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Murder suspect pleads not guilty

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE A former fugitive who was captured in Jamaica last week in connection with the shooting death of a German tourist in Santa Monica pleaded not guilty to murder and attempted robbery charges on Wednesday.

Paul Edmond Carpenter, 31, was arraigned at the Airport Courthouse one week after his arrest at a BMW dealership in Kingston where he apparently worked as a driver under the name Jermaine Thomas.

He was the last remaining suspect in the 1998 shooting death of Horst Fietze, who was visiting Santa Monica when he was allegedly approached by Carpenter, his girlfriend and two individuals attempting to rob the tourist, who himself was hanging out with a group of friends near the Lowes Santa Monica Beach Hotel.

Fietze was shot when he had trouble understanding the robbers, who fled empty handed.

While three of the suspects have since been convicted, Carpenter had managed to elude authorities for more than 10 years, possibly traveling within the United States before leaving the country.

Lamont Dion Santos, the gunman, was sentenced to 35 years to life in prison and Roshana Latiesha Roberts, who was the getaway driver, was sentenced to 13 years and four months in prison. Tyrina Lakeisha Griffin, also an accomplice, was sentenced to 16 years to life.

The Jamaican Constabulary Force detained Carpenter as he was on his way to work after the FBI received a tip about his whereabouts. Investigators had long ago concluded that Carpenter had fled the country. The FBI in 2007 announced a $20,000 award for information leading to the suspect's capture.

Carpenter, who is being held with no bail, is due back in court on March 24 for an early disposition report.

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Samohi girls hoops peaking at right time

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI A pair of third-round playoff defeats in a row has junior point guard Thea Lemberger frustrated.

In her third year on varsity, she would love nothing more than to make it to the quarter finals of the Division I-AA California Interscholastic Federation's playoffs — and perhaps even further.

"For right now, we just need to get through each game," she said. "I want to get past the third round and hopefully get us a ring."

This year offers the Santa Monica High School girls basketball team its best chance in years. Samohi finished the season second in the Ocean League and earned a no. 2 seeding in the postseason. The Vikings will parlay the lofty position into a home playoff game against Anaheim High School today at 7:30 p.m.

The Vikings, who finished the season 20-6 overall and 8-2 in league play, will be taking on a team that barely qualified for the playoffs with a 8-13 overall record and 3-7 record in Orange League play.

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HUGE VICTORY

Morgan Genser news@smdp.com

Santa Monica High School's Jainish Narain (right) battles Gladstone High's Omar Paredes for a ball during a California Interscholastic Federation wild card playoff game at John Adams Middle School on Wednesday. The Vikings won the game 8-1 and advance to the first round of the Division IV playoffs. Samohi will travel to play Norwalk High School on Friday.

Largest payback in city history finally reached

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A long-standing series of claims against a former retailer accused of failing to deliver purchased televisions was recently resolved in what officials called the largest payback in city history.

In a settlement totaling more than $145,000, nearly 100 former customers of TV Authority, whose office and retail space is currently being subleased by the Santa Monica Daily Press, have received a full refund on merchandise for which they paid but never received, said Eda Suh, a deputy city attorney.

The agreement was reached between both parties just a few weeks ago and the restitution soon began pouring in to City Hall, which distributed the refunds to the customers. As part of the settlement, the 14 charges filed against TV Authority — two counts for operating without a business license and 12 counts in violation of a state law that makes it a crime for online and telephone sellers to receive a payment without shipping the goods or providing a refund within 30 days — were dropped.

"Our goal from the beginning was to make sure the consumers received a refund

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



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.

Rockin' McCabe's

McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Enjoy the music of Blue Rodeo at McCabe's, one of the premiere bands in Canadian music history. Admission is $20. Call (310) 828-4497 for more information.

Classic 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.

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009

Free flick

Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 2 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Come for a delicious film experience with tea and sweets to accompany 'A Good Woman,' a wild story of love, sex and reputations. Admission is free. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009

Cinderella to a beat

Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m.
"Cinderella: The Musical" is an internationally acclaimed musical for everyone, featuring a charming prince, a zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters, and a zealously well-meaning stepmother. Birthday and tea parties are available with every performance. Kid tickets cost $10.50, adults are $12.50. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 or visit SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com 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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Teen scene

Youth who love to watch movies are encouraged to create their own and submit them for judging as part of the fourth annual Santa Monica Teen Film Festival, which will be held June 20 and 21.

The festival is now accepting submissions from filmmakers ages 12-18, and will accept any film in any genre from 30 seconds to 30 minutes in length.

Submissions are due by Friday, May 8 at 5 p.m., city officials said.

Locals may have to compete against out-of-state and foreign entries. All youth are encouraged to submit. Kids do not need to be present at the festival to win awards and prizes. Submission is free.

To download the entry form and to see the official rules and guidelines visit www.santamonicateenfilmfestival.com or pick up the forms at the following locations: Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center, 2200 Virginia Ave., and the Santa Monica Main Library Youth Reference Desk, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

The festival is sponsored by City Hall, including the Cultural Affairs Division, the Public Library Teen Program, the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center and City TV.

In addition to having films seen by a panel of industry professionals and a live audience, all entries will compete for awards and prizes, including a live audience choice award presented after each screening session.

The purpose of the festival is to showcase and provide an outlet for the creative talents of teen filmmakers, as well as encourage youth to use the art of filmmaking as a form of creative expression and commentary on the world in which they live.

For more information about the festival or about film submissions, please call Cultural Affairs Supervisor Justin Yoffe at (310) 458-8634 or e-mail him at justin.yoffe@smgov.net.

DAILY PRESS

SAMOHI

Football fundraising

The Southern California Australian Football League is tackling the task of easing Australian wildfire victims' troubles head on. The league will be hosting a fundraiser at SAMOHI for victims of the recent wildfires in Victoria, Australia. The event? An Australian football match.

In addition to collecting donations for the victims, members of the league are hosting a kid's clinic to teach children the basic skills of the sport, said a league press release. There will also be a raffle of prizes to thank those who make donations.

So far, authorities estimate the wildfires have killed over 200 people and have left thousands homeless. Entire families have been swallowed up by the raging fires, and with the end still days away, the death and homeless count will in all likelihood increase dramatically.

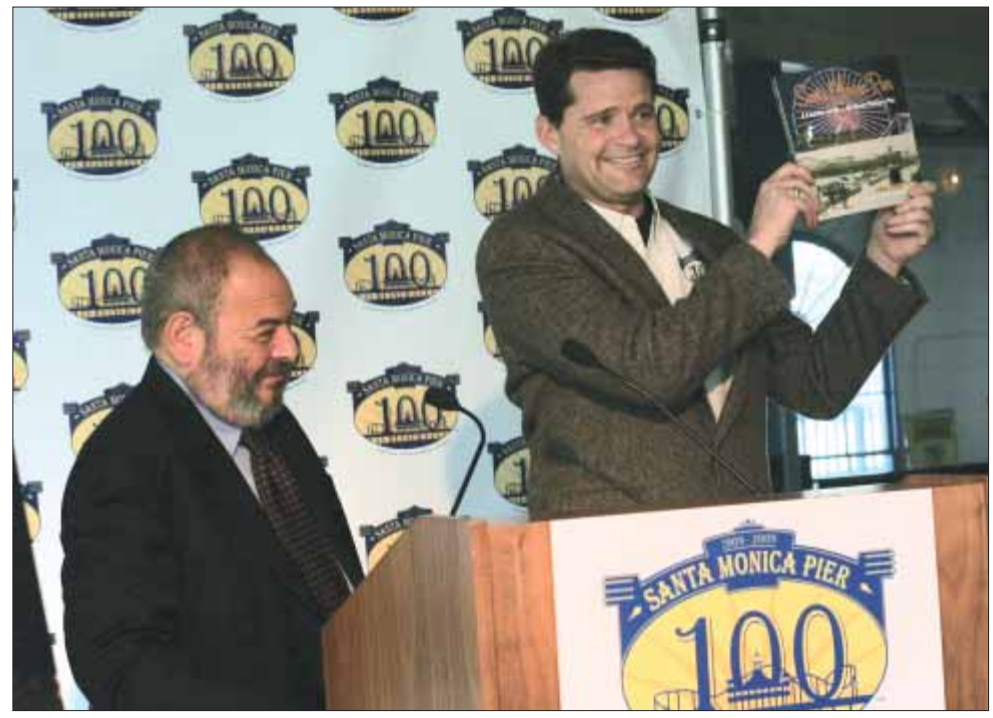
"Hell and all its fury has visited the good people of Victoria," Australian Prime Minister Paul Rudd said. "Many good people now lie dead. Many others lay injured."

All monetary donations will be sent to the Australian Red Cross, and the league will also be taking donations of used clothing for fire victims. The event will take place at Santa Monica High School on Sunday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., with the match scheduled for noon. The fundraiser is free and open to the public.

The football league is an amateur sports organization with the goal of spreading the Australian rules football game. Several players from the league have played for the U.S. in the International Cup held in Australia every three years.

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HISTORICAL TOME: **Santa Monica Pier historian and community event liaison James Harris holds up his book, 'A Century on the Santa Monica Pier: A century on the last great pleasure pier,' Wednesday during an event announcing a series of events scheduled to take place before the 100th birthday of the popular attraction. Mayor Ken Genser, left, also took part in the festivities.**

New book reflects on SM Pier history

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Jim Harris fondly remembers his first visit to the Santa Monica Pier, landing a gig as a bartender at the old Boathouse Restaurant.

Little did the recent college graduate from Colorado know at the time that the job would spark a two-decade love affair with the history of the pier and later his own published book chronicling its 100-year past.

"The interactions with the customers there included numerous fascinating stories about the pier — what had been here, what was here today, and the people who made the pier what it is today," Harris said. "It all piqued my interest, and I wanted to learn more and more about this place."

The centennial celebration of the pier kicked off on Wednesday with the public unveiling of Harris' long-awaited historical piece, "Santa Monica Pier: A century on the last great pleasure pier," and an announcement of a series of events scheduled to take place before the 100th birthday on Sept. 9. The books were delivered mid-press conference by an officer driving a vintage squad car.

The 127-page book includes photos from the pier's early days and passages on some of the biggest moments in its history, including the storm of 1983, which took out the top of the fishing deck as well as other sections, and the campaign to preserve the landmark when it was in danger of demolition. The foreword was written by actor Robert Redford, who was born in Santa Monica and visited the pier for the first time as a 4-year-old with his grandmother and was accosted by a 5-year-old child.

"I remember his hat (a sailor hat), behind him the merry-go-round on the pier circling and circling and the uneven sound of the calliope's music, fresh and tantalizing," Redford said in the foreword. "That was one of my first memories of childhood, and it burned its image in my mind forever."

Redford and singer Joan Baez both serve as the honorary co-chairs of the Centennial

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Plain and simple

Editor:

Thank you for the rundown of all the City Council hopefuls.

Let's compare November's runner-up, Ted Winterer, to the two Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights former candidates, Gleam Davis and Patricia Hoffman, and to the 2006 developer candidate, Terry O'Day.

Hoffman and Davis ran on the SMRR slate (the surest way to win an election in this city) and still lost. Davis came in fifth in a three-person race. O'Day raised and spent a lot of money by being the developers' darling and still lost.

Just three months ago Winterer received more than 12,000 votes, with no support from SMRR or developers. Rather than describing Winterer's vote count as 5,000 fewer than Katz received, it is more telling to describe it as 2,500 more than Davis received two years ago and about the same number as O'Day and Hoffman received. All these numbers are on the city Web site. People have been elected to the council with fewer than 12,000 votes.

If the council doesn't appoint Winterer next Tuesday, they will be thumbing their noses at Santa Monica voters, plain and simple.

Irene Flores
Santa Monica

Miss America, not opportunity

Editor:

Last November Santa Monica held an election for City Council. There were 13 candidates but only four seats open and the top four vote getters were certified, sworn in and took office.

Now sadly, one of them has died and I am astonished to hear that there is discussion to appoint someone other than the man who came in fifth in that election, Ted Winterer. Why is our council always so quick to bypass the public will? That election is fresh and the results ought to be respected. If some potential appointee was so anxious to be on the council, why didn't they run last fall? Winterer did and deserves that seat. The arrogance of our council is a slap in the face to the electoral process.

What if Miss America couldn't fulfill her duties at some point during her year-long reign and Bert Parks decided to replace her with Miss Congeniality instead of the first runner up? There would be an outrage. It would never happen.

I hope our City Council has at least as much integrity as the Miss America Pageant and they bring Ted Winterer onto the council. It's the right thing to do.

Dick Orton
Santa Monica





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Meredith C. Carroll — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Complaints going coach

UNITED AIRLINES QUIETLY ANNOUNCED last week that it's pulling the plug on a customer call center in India that fields passenger complaints (and, uh, compliments). The nation's no. 3 airline has stopped publishing its customer service number and will disconnect it entirely at the end of April, at which time travelers wishing to express an opinion after a flight will have to send a letter or e-mail.

According to a spokeswoman for the airline, "We did a lot of research, we looked into it, and people who e-mail or write us are more satisfied with our responses."

While earning unanimous accolades for the decision (except from the soon-to-be former employees at the United call center in India), the first group that publicly expressed enthusiastic support for the move is the U.S. Postal Service.

By calculating the size of the United Airlines fleet, the number of flights per day and then factoring the number of complaints (and, uh, compliments) that are likely registered after each one, post offices nationwide are figuring United passengers could save the rapidly sinking postage industry at the precise moment the phone number is taken out of service.

Not far behind with its backing was the paper and pen industry.

Paperies and ink manufacturers from coast to coast have reportedly been breathing sighs of relief that their all but obsolete professions have a newfound purpose. (The trees, however, are said to be beside themselves and trying to summon the strength and courage to brace for what is expected to be an enormous up tick in deforestation. The announcement of a march on Washington is expected any day.)

But the change is garnering the highest approval ratings among passengers. Frequent fliers averse to human interaction are ecstatic knowing that they will no longer have to attempt to describe their travel experiences over the phone.

Instead, United has granted them the privilege to carefully craft their words and spend 42 cents (which is chump change, of course, compared to the $15 fee for the first piece of checked luggage, $25 for the second, $6 for a SnackBox with a square of Hershey's dark chocolate and a cheese stick plus an optional $50 for a celebrated 6 inches of additional space — bringing the total amount of leg room to 8 inches — in Economy Plus) to mail in their thoughts, which will no doubt be carefully reviewed and acknowledged in well under two years.

Thousands of travelers are sure to rave in their letters about United's policy of not allowing pre-boarding for families with small children unless there's a medical necessity.

After all, an infant needing to get settled into a seat and fed before take off is not the problem of the flight crew or other passengers.

And just a few months after the nation broke the color barrier by electing its first black president, it's about time the air industry stopped discriminating against people without small children. If childless adults can't pre-board, why do hungry babies think they've earned the courtesy?

Of course some passengers will opt to communicate electronically once the customer service number is disconnected. Some travelers might use flight delays to their advantage, fashioning letters on their BlackBerrys or laptops while being stuck on the tarmac and skillfully ignored by the surly (and, uh, sympathetic) flight attendants after requesting additional information on the take off time.

THOSE SAVVY ENOUGH TO SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATE UNITED.COM AND FIND THE CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REAP INSTANT GRATIFICATION UPON RECEIVING AN AUTOMATED RESPONSE THANKING THEM FOR THEIR CORRESPONDENCE AND EXPLAINING THAT THEIR OPINION MATTERS.

Those savvy enough to successfully navigate United.com and find the correct e-mail address will undoubtedly reap instant gratification upon receiving an automated response thanking them for their correspondence and explaining that their opinion matters.

The spokeswoman for United said having domestic reservation agents handle written complaints (and, uh, compliments) won't cost the airline any additional money because it's preparing to cross-train reservation agents in Chicago and Honolulu to respond to letters from customers. Those employees were rumored to have jumped for joy upon hearing that their job descriptions were being fattened while their paychecks will remain static.

And the airline's reservation center in Detroit will now be the only one equipped to receive calls from enraged (and, uh, exultant) travelers.

The agents there are said to be tingling with anticipation thinking of the day this spring when they'll be on the receiving end of phone calls from people who are forced to hold for at least an hour if they want to register verbal feedback.

According to United fan Web sites, bloggers are now eagerly awaiting the airline's next announcement, thinking it may be the implementation of flights with pay-as-you-go toilets. Fingers (and legs) in all of United's major hubs are crossed.

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Capitalizing on carbon dioxide

RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS in the electro-reduction of carbon dioxide to formic acid, a valuable chemical with possible application in the steel pickling process, may offer an alternative to expensive large scale carbon capture and storage operations.

With the inauguration of President Barack Obama, the United States will soon follow in the footsteps of the European Union by introducing measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050. Obama's plan includes the introduction of a federal cap and trade system in which the government would set limits on carbon emissions by power plants, factories and other installations. Those who emit more carbon dioxide than the prescribed limit will be allowed to buy or trade permits with those that emit less. Further, Obama vows to allot $15 billion each year to stimulate private sector efforts toward a clean energy future.

Essential to industrial development, the steel industry will play a vital role in the expansion of alternative technologies including wind, solar and the production of fuel efficient vehicles. For an industry that currently emits 4 percent of the world's total greenhouse gas emissions, implementation of a carbon cap and trade system would come as a big blow. Although improvements in efficiency have dramatically decreased the industry's greenhouse gas emissions they remain a staggering 1.7 tons of carbon dioxide released per ton of steel produced. Global steel output is about 1.3 billion tons per year. Scientific advancements in carbon removal and conversion techniques are therefore paramount.

A great deal of emphasis has been placed on carbon capture and storage (CCS) as a way to deal with high carbon dioxide emissions. Carbon capture and storage is a broad term used to describe technologies that will capture carbon dioxide from point sources and store it in deep geological formations, in deep ocean masses, or as mineral carbonates. The processes involved in CCS have been demonstrated in other industrial applications, so it will likely be one part of the global solution. So far however, the associated costs and environmental risks have prohibited substantial commercial applications. In light of the economic, technical and legal challenges facing the large-scale deployment of CCS, scientists are exploring innovative strategies to convert carbon dioxide into valuable fuels and chemicals. By turning a waste product into a commodity, researchers are hoping to provide a financial incentive for companies to begin the transformation to clean technologies.

Originating at the University of British Columbia , a new technology named ERC (the electro-reduction of carbon dioxide) aims to take CO_2 directly from blast furnaces and convert it to formic acid, a valuable chemical with many industrial applications. Although the ERC process is not limited to use in the steel industry, a patented technology exists that claims the advantages of formic acid over the commonly used mineral acids for steel pickling. Such technology could provide a cyclical industrial benefit and an economic incentive for industry to take the next step toward CO_2 mitigation.

Hydrochloric acid is currently used extensively in the steel pickling process to clean the oxidized surface of hot-rolled steel during the manufacturing process. It is an aggressive, non-biodegradable acid that corrodes the surrounding plant equipment, can pit the finished steel product, and must be put through an expensive regeneration or neutralization process before it can be reused or released into the environment.

Formic acid has many potential advantages over hydrochloric acid in steel pickling, including but not limited to; producing a better product quality, the ability to be re-used from the spent solution to provide an easy, cost effective recycling process and the fact that it is non-toxic and bio-degradable. The ERC process also produces oxygen as a byproduct which can be used in the blast furnace to increase iron production.

The amount of formic acid that can be produced at any one steel plant would exceed the local pickling requirements, but the acid is widely used today in a variety of industrial processes and could replace many industrial chemicals in new applications where it becomes cost effective. New technologies also show that formic acid has the potential to play a leading role in fuel cell development, both as a direct fuel and as a fuel storage material for on-demand release of hydrogen.

As the political climate surrounding greenhouse gas emissions grows hotter it will be important for competitive companies to move towards technologies that not only reduce their environmental impact but provide an economic advantage. Innovators are working hard to find practical solutions by capitalizing on carbon dioxide as a valuable commodity instead of treating it as a waste that requires costly disposal. Now it is up to industry to take the bold steps needed to control the emission of carbon dioxide.

More information on the ERC technology can be found at www.mantraenergy.com. Mantra Venture Group facilitates investment in sustainable, commercially viable technologies. LARRY KRISTOF is the president and CEO.

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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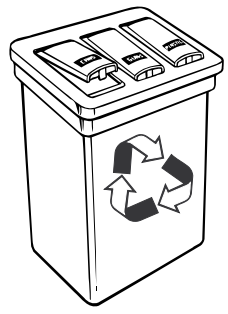




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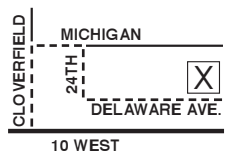


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Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Monica has developed an Annual and Five Year Plan. Through this plan the Housing Authority will advise the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), its residents and members of the public of its mission and strategies for serving the housing needs of low-income and very low-income families.

The City is seeking community comments on the proposed Public Housing Agency Plan (PHAP). A public hearing of the PHAP will be conducted by the Santa Monica Housing Authority at the Santa Monica City Council meeting on April 14, 2008 at 5:45 p.m., located at the Santa Monica City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica.

Copies of the Public Housing Agency Plan are now available to the public during a 45-day community review period ending April 6, 2007. A copy of the plan is available for review at the Main Santa Monica Public Library, the City Hall Information desk, on the website (http://www01.smgov.net/housing/HA5-yr-AnnualPlan2009.pdf) at and the Housing Authority office which is located at 2121 Cloverfield Blvd. #131. Please send your written comments by April 6, 2008 to: Santa Monica Housing Authority, 1901 Main Street, Suite A, Santa Monica, CA 90405 Attention: Annual Plan (310) 458-8740.

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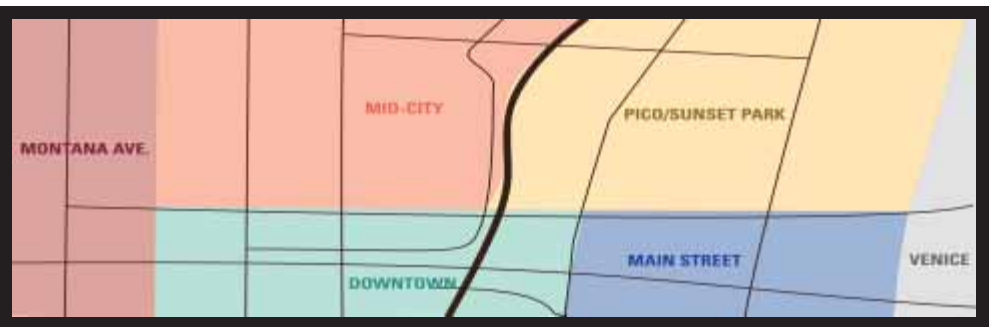
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- **Answers will be available on March 19, 2009.**
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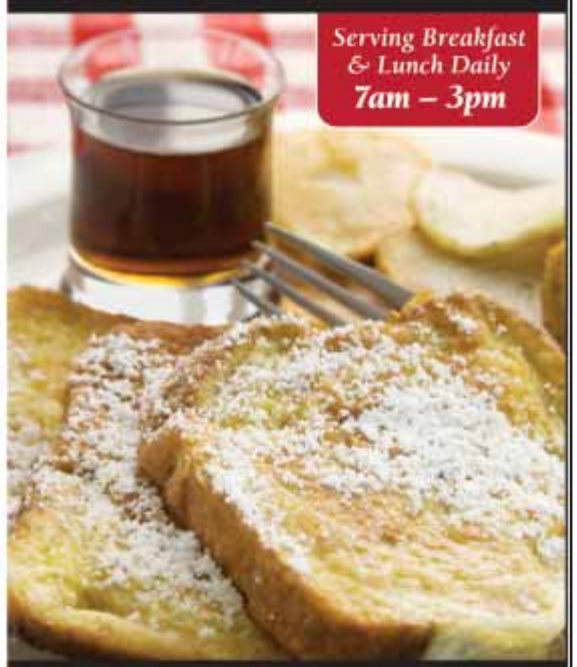
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SWEET TOUCH: **Santa Monica High School's Thea Lemberger goes up for a layup against Culver City High School earlier this season. The Vikings play Anaheim High School today at home.**

Vikings have high hopes

FROM **SAMOHI** PAGE 1

Head Coach Marty Verdugo said he doesn't know much about Anaheim, but is confident his players are focused on the task at hand.

"We understand that this is the playoffs and it brings out the best of other teams," he said. "Records mean nothing at this point. Everybody is going to come out and do their best."

The Vikings success this season was not without its disappointments. After starting the season 13-2 overall, Samohi began a three-game losing streak including two losses to Ocean League rivals. That hiccup gave the Vikings reason to reassess their situation and regroup.

From that point on, the Vikings finished the season in high gear going 7-1 down the stretch and secured a second place finish in the Ocean and setup what could be a fruitful run in this season's postseason.

"People have grown into their roles," Verdugo said. "They realize their piece to the puzzle."

Verdugo added that understanding each player's role has been the key to overcoming that mid-season slide.

Center Brenna McNamara is a prime example of filling a role. After starting the season on the bench, injuries to junior Lilly Feder and freshman Sabrina Norton forced McNamara into the starting lineup where she has become one of the team's primary contributors on defense.

"Personally for me, energy is a huge thing," McNamara said. "I like to be loud and get people going.

"Talking and communication would be my role."

Verdugo said that, aside from bringing energy to the team, McNamara has been particularly tough on the boards and defense. He said she grew into a legitimate inside presence that has been invaluable for the Vikings this season.

Senior forward Ellesse Brandis too has grown into one of the most dynamic players on the team.

"When she is bringing her 'A' game, we are at a different level," Verdugo said.

If everything comes together for the Vikings this could be the year the team finally raises a banner to the rafters of the school's gym.

"We know how good we can play, we know how bad we can play," Lemberger said. "If we take care of business, it is on us.

"If we play our best, we can't lose."

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TODAY'S PLAYOFF GAMES

- St. Monica, the no. 9 seed in the Division V-AA girls basketball playoffs, will play host Ontario Christian at 7:30 p.m. The Mariners finished the season as the third place team in the Camino Real League. The winner plays the winner of the game between no. 6 seed St. Bonaventure and Providence on Saturday.

- Crossroads girls basketball, the no. 15 seed in the Division IV-A playoffs, will host Excelsior Education Center at 7:30 p.m. Crossroads finished the season in second place in the Alpha League. The winner plays the winner of no. 2 seed Pacific Hills versus Pioneer.

- New Roads girls basketball hosts Riverside Christian in a Division V-A playoff game at 7:30 p.m. Bell-Jeff, which beat Santa Monica High School earlier this season, is the no. 1 seed in that division.

- Samohi girls soccer, which finished the season in first place in the Ocean League, will host San Luis Obispo at John Adams Middle School at 3 p.m. in a Division III matchup. If the Vikings win, they will play again Tuesday, Feb. 24.

- St. Monica girls soccer will take on L.A. Baptist at Airport Park at 3 p.m. in a Division VII game. The Mariners finished the season in second place in the Camino Real League. The winner of this game will take on the winner of Santa Monica's New Roads School versus Vasquez.

- New Roads, which made the Division VII playoffs as an at-large team from the Harbor League, will travel to Vasquez. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m. New Roads could meet fellow Santa Monica school St. Monica if both teams win first round games.

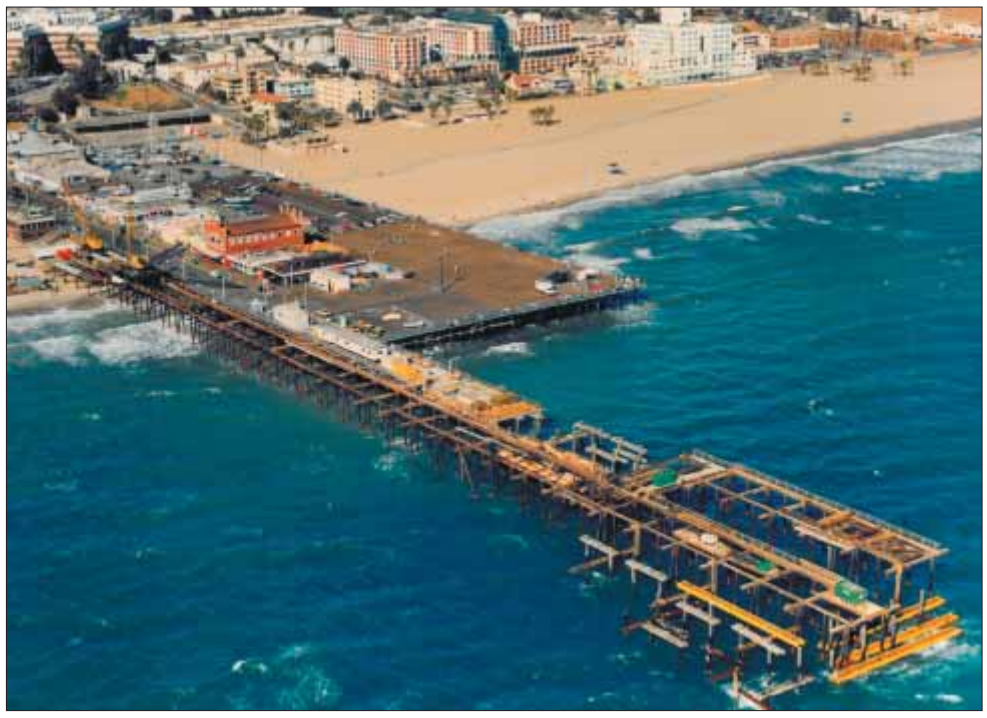


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HISTORICAL VIEW: **The Santa Monica Pier as it appeared during a 1989 renovation.**

Fireworks show planned for pier centennial

FROM **PIER** PAGE 3

Steering Committee.

Harris, who works as the community venue liaison and historian for the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp., which manages and promotes the pier, spent about two years actively putting the book together, though he had been reading old articles and collecting information for much longer. Shortly after he began working for the PRC in 2003, Harris discovered a half-dozen boxes of archives stacked in one of the office closets, using the information to publish a walking tour brochure.

During the research for the book, Harris said he discovered that the information in the brochure was not 100 percent accurate.

"I was embarrassed at first, but then realized that this was validation for my current undertaking," he said. "With the book, we would set everything right.

"That is the accomplishment that we celebrate today."

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HOOPING IT UP: **Those who attended the Santa Monica Pier's centennial kick-off celebration on Wednesday were treated to a performance by Hula Hoop master Mat Plendl, who spun multiple hoops at once while dancing. The next couple of months will bring a number of events to the pier in celebration of the centennial, including the Sideshow at the Pier on April 18, which will feature jugglers, fire-eaters and tap dancers.**

Book tells pier tale

FROM **PIER** PAGE 9

The next couple of months will bring a number of events to the pier in celebration of the centennial, including the Sideshow at the Pier on April 18, which will feature jugglers, fire-eaters and tap dancers. As a preview for the festivities to come, the press conference featured a performance by hula hoop artist Mat Plendl and a tango dance by partners Rachael McDonald, who is a TV choreographer, and Michael Espinoza.

The Sideshow at the Pier will be followed by a day-long event on June 20 for children called School's Out! A Celebration for Kids, featuring fitness activities, a fashion show and dances.

A dance party recreating the days of the historic La Monica Ballroom will be held on July 23. The celebration will culminate on Sept. 9 with a pier grand reopening ceremony and fireworks show, the largest in 18 years, said Ben Franz-Knight, the executive director of the PRC.

"We are taking care to ensure our legacy is entrusted to the next generation of dreamers, preservationists, activists and pleasure seekers," Franz-Knight said.

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For further information, please contact Megan Tabibian at (310)458-8651 extension 5109 or megan.tabibian@smgov.net.

Agreement with retailer results in refunds to jilted consumers

FROM SUIT PAGE 1

and we were able to get those results," Suh said.

An attorney for the former owners of TV Authority, which went out of business in 2007, did not return a call requesting comment.

City Hall in 2006 began receiving complaints from customers who said they paid thousands of dollars for electronics that were never delivered. The Consumer Protection Unit with the City Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against the owners of the business in 2007.

The business had experienced problems meeting the volume of orders starting in 2006, according to Suh.

"We believe they had issues with the inventory but we can't say for sure," she said.

The court in January of last year ordered the business to cease its online advertisements and post a notice letting the public know that its operations were being investigated, which led to more complaints being filed, Suh said.

The City Attorney's Office later received a full customer list for the business and contacted about 5,000 people whom they believed could be victims. Doing so increased the number of complaints to nearly 100.

"We are pleased that the business owners were willing to cooperate and do the right thing," Suh said. "In these uncertain economic times, each dollar returned is sure to help."

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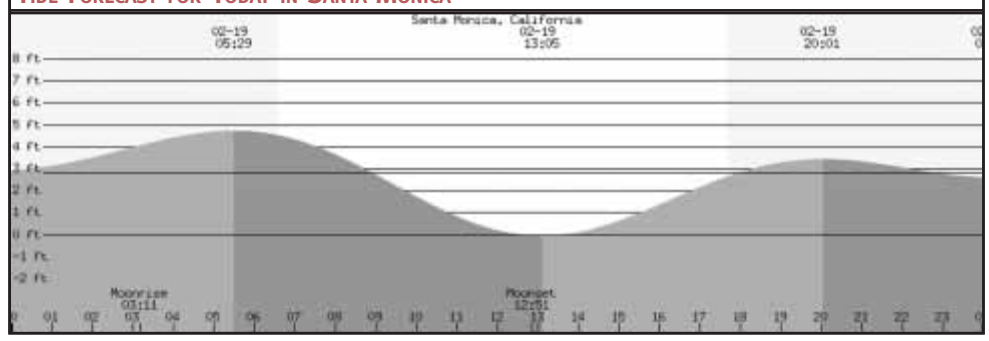
Swell Forecast (3-8 FT)

Thursday the 19th looks smaller as the wind swell fades further. Waist+ is the call for most all west and south facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Friday the 20th is when our next NW swell is due from that Gulf system (following the inverted omega) mentioned in the synopsis above.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	D
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	B
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa 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
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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
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Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	C	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	A+
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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
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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
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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

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

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.
(310) 395-1599

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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Look behind you, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Be willing to step up to the plate and make a difference. Even at the last minute, you could see someone weave in a new direction. Listen and understand what someone feels — this person also is experiencing similar problems at work. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Look behind the scenes to see what is going on. Your instincts play into your need to dig past the obvious. Try to take off any blinders in order to see a situation more clearly. You will perceive a lot on your own. Tonight: Ask someone to play devil's advocate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Make time for a trusted and adored pal. The two of you often are a force together. Be aware of what is happening behind the scenes. Listen to news with care as you see a situation evolve. Your sense of humor emerges once more. Tonight: You change directions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be a bit taken aback by news that heads in your direction. Investigate news from a friend. You might change your mind on how you feel about this person. Be creative and open to new possibilities. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ How you deal with someone could change radically because of a new perspective or a difference in your daily life. Greet change positively and openly. Your even nature makes a difference. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity pops up out of the blue. Listen to a child or loved one who seems to have a different perspective. Be willing to investigate deeper and find out what has happened. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You remain anchored, regardless of a big switch or event on the personal front. You might see a change coming; you are far from surprised. Someone might want more of your attention, and tries to get it through a power play. Tonight: Homeward bound.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Keep conversations open and flowing. Others seem to be more receptive and finally cough up the story. Listen to what is shared between you. News of importance is heading your way, which might force you to revise your plans. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ New beginnings become possible out of the blue. Big changes occur financially because they must happen. It is time for you to take a hard look at reality. Taking a stand could be appropriate, even if you are not ready. Tonight: Indulge and play.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want a change and are heralding it in, or you might be fighting a change. Either way, you greet a deep change out of the blue. Be aware of your limitations when dealing with someone at a distance. Think positively. Tonight: Look past the obvious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Know when to keep your own council and not worry so much. How you deal with a situation could change dramatically because of acknowledging a situation. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

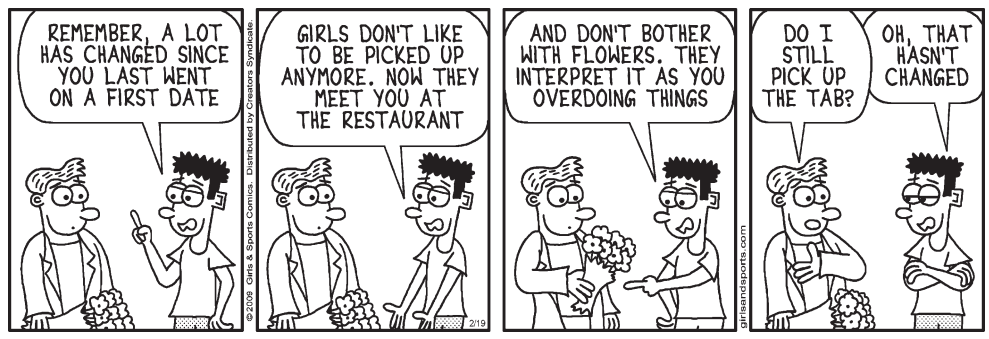
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and be willing to change directions or do something to grasp new information. Everyone looks to you for cues. Aim for more of what you want. Tonight: Where the gang is.

Happy birthday

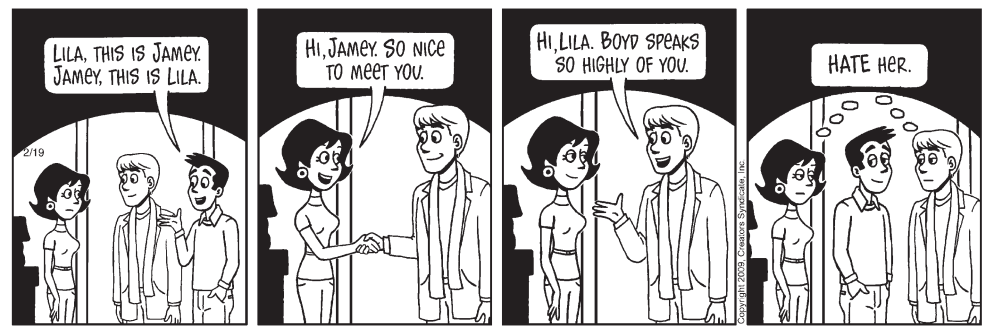
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

You will experience many changes this year, which ultimately will be for the better. How you see a situation could change during the year as well, allowing a smoother transition. In a year from now, you will have much to look back on, as you christen a new 11-year life cycle. Trust in yourself. Know that you can change the status quo. If you are single, do you want to remain single? Do you want to change your status? You are the creator of your own destiny right now. If you are attached, a greater warmth emanates from you, drawing some very romantic moments. CAPRICORN understands you well.

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Hearts, e.g.
5 Hubbub
11 Last Stuart ruler
12 Texas town
13 Basic idea
14 Grommet
15 Leave angrily
17 Tell tales
18 Lab container
22 Ribcage setting
24 Annual visitor
25 First name in horror
26 Church topic
27 Cinema statuette
30 Malice
32 Gaggle members
33 Chum
34 Nightspots
38 Cope
41 Dandling spot
42 Made flat
43 Parcel of land
44 Launch site sight
45 Dispatch

DOWN

1 Droops
2 Hand or foot
3 Pertness
4 Dropping-block game
5 Singer Laine
6 Basket-ball shots
7 Singer Franklin
8 Singer Tormé
9 Lyric poem
10 Go bad
16 Got together
19 Without talking
20 Fighting
21 Highway division
22 Plumbing problem
23 Radiator part
28 Climb
29 Library patron
30 Relaxing site
31 Winter garments
35 Car part
36 Shore flier
37 Canary snack
38 Sister of Jo, Amy, and Beth
39 One of Frank's wives
40 Writer Follett

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 0 9 4 EVENING: 2 0 2

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2nd: 12 LUCKY CHARMS
3rd: 08 GORGEOUS GEORGE
RACE TIME: 1:45.72

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ After 50 years' separation following their adoptions by separate families, identical twins Rosabelle Glasby of Australia and Dorothy Loader of Malaysia were reunited in September 2008 after a years-long search by Glasby, and she applied to bring Loader to Australia under the country's family migration policy. However, in January, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship ruled that, under the law, Loader is not related to Glasby (in that the adoption wipes out birth status).

■ Change We Can Believe In: In December, the city council in Brighton, Mich., passed an ordinance making it illegal for anyone to be "annoying" in public, "by word of mouth, sign or motions." Violators can be ticketed and fined.

■ States That Need Better Training in Arithmetic: (1) Two Maryland officials (reportedly new on the job) made a simple error in addition in 2007 (in estimating counties' property values) that was revealed in January 2009 to have cost state offices $31 million in overpayments, according to a Washington Post report. (2) In October, the Dallas school district was forced to lay off 375 teachers to ameliorate an $84 million deficit caused by a massive math error in the budget, according to a report by WFAA-TV.

■ Earlier, He Could've Gotten a Mortgage, Too: In a December test of the laxness of New York City's property-ownership office, a New York Daily News reporter walked out of the city's register of deeds with title to the $2 billion Empire State Building. His fake purchase document, with a fake notary public stamp and a fake "witness" signature (of "Fay Wray," star of the original "King Kong"), took 90 minutes to convert to an official deed, which of course came as a great surprise to Empire State Land Associates, to whose shocked representative the reporter "returned" the property the next day.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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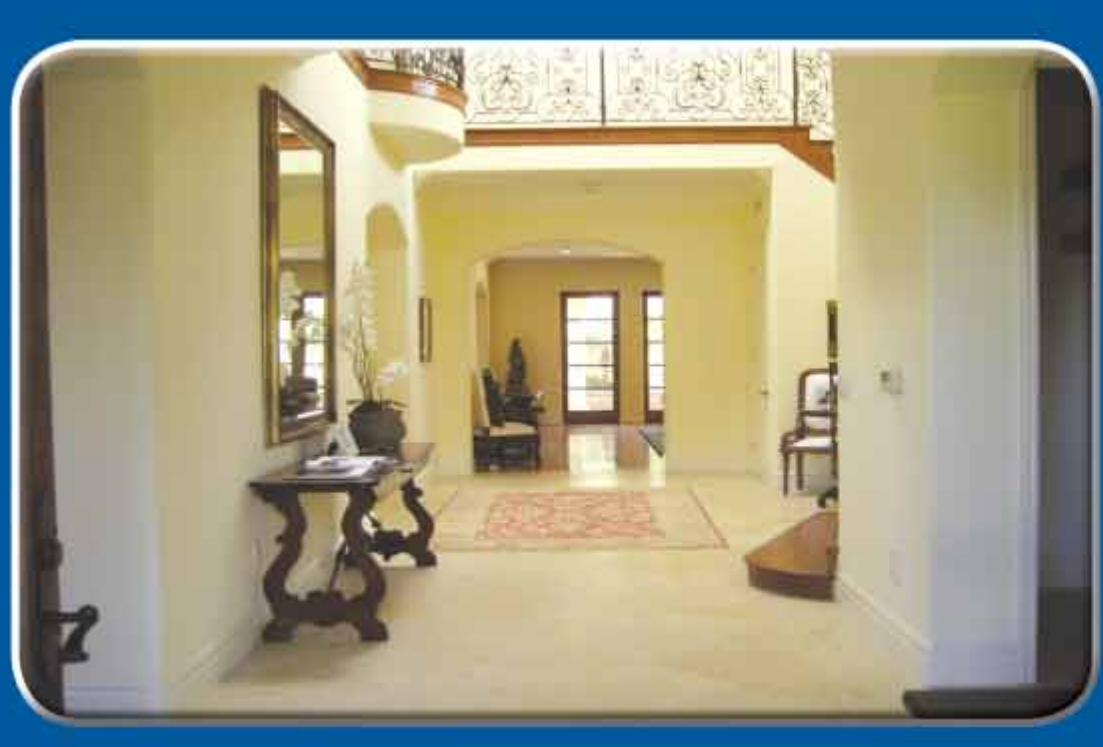
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