellow Republicans in the Assembly and the Senate in line behind his budget, and some 2,500 high school students had descended upon our state capital for the 61st California Youth & Government Model Legislature and Court.

While I'm happy to report that the Y&G delegates (especially the two dozen or so members of the Santa Monica delegation) handled themselves and their business in a manner that makes me optimistic about the future, the other two came out of the weekend looking like bumbling idiots.

Lance left his one-of-a-kind $10,000 bike in a truck parked behind his hotel on Saturday night and woke up to find it gone on Sunday morning, and Arnold had his bluff called by Republican Sen. Dave Cox of Fair Oaks and now has to either fire 10-20,000 state workers (many of whom live in Cox's district) or go hat-in-hand to Sen. Abel Maldonado of Santa Maria to secure his vote. For Schwarzenegger, who has achieved most things in his life through the force of his will, to be punked like this has got to be personally and professionally humiliating — and it's time for him to fight back.

It will only take three Republicans in the Assembly and three Republicans in the Senate to pass this budget (and all three Assembly votes as well as two Senate votes are in place), so it shouldn't be this hard to make a deal. Despite the fact that the bill contains about $14 billion in tax increases (and most GOP lawmakers have taken an anti-tax pledge), Schwarzenegger and the Republican leadership merely need one of their members in the Senate to come along with them to avoid economic seppoku. That should be Cox, who on Saturday said, "We cannot close this budget gap with cuts alone. Now, more than ever, we must … not shy away from making the tough, but necessary, choices to balance the budget."

If you don't speak politician, when the 70-year-old, term-limited Cox refers to "tough but necessary choices," he's talking to his Republican colleagues and saying we can't simply borrow and cut our way out of this mess. He's saying Republicans will have to recognize that their pledge not to increase taxes may be popular with the right-wing talk radio crowd, but isn't workable in the real world. It's clear that on some level, he understands the problem and the solution. What is less certain is what it's going to take to get him on board — and it's Gov. Schwarzenegger's job to find out, then make a deal to secure Cox's vote. Arnold's legacy in California and his political future, whatever it may be, depend on it.

The alternative to Cox is Sen. Maldonado, though they are both ideologues in similar ways. Cox, who wouldn't vote for the bill, but was frustrated by inaction in a Senate session Sunday night, seems to be illogically ambivalent.

The 42-year-old Maldonado, who has been involved in electoral politics from the tender age of 26, imagines himself as a crusader for Latinos. This wouldn't be as much of a problem as Cox's waffling on the tax issue if not for the fact that the Santa Maria senator sought Schwarzenegger's endorsement when he ran for state controller in the 2006 GOP primary and didn't get it.

He's had his proverbial panties in a bunch ever since. In a slightly-veiled reference to the fact that he voted for the governor's minimum wage increase earlier that year, Maldonado talked after his primary loss about a "lack of respect" saying, "Our governor cares about one thing only, and that's Arnold Schwarzenegger. When he needs Latinos, Latinos are always there for him. When Latinos need him, the answer's been 'no.'"

Though Maldonado later apologized, it was easy for him to vote against this budget when he found out that it contained $1 million for new furniture in the state controller's office. At the end of the day, however, the man is a strawberry farmer turned legislator representing about 2 percent of California from his Central Valley district. I'm not saying he shouldn't be taken seriously, but I am saying the governor shouldn't let him stand in the way of a budget being passed.

It's time for the governor to use the power of his office to shame Cox and/or Maldonado into abandoning their ideologies and grudges and doing the right thing for California. After all, if he's going to blow off his ceremonial duty to meet with the 61st Youth Governor so he can get a budget passed, Arnold had better do his actual duty and get his fellow Republicans in line.

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## The Q Line

**Cutting back**

The City Council recently revealed that it will be facing significant reductions in revenue during the next couple of years. The Board of Education, too, has expressed fears that the next few budget cycles are going to be tough all around.

**So this week's Q-Line question asks:**

If cuts have to be made to services, which do you feel should be first to go under the knife?

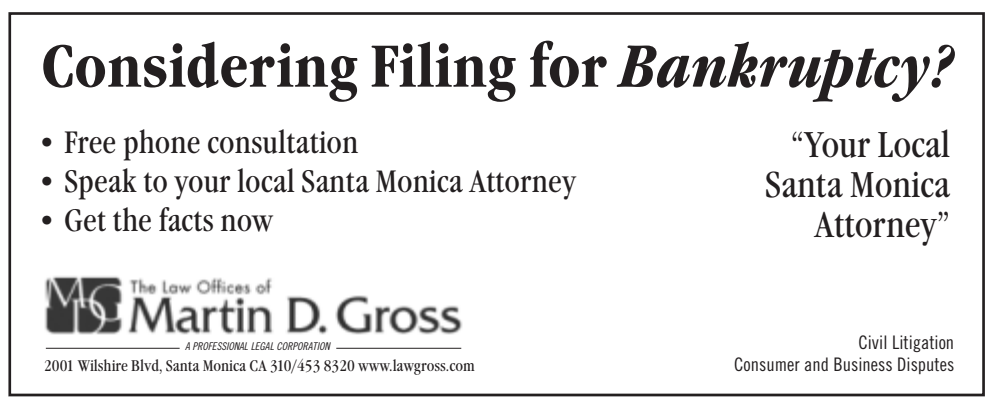
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ECONOMY

# Obama signs huge stimulus package

**BY LIZ SIDOTI AND TOM RAUM**
Associated Press Writers

DENVER Racing to reverse the country's economic spiral, President Barack Obama signed the mammoth stimulus package into law Tuesday and readied a new $50 billion foreclosure rescue for legions of Americans who are in danger of losing their homes.

There was no recovery yet for beleaguered automakers, who were back in Washington for more bailout billions. General Motors Corp. said it was closing plants, Chrysler LLC said it was cutting vehicle models and both said they were getting rid of thousands more jobs as they made their restructuring cases for $5 billion more for Chrysler and as much as $16.6 billion more for GM. The United Auto Workers union said it had agreed to tentative concessions that could help Detroit's struggling Big Three.

Anything but reassured, Wall Street dove ever lower. The Dow Jones industrials fell 297.81 points, closing less than a point above their lowest level in five and a half years.

Obama focused on the $787 billion stimulus plan, an ambitious package of federal spending and tax cuts designed to revive the economy and save millions of jobs. Most wage-earners will soon see the first paycheck evidence of tax breaks that will total $400 for individuals and $800 for couples.

The stimulus package was a huge victory for Obama less than one month into his presidency. But he struck a sober tone and lowered expectations for an immediate turnaround in the severe recession that is well into its second year.

"None of this will be easy," he said. "The road to recovery will not be straight. We will make progress, and there may be some slippage along the way."

Still, he declared, "We have begun the essential work of keeping the American dream alive in our time."

Underscoring energy-related investments in the new law, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden flew separately to Denver where the president signed it at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science before roughly 250 people including alternative energy business leaders. Earlier, the pair examined solar panels on the museum's roof.

On Wednesday, Obama will outline another big piece of his recovery effort — a $50 billion plan to help stem foreclosures — in Arizona, one of the states hardest hit by the mortgage defaults that are at the center of the nation's economic woes.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner mentioned the housing program last week as he rolled out a wide-ranging financial-sector rescue plan that could send $2 trillion coursing through the financial system. Obama is expected to detail how the administration plans to prod the mortgage industry to do more in modifying the terms of home loans so borrowers have lower monthly payments.

More than 2.3 million homeowners coast-to-coast faced foreclosure proceedings last year, an 81 percent increase from 2007. Analysts say that number could soar as high as 10 million in the coming years, depending on the severity of the recession.

In Denver, Obama said the stimulus package had received broad support in Washington and elsewhere, though Democrats pushed it to passage with only three Republican votes in the Senate and none in the House.

One of the biggest public spending programs since World War II, the new law is designed to create jobs in the short term and to boost consumer confidence to battle the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. It also makes down payments on Obama's health care, energy and education goals.

Taking the long view, Obama cast the law as just "the beginnings of the first steps" to jerk the country out of a crisis he inherited from GOP President George W. Bush.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs, asked by reporters, would not rule out another stimulus in the future, though he said a sequel was not in the works "at this point." He added, "The president is going to do whatever he thinks is necessary to get our economy moving again."

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# Local college sees spike in enrollment during recession

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Owens said.

There are other reasons that can be attributed to the spike, including the fact that the University of California and California State University are redirecting thousands of students to the community colleges because they are experiencing cuts at their level, Owens said. More students are also looking to attend a community college before transferring to a university because of the lower tuition, which costs $20 a unit.

"It's a perfect storm of all these factors contributing to the increase in our enrollment," he said.

Owens said he expects enrollment to continue increasing.

Going back to school will offer Easter a chance to change her career.

She is hoping to transfer to either UCLA or Long Beach State and eventually go for her master's degree. The goal is to work in museum curation.

Easter said has met older students in her classes who are unsatisfied with their careers and exploring a different field.

"I absolutely love going to school and I feel like it has a really positive effect on my confidence as a person," she said. "I really feel like it's going to create a really positive change in my career and the path that I'm on."

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# Hit-and-run victim in critical condition

FROM HIT-AND-RUN PAGE 1

shape of "a cat's eyes," said Santa Monica Police Department Investigator Chris Dawson. Witnesses initially said the vehicle involved in the crash was a red SUV or truck.

The incident, which occurred on Jan. 17, 2009, at about 12:30 a.m., involved a 33-year-old bicyclist later identified as Daniel Seeck. Police said Seeck was struck at the corner of Arizona Avenue and 20th Street. He was transported to a local hospital where he is listed in critical condition.

Ty Pennington, the host of ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the hit-and-run driver. Seeck is the cousin of one of Pennington's managers.

Police believe Seeck was riding his bike at night without a light. He was not riding with a helmet either, police said.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Dawson at (310) 458-8954, or Sgt. Larry Horn at (310) 458-8950. The watch commander is also available 24 hours a day at (310) 458-8427.

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# Samohi soccer begins title defense

FROM SAMOHI PAGE 1

pionship run graduated, he thinks this year's team is talented enough to make some noise in the postseason. The team finished this season 12-6-4 overall and 6-4-1 in league play.

Rodriguez said that he doesn't know much about Gladstone, but is confident that his team will rise to the occasion.

"It should be a battle," he said. "I like our chances."

Without much knowledge of the squad his team is facing, Rodriguez said that he just wants his guys to play their regular style and "hope for the best."

Hoping not to sound overly confident, he feels that his team "won't have any trouble with [Gladstone]."

On a team that has had a few chemistry problems this season, Rodriguez hopes those issues are a thing of the past once his team takes the pitch.

"I feel confident gong into the playoffs," he said. "The issue is going to be what team shows up for me. We tend to be inconsistent at times and we have been making mental mistakes near the end of games."

Since the regular season ended last week, Rodriguez has been working his team hard during practice. He's been talking with them about the different scenarios they may face during the playoffs and hoping it gets through to them.

He spent time this week showing the team video of many of the mistakes it made during the season and giving his players advice on how to eliminate those shortcomings.

While he's done his best to prepare them for what lies ahead, he is a bit concerned that last season's success may being going to the heads of his players.

"The players feel confident, sometimes a little too confident," he said. "They don't mind playing away, they don't mind playing anybody."

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# High school playoffs flush with local teams

**BY DANIEL ARCHULETA**
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE This season has been kind to area sports teams.

Santa Monica High School, Crossroads School, Pacifica Christian High School and St. Monica all will be heavily represented in the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs in soccer, basketball and girls water polo this year.

**SAMOHI GIRLS WATER POLO MAKES 14TH STRAIGHT APPEARANCE IN POSTSEASON**

For a team that has made the playoffs for more than a decade straight, defining success can be a bit elusive.

Girls water polo coach Matt Flanders said that making the postseason is nice, but feels that it is a given considering his team's success in recent years. Last season, his Vikings made it to the semi-finals and he hopes they have the firepower to make it that far again.

"I think [the players] are talented enough to take the stress of the playoffs," Flanders said. "We went undefeated in league. The girls have good confidence going into the game."

The Vikings will face the winner of a wild card game featuring Fullerton and Fontana high schools that was played on Tuesday. The results of that game were not announced by presstime.

Flanders said he doesn't know much about either team, but likes his Vikings' chances against either team.

"The team is coming together at the right time," Flanders said. "We've added some twists to offense and defense."

Samohi, which finished the season 16-11 overall and 10-0 in Ocean League play, will play today at 3:15 p.m. at the pool on campus.

"It's a huge advantage when you play at home," he said. "You have a home crowd, your refs; that's huge.

"Going away, not so much."

**PACIFICA HOOPS MAKING A NAME**

For a school that has been in existence for just a few years, Pacifica Christian High School has made major strides in athletics.

Athletic Director and head boys basketball coach Kevin Kelsey is proud of his team's accomplishments on the court this season.

"We're really excited," Kelsey said. "There is a little more pressure than in the past. We want to get deeper into the playoffs this year."

This will be the third playoff appearance for the Seawolves. Last season, the team won its first-ever playoff game and Kelsey would like to build on that accomplishment.

The Seawolves, who are the third seed in this year's playoffs, finished the season 21-3 overall and 14-0 in Mulholland League play.

Pacifica will play First Lutheran High School from the Omega League today at Culver City High School.

While his school may be somewhat new to the playoffs, he said his players are taking it in stride.

"They are much looser than I am," Kelsey said. "I think that comes with being younger."

**OTHER SCHEDULED GAMES**

• Santa Monica High School boys basketball (19-7 overall and 6-4 in Ocean League play) will play Montclair High School today on the road. Montclair finished the season 14-10 overall and 6-4 in Mt. Baldy League play.

• St. Monica boys basketball will play at Milken High School today. The Mariners finished the season 17-9 overall and 5-5 in Camino Real League play.

• Crossroads School's boys basketball team, which just squeaked into the playoffs, will play Division V-AA co-No. 1 seed Desert High School on the road today. The Roadrunners finished the season 10-14 overall and 5-5 in Olympic League play.

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**A student walks down 20th Street in the rain on Tuesday morning on her way to school. While the Southland has been hit by rainstorms for the last week or so, forecasters are predicting sunny skies for the remainder of this week with temperatures around 66 degrees.**

# Candidates include familiar names from past elections

FROM **COUNCIL** PAGE 1

adoption of the Land Use and Circulation Element, which the commission has also been working on for several years. The planning document would help dictate development in Santa Monica for the next 20 years or more.

"I want to make sure that we correctly follow through and it happens the way it should happen," Pugh said.

Many of the candidates ran for council in previous elections, including a handful from the most recent one in November, such as environmentalist Linda Piera-Avila, Herbert Silverstein, a retired stock broker, attorney Susan Hartley, Michael Kovac, a small business advisor, and the youngest of them all, John Blakely, who is an actor and entrepreneur. Patricia Hoffman, who serves as the co-chair of SMRR, has also previously ran.

Several candidates said that they had always considered running for office but were deterred by the time commitment involved in a campaign.

"This is a chance for me to serve, which is the part I'm interested in, without the campaign, which is not the part I'm interested in," Christian Boyce, a computer consultant, said.

Boyce, 46, became more involved in civic matters several years ago when he lobbied City Hall to designate a preferential parking zone on his block in the Pico Neighborhood. He also accused a consultant hired by City Hall to count cars parked on his street of fabricating the results to show a lower number. He has long been interested in council matters.

"It's like if you don't vote, you shouldn't complain," he said. "Here is a chance to get involved so I might as well try."

A number of candidates come from the medical and law fields, including Richard Kale, a real estate attorney who points to his experience working with different municipalities for more than two decades. For Kale, who lives north of Montana Avenue, the most pressing issues facing the city include density and traffic.

"I think making the city more livable for all residents is kind of the overarching goal," he said.

He is joined by Tim Maher, a 13-year resident who has considered becoming more involved with the City Council for years. Maher, a certified public accountant, said that he is concerned with maintaining the overall quality of life in the city.

Several officials have indicated an interest in diversifying the council by perhaps adding another woman. The only woman on the council is Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor.

Among the women who have submitted their names are Jean McNeil-Wyner, a community and physician liaison at Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, Ann Greenspun, a registered nurse, and Kecia Brooke Weller, a disability rights advocate for the Westside Regional Center.

Greenspun served eight years on the board of directors for the Bayside District Corp. and was also the chairwoman for the Chamber of Commerce in 2001.

A 32-year resident, Greenspun said that she will look to other cities for best practices instead of just reinventing the wheel, and will respect the recommendations of city commissions.

"I am concerned about leaving a stable footprint for who comes behind us," Greenspun said. "There are a lot of action plans that are in the process of being implemented and I think that's great.

"We still have issues that are challenging that are being worked on but there are also opportunities."

Weller, who lives in the Wilshire-Montana neighborhood, said that she is running to advocate for the rights of disabled residents.

"I feel that I will do a great deal of good work for people with disabilities in City Hall," she said.

Residents Gordon Potik, a retired math and computer teacher for Los Angeles Unified; Barbara Andres, who works in the field of medical reporting; and Daniel Klein, who is in corporate finance; have also submitted their names for consideration.

The two latest entrants are Myung Deering and Dinah Minot Hubley, who made their candidacies known Tuesday evening.

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# Analog on way out

FROM **DIGITAL** PAGE 3

date they had spent much airtime advertising. Many of them had also booked engineering work on their antennas for that day.

The Federal Communications Commission, which wanted to ensure that no one would be entirely deprived of analog signals, cleared 421 stations to go all-digital this week.

Another 220 stations have already made the switch, including all stations in Hawaii.

The most populous places where many or all major-network stations are cutting analog this week include San Diego and Santa Barbara, Calif.; La Crosse and Madison, Wis.; Rockford and Peoria, Ill.; Sioux City, Iowa; Waco, Texas; Macon, Ga.; Scranton, Pa.; Rhode Island and Vermont.

In most cases, one station in each of those markets will continue sending analog signals until June or will offer a so-called "analog nightlight" for a few months, with limited local news and emergency broadcasts, as well as information about the digital TV transition.

The back-and-forth over the cutoff date threw both TV stations and viewers for a loop.

Jeff Long, manager of WHKY-TV, an independent station in Hickory, N.C., said the company's analog shutdown went smoothly on Saturday, but some viewers complained that they thought it had been postponed until June 12.

RadioShack Corp. circulars in newspapers this weekend had the opposite message, saying Feb. 17 was still the date for the end of analog TV. Spokeswoman Mary Delagarza said the fliers had been prepared two months in advance and could not be pulled.

Congress delayed the cutoff in large part because the fund that pays for $40 converter-box coupons had reached its spending limit. Coupons are now being issued only as fast as old ones expire unused.

The stimulus bill that President Barack Obama signed Tuesday contains $650 million in additional funding. Once that money becomes available, it can clear the backlog of 4 million coupons in a few weeks. Without a coupon, a converter box costs $45 to $80.

Joe Glynn, vice president of engineering at PBS affiliate WVIA-TV near Scranton, Pa., said the station got a dozen calls in the past two days about its planned changeover at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday. The converter boxes have been a frequent subject.

"Unfortunately, some of them have asked how you get the coupons for the converter box. Some of them have called asking us if we sell converter boxes. Others are calling and saying 'I got the converter, but I'm not getting anything on it' — I'm assuming because they don't have it hooked up right," he said.

He said most callers acknowledge that they only have themselves to blame for procrastinating.

"Everybody admits it's their fault. They knew it was coming," he said. "Some people seemed to be mad at themselves for not doing something sooner."

Even converter boxes that are correctly installed may drop some channels. That's because apart from killing analog, many stations are also changing to new digital frequencies.

Viewers who were already watching the digital signal, either through a converter box or a digital TV set, will lose the channel until they force the device to "rescan" the airwaves.

In addition, many households will find that they need new antennas. Digital signals generally come in better than analog ones, but they are not received well by some older antennas.

Spokeswoman Lea Sloan at PBS said that a rising number of calls to member stations are from people who are getting digital signals, but not all the ones they want.

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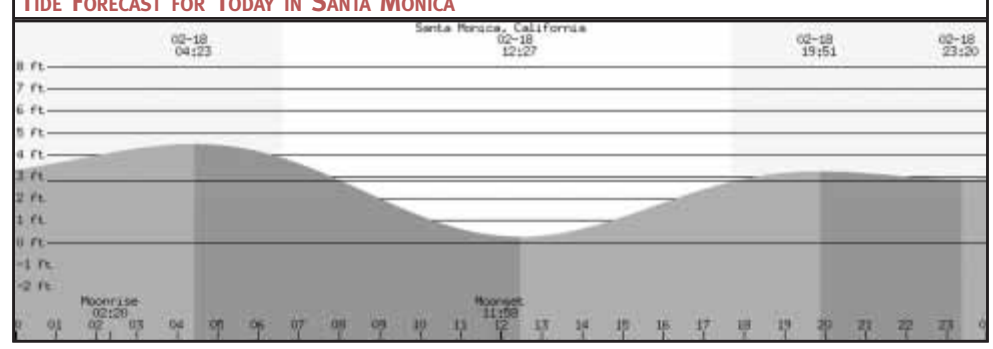
### Swell Forecast ( 1-1 FT )

**Wednesday the 18th the wind swell should back down. Chest+ is the call based on the models today. Being remnant wind swell, it may likely still be rather junky.**

### Long Range Synopsis

**Thursday the 19th looks smaller as the wind swell fades further. Waist+ is the call for most all west and south facing breaks. Weather should improve nicely, but winds are a toss-up right now.**

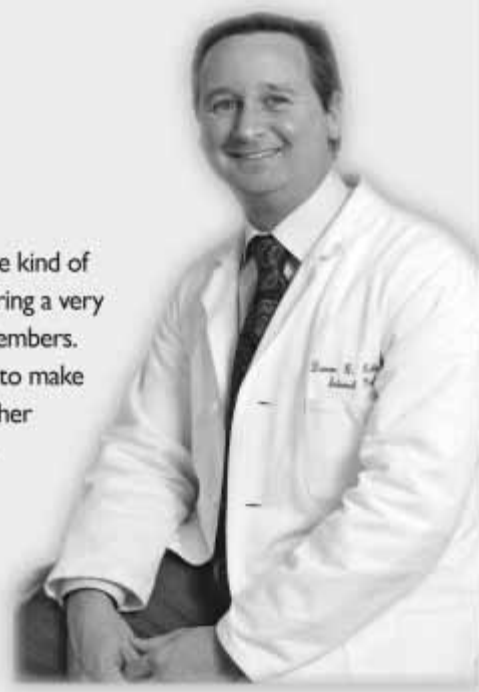
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BEACH REPORT CARD

# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **February 10, 2009**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

**QUICK STATS** (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 11
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 30

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth | A+ | D |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth | A+ | B |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisa creeks | A+ | A+ |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach | A+ | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth | A+ | F |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth | A+ | B |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private) | A+ | A+ |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth | A+ | D |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach | A+ | F |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth | A | F |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach | A+ | A+ |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth | A+ | A+ |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd. | F | B |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence | A+ | A+ |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily | F | F |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east | A+ | F |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon | A+ | B |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero) | A+ | F |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs | D | F |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach | A+ | A+ |
| Tuna Canyon | A+ | A+ |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth | A | F |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach | F | F |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach | A+ | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain) | A+ | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence | A+ | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain | F | B |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua) | F | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain | B | D |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain | A+ | F |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier | F | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain | A | F |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms) | A+ | F |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain | A+ | F |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain | A+ | D |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain | A+ | F |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south | A+ | F |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St. | A+ | B |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower | B | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth | C | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain | A+ | A+ |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach | A+ | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty) | A+ | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain | A+ | B |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant | A+ | F |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain | A+ | F |

**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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## MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
**1328 Montana Ave.**
**(323) 466-FILM**

**The Enchanted Cottage (1924) (NR) 1hr 11min**

**Wuthering Heights (1939) (G) 1hr 43min**
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
**1441 Third Street Promenade**
**(310) 458-1506**

**Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 1hr 27min**
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

**Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min**
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15

**Milk (R) 2hrs 08min**
1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00

**Defiance (R) 2hrs 17min**
12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45

AMC 7 Santa Monica
**1310 Third St.**
**(310) 289-4262**

**The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2hrs 48min Closed Captions and Descriptive video**
3:00, 6:30

**Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min**
1:35, 4:05, 7:05, 9:35

**The Uninvited (PG-13) 1hr 27min**
10:00

**Coraline 3D (PG) 1hr 40min**
1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25

**Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min**
1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55

**Push (PG-13) 1hr 51min**
1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50

**Friday the 13th (2009) (R) 1hr 35min**
2:20, 4:45, 7:40, 10:05

**The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min**
2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 9:45

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**1332 Second St.**
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**Crips and Bloods: Made in America (NR) 1hr 33min**
1:00, 9:55

**Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 44min**
1:50, 4:30, 7:20

**Waltz With Bashir (R) 1hr 30min**
3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

**Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min**
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

**The Wrestler (R) 1hr 45min**
1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Mann's Criterion Theatre
**1313 Third St.**
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**The International (R) 1hr 58min**
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

**Gran Torino (R)**
11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30

**Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min**
12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00

**Hotel for Dogs (PG) 1hr 40min**
11:30am, 2:00, 4:20, 6:40

**He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min**
12:40, 3:40, 7:00, 9:00, 10:20

**The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min**
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

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# Focus on the big picture, Taurus

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Fatigue could be a factor in seeing the big picture. Read between the lines, and don't feel as if you need to take a stand or be a leader. Much comes up from out of left field. Take your time and look at the whole story. Tonight: Vanish into your imagination.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Work with a partner directly. You might not understand everything you see, but stay focused on your goals, meetings and gathering support for what you need. You might feel stalemated by what occurs. Tonight: Focus on the big picture.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others dominate at an unprecedented level. How you handle a problem could define a relationship. Be willing to make that effort to reach out to others. You'll discover what is important as you detach and ask questions. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture, whether you are looking at work, an emotional issue or just planning a retreat for a few days. You could find that surprises aren't grounded in sound logic. Tonight: New insights will head in your direction if you remain open.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Continue to brainstorm and get down to basics. Your ability to sort the facts from fiction might be important in avoiding a risk. You can be very nice and simply say "no." Tonight: Relax.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Defer to a partner more often. Investigate possibilities that others toss in your lap, refusing to say no automatically. Your knee-jerk reaction could be off. Think in terms of gains and growth as you view these ideas. Tonight: Go for an emotional risk.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing, though there might be a lot of activity around work. You might long for more personal comments and interactions. You are on top of your game — no matter what, trust your instincts. Tonight: Head home early.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Watch your spending, as before you know it, you could be in a rut. Relax and follow through with givens. You could be more tired than you realize. Slow down some, especially if you are hitting roadblocks. Relax, take a brisk walk or schedule a half-day. Tonight: Regain your strength.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Listen to suggestions and sort them out. You have a lot going for you. Investigate opportunities involving funds, career and investment. One "no" doesn't mean you will get all "no's." Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget when you pay your bills.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Think in terms of new beginnings. You might not be able to start right now, but in the very near future. Establishing a game plan is important. Understanding grows, and you might need to adapt to a situation. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Where your friends are is where the action is. Listen to the news, and understand what is happening. Investigate what is happening behind the scenes — you could be surprised. Trust your instincts. Tonight: Take in new information rather than complain.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Think a step ahead; consider what is going on. Your strong personality helps you lead others and get their attention and dedication. Your ability to move forward and touch base is dependent on these abilities. Tonight: Find your friends.

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

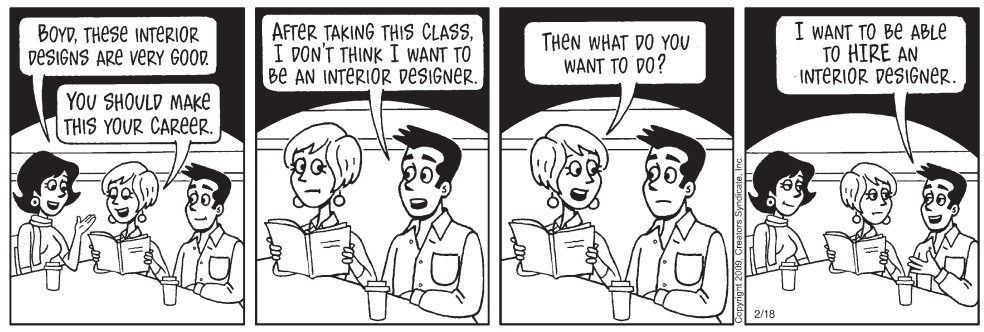
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By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



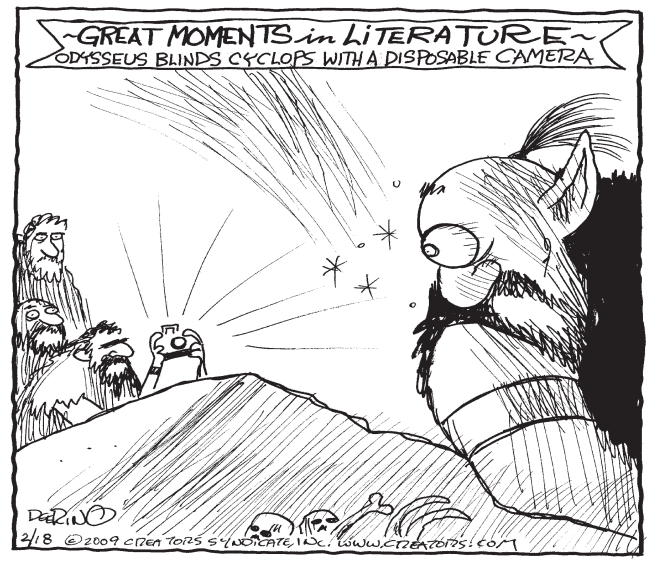

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# CROSSWORD

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Croquet setting
**5** Village residents
**11** Beige
**12** Flowering shrub
**13** Opposite of "ja"
**14** Pad
**15** Dray puller
**16** Some evergreens
**17** Show gratitude to
**19** Stir-frying vessel
**22** Toil
**24** Cast's place
**26** Promptly, in memos
**27** Irritate
**28** Jeans material
**30** Out of bed
**31** Blue
**32** Underway, to Holmes
**34** Move like a moth
**35** Naughty
**38** Wordy
**41** Congress worker
**42** Comfort
**43** A party to
**44** Mountain goats
**45** Daring

**DOWN**

**1** Musical Horne
**2** Deck toppers
**3** Watch part
**4** Sister, of sorts
**5** Classic language
**6** Arkansas range
**7** Truck parts
**8** Everything
**9** Golfer Trevino
**10** Plopped down
**16** Way off
**18** Rain dance tribe
**19** Elastic site
**20** Eyeball
**21** Enthusiastic
**22** Young fellows
**23** Cruising
**25** Jazz combo
**29** Ill will
**30** Hogwash
**33** Repairs
**34** Linen source
**36** Wildly eager
**37** Turn down
**38** Omega preceder
**39** Hold up
**40** Flamenco cheer
**41** Pizzeria buy

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1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:43.14

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Life Imitates the Three Stooges: In January, inmates Regan Reti, 20, and Tiranara White, 21, who had been booked separately for different crimes on New Zealand's North Island and were handcuffed together for security at Hastings District Court, dashed out of the building and ran for their freedom. However, when they encountered a streetlamp in front of the courthouse, one man went to the right of it and the other to the left, and they slammed into each other, allowing jailers to catch up and re-arrest them. (A courthouse surveillance camera captured the moment, and the video has been a worldwide sensation.)

■ Though India is recognized as a world leader in promoting the health benefits of urine, its dominance will be assured by the end of the year when a cow-urine-based soft drink comes to market. Om Prakash, chief of the Cow Protection Department of the RSS organization (India's largest Hindu nationalist group), trying to reassure a Times of London reporter in February, promised, "It won't smell like urine and will be tasty, too," noting that medicinal herbs would be added and toxins removed. In addition to improved health, he said, India needs a domestic (and especially Hindu) beverage to compete with the foreign influence of Coca-Cola and Pepsi.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1861** Jefferson Davis was sworn in as the provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

**1977** the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

**1984** Italy and the Vatican signed an accord under which Roman Catholicism ceased to be the state religion of Italy.

**2001** auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

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1. to make shiny by polishing

*noun*:

1. a polish or shine

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