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THE COMPLETE COUNCIL ISSUE

SMRR co-chair gets council seat

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL It took more than a half dozen rounds of voting and a failed attempt to call a special election, but in the end a one-time candidate and political party leader was appointed to serve the next two years of late Councilmember Herb Katz' term.

Gleam Davis, a 52-year-old attorney for AT&T who finished fifth place in the 2006 council race, was selected on Tuesday to take the seventh seat on the dais, left vacant last month when a recently re-elected Katz died after a long battle with cancer. Davis was sworn in shortly after her appointment and joined her councilmembers through the rest of the evening.

She brings the gender diversity that some had expressed interest in bringing to the council, joining its only other female member, Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor, who remained committed with her vote for Davis throughout the proceedings.

"I really look forward to working with the other council members on the issues the council faces in the coming months, particularly the Land Use and Circulation Element," Davis said.

The 23-year-resident, who up until the appointment served on the Planning Commission, is also the co-chair of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the dominating political party that holds a 4-2 majority on the

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CELEBRATORY RIDE

Fabian Lewkowicz *Fabian@FabianLewkowicz.com*

After winning the Oscar for Best Picture at the 81st Academy Awards, 'Slumdog Millionaire' stars Madhur Mittal, 22, (right) and Rubiana Ali, 9, ride the Gyro Loop ride at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday afternoon.

Tide service on Main Street to continue on

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A much contested plan to reconfigure the Tide Ride and reduce coverage along Main Street was temporarily halted after officials with the Big Blue Bus decided to extend service on the line for six months.

The existing route for the Tide Ride, which travels west of Lincoln Boulevard on the Mini Blue Bus, will continue as officials come up with ways to increase ridership on one of the lowest performing lines in the system.

The Big Blue Bus will in the meantime add another route to service the Annenberg Community Beach House, which is slated to open in April. The changes were approved by the City Council on Tuesday.

The new Beach Ride is scheduled to initially operate only on the weekends from May to September from 9:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Two new Mini Blue vehicles that are small enough to fit in the Annenberg parking lot were purchased specifically for the route.

The service could be extended to the weekdays if there is the demand for it, Stephanie Negriff, director of BBB, said.

Mayor Ken Genser said he feels the new

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Pacifica Christian hoops is final four bound

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN The Seawolves asked for it.

Pacifica Christian High School's boys basketball team came into the season with a trip to the semifinals of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division VI-AA playoffs on its wish list. The team, which began playing varsity basketball just three years ago, qualified for the playoffs the two previous seasons advancing to the second round for the first time in school history last season.

The team's lofty aspirations have become reality as the Seawolves prepare to take on Tarbut V'Torah Friday at Culver City High School in the semifinals of the Division VI-AA playoffs.

"This was our goal all along," Head Coach Kevin Kelsey said during practice on

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Talking up the inauguration

Roosevelt Elementary School Auditorium
801 Montana Ave., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council as it hosts a meeting with community leaders who attended the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. recently. They will share and reflect on their experiences and interact with the audience. Light refreshments will be available. Parking is available on the school property or surrounding area. The event is free.

Meet Cornelia Funke

Every Picture Tells A Story Gallery
1311-C Montana Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Come for a chance to meet best-selling author of "Inkheart" and "The Thief Lord." Enjoy exciting book readings, refreshments, and get your book signed. Call (310) 451-2700 for more information or visit www.everypicture.com.

Where the good things are

Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
With increased interest and emphasis on locally and sustainably grown produce, customers, buyers, chefs, and farmers are pondering the future of farming and how they will be able to keep the best-tasting food on their farms and tables. A panel of farmers and chefs will discuss the philosophy and logistics of getting fresh produce from the farm to the fork. Admission is free. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Prose and poetry

Novel Cafe
212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen, and enjoy open poetry and prose readings for free every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome with a 1,000 word limit per reader. This weekly event is hosted by Forth Magazine. Call (310) 396-8566 or visit forthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php for more information.

Healthy laughter

Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway Blvd., 11 a.m. — noon
Laugh your socks off with this form of body-mind exercise for all ages and fitness levels. The Santa Monica Laughter Club is led by Kim Selbert and costs $10 per person. Call (310) 849-4642 or visit www.kimselbert.com for more information.

Friday, Feb. 27, 2009

Movies and more

WISE & Healthy Aging
1527 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
A movie and discussion will be held the second and fourth Friday of each month, followed by a lively discussion led by peer counselor Bert Dragin, who has produced, written, and directed three motion pictures. $3 per person covers film, popcorn, and discussion. Call (310) 394-9871 ext. 373 for more information.

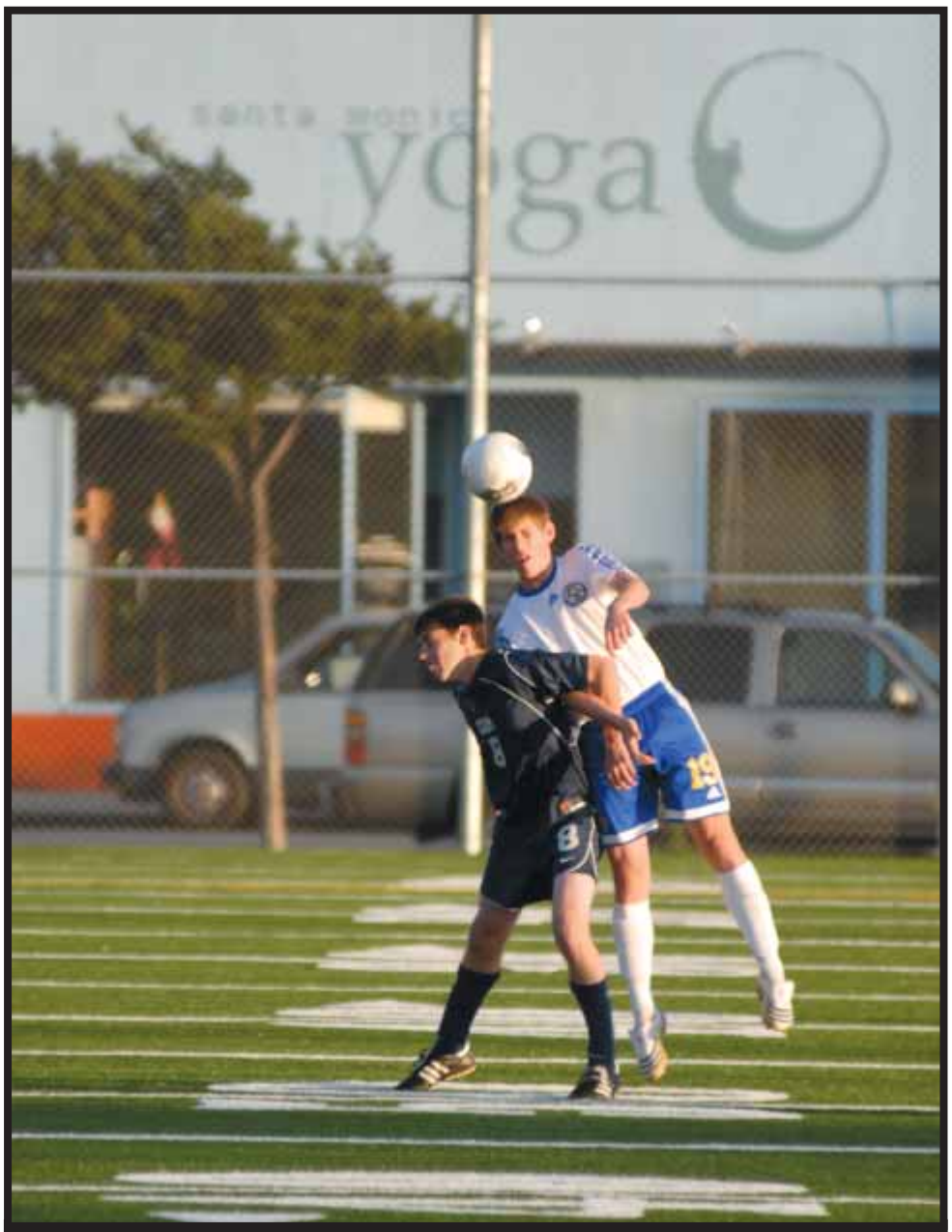
Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009

Woman power

Masonic Center
926 Santa Monica Blvd., 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
The YWCA and the Libbie Agran Financial Literacy Center present a conference designed for women in all stages of life and will be concentrating on the emotional and economic transitions faced by women in today's economy. Also included will be life planning, investment strategies and the economic outlook for 2009. A $50 fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch and materials, though limited scholarships are available. Park for free across the street. Call (310) 452-3881 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.





CLOSING TIME

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School's Matthew Speiser (right) battles Corona del Mar's Michael Epstein for the soccer ball on Wednesday at John Adams Middle School. Samohi, the defending overall state soccer champions, lost the California Interscholastic Southern Section Division IV second round playoff game, 1-3. The loss eliminated the Vikings from the playoffs.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Not in service

Those looking to contact the police department can still dial 911, but for about 30 minutes today, the non-emergency number to the SMPD's Communications Center will be unavailable, police said.

The number, (310) 458-8491, will be disconnected from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. while the telephone system undergoes maintenance. During this time, the public may call the Public Safety Facility front desk at (310) 458-8495 for all non-emergency calls.

The 911 system will not be affected by the maintenance and the public should dial that number to report any emergencies.

DAILY PRESS

County leaders call for mountain moniker change

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES County leaders on Tuesday approved a resolution asking a federal agency to rename 2,031-foot Negrohead Mountain near Malibu with the name of black pioneer John Ballard, who settled there in the 19th century.

The peak would be known as Ballard Mountain if the U.S. Geological Survey's Board on Geographic Names grants the request by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

"Black history is all of our history ... and this an opportunity to celebrate that," Moorpark College history instructor Patty Colman told supervisors during a board meeting.

The switch would "honor the man, as a man, for the contributions he made," said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who made the name-change motion.

Ballard was a former Kentucky slave who came West for opportunities around 1860. He and his wife moved to Los Angeles, where he was a teamster and became prominent in the small but growing black community. He was part of a small group that founded Los Angeles' African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1869.

But in 1880, Ballard, who had remarried after the death of his first wife, decided to leave Los Angeles. The city had a soaring population of newcomers.

"Historians speculate that the Ballards may have been responding to growing segregationist policies and attitudes many thought they had safely left behind in the antebellum South," Yaroslavsky's motion said.

The Ballard family moved about 50 miles west to a valley in the Santa Monica Mountains near what is now the community of Seminole Hot Springs. By the turn of the century he and his daughter, one of his seven children, owned 320 acres obtained under the federal Homestead Act.

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> **Patty Colman**
> Moorpark College history instructor

Ballard did some farming and ranching, worked as a blacksmith on a cattle ranch and cut and sold firewood.

He lived in a shack and was well-known to other settlers.

In an 1898 book, "Happy Days in Southern California," Malibu landowner Frederick Rindge recalled that a neighbor told about settlers who mistreated Ballard and tried to drive him away by burning his cabin.

Some thought that "the real purpose was that some men with white faces and black hearts wanted to jump his claim after they got rid of him," Rindge wrote.

Instead, Rindge wrote that Ballard "put up a sign over the ruins of his cabin which read: 'This was the work of the devil.'"

Ballard died in 1905.

Other settlers are believed to have been thinking of Ballard when they named Negrohead Mountain, which is the tallest peak in the area. The name originally contained a racial slur that even was found on early government topographic maps but it was changed to "negro" in the 1960s.

"It really was slander of a courageous and remarkable guy," said Nicholas Noxon, a local resident who lobbied for the Ballard Mountain name change.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Rock, paper, disappointment

Editor:

Last night the City Council played the equivalent of the child's game of scissors, rock, paper when they appointed Gleam Davis to replace Herb Katz.

The paper as I see it was the blizzard of writings that favored Mr. Winterer as the putative appointee because he had come in behind the affirmed elected candidates without being carried to office?

Bobby Shriver spoke passionately about the efficacy of calling for a special election citing the fact that a general vote was the most participatory of all, by the people. I agree.

The scissors was the deal cut that would assure that there would be a Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights appointee and frankly, the political inbreeding here is shameless, and the choosing of a co-chair of SMRR shows it to be true.

The real cut however was at the throat of fair elections once again here as I repeat that SMRR is a de facto political party masquerading as not one, in a nonpartisan race.

But the rock as I see it now is that Davis, who was appointed in the end what with her very fine qualifications, and political connections, is what smashed the notion that there is fair governance here at all.

There was going to be no one, no one at all, appointed that was not going to be from SMRR and everyone knows it.

Stewart Resmer
Santa Monica

Full disclosure

Editor:

I commend the editorial about the city's planned use of property for the homeless and the suggestion that perhaps the property be sold and the funds used for the same purpose ("No place for a home," page 4, Feb. 20).

I think it would be valuable for the citizens of Santa Monica to know all the pieces of property owned by the city that are not used by the government. Not only a listing, but the original cost, how many years the city has held it and income being received, if any. Additionally, the amount of principal and interest being paid on any bond money used to acquire these pieces of property. This same information also should be divulged by Santa Monica College and the school district.

I think an appraisal of the market values of these properties should be obtained as well; again so the public can be informed of the true value of the city's nongovernmental holdings.

I think that we might be surprised at how widespread these holdings are. It appears that City Council, Santa Monica College and the school district are acting as land banks using our tax dollars. If we want them to be real estate holding companies, then fine, but let us have full disclosure.

Bob Wolff
Santa Monica





The Rand Stand

Keith Lockitch — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Green energy policies would hobble economy

WILL A GREEN ENERGY INDUSTRY BE AN engine of economic growth? Many want us to think so, including our new president. Apparently a booming green economy with millions of new jobs is just around the corner. All we need is the right mix of government "incentives."

These include a huge (de facto) tax on carbon emissions imposed through a cap-and-trade regulatory scheme, as well as huge government subsidies for "renewable," carbon-free sources. The hope is that these government sticks and carrots will turn today's pitiful "green energy" industry, which produces an insignificant fraction of American energy, into a source of abundant, affordable energy that can replace today's fossil-fuel-dominated industry.

This view is a fantasy, one that could devastate America's economy. The reality is that "green energy" is at best a sophisticated make-work program.

There is a reason why less than 2 percent of the world's energy currently comes from "renewable" sources such as wind and solar — the very sources that are supposedly going to power the new green economy: despite billions of dollars in government subsidies, funding decades of research, they have not proven themselves to be practical sources of energy.

Indeed, without government mandates forcing their adoption in most Western countries, their high cost would make them even less prevalent.

Consider that it takes about 1,000 wind turbines, occupying tens of thousands of acres, to produce as much electricity as just one medium-sized, coal-fired power plant. And that's if the wind is blowing: the intermittency of wind wreaks havoc on electricity grids, which need a stable flow of power, thus requiring expensive, redundant backup capacity or an unbuilt, unproven "smart grid."

Or consider the "promise" of solar. Two projects in development will cover 12.5 square miles of central California with solar cells in the hope of generating about 800 megawatts of power (as much as one large coal-fired plant). But that power output will only be achieved when the sun is shining brightly — around noon on sunny days; the actual output will be less than a third that amount.

And the electricity will cost more than market price, even with the life-support of federal subsidies that keeps the solar industry going.

The major factor driving the project is not the promise of abundant power but California's state quota requiring 20 percent "renewable" electricity by 2010.

More than 81 percent of world energy comes from fossil fuels, and half of America's electricity is generated by burning coal. Carbon sources are literally keeping us alive. There is no evidence that they have — or will soon have — a viable replacement in transportation fuel, and there is only one in electricity generation, nuclear, which "green energy" advocates also oppose.

THE REALITY IS THAT 'GREEN ENERGY' IS AT BEST A SOPHISTICATED MAKE-WORK PROGRAM.

We all saw the ripple effects last summer when gas prices shot above $4 per gallon, and higher transportation costs drove up prices of everything from plane fares to vegetables. If green policies cause a permanent, and likely far greater, hike in the cost of all forms of energy, what shockwaves would that send through our already badly damaged economy?

We don't want to find out.

Regardless of one's views on global warming — and there is ample scientific evidence to reject the claim that manmade carbon emissions are causing catastrophe — the fact is that kneecapping the fossil fuel industry while diverting tax dollars into expensive, impractical forms of energy will not be an economic boon, but an economic disaster.

We in developed countries take industrial-scale energy for granted and often fail to appreciate its crucial value to our lives — including its indispensable role in enabling us to deal with drought, storms, temperature extremes, and other climate challenges we are told to fear by global-warming alarmists.

If we want to restore economic growth and reduce our vulnerability to the elements, what we need is not "green energy" forced upon us by government coercion but real energy delivered on a free market.

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Book squirm effect

I AM MOST ASSUREDLY NOT ILLITERATE. But last week when a dear friend implored me to read a book so I wouldn't make either one of us look like a buffoon when she introduced me to its author, I reacted as if she asked me to go to Buffalo Bill's for a dinner party, and would I mind bringing a tiny white poodle in a bucket as my date.

Part of my panic was because of the fact that I had at least 1,400 other things to do and adding a 331-page book to be read in five days to the list felt a little overwhelming.

The other part was that I'm not always consistent about what I'm in the mood for and therefore motivated to read.

It's not that I can't read or understand big words (because by golly, dangnabit, I ser dew git thim big 'uns). I was an English major with an honorary minor in reading and big words. Thesaurus' are among my best friends.

And it's rare that once I actually really start reading a book that I don't become totally engrossed in it. That's partly because when scouting a new book, I wisely survey people I admire for a few weeks, asking them to tell me the best book they've read in the last year.

I've found that having others vet my reading list greatly minimizes the chance for a dud. (I'd be more than happy to pass along the names of my committee members to the Obama administration.)

But right now the stack of unread and half-read books next to my bed is rivaling the proportions of the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man. With a new-ish baby, a job and a stubborn crusade to sleep at least 40 hours a week, the stack is likely to be the sole survivor in the event of a nuclear attack.

It's not going anywhere anytime soon. Admittedly though, I feel a little lame for not making more time to do something so fundamental, and fun.

When I sat next to Jessica Lissy in Ms. Berry's fourth grade class, she'd finish all of her work before lunchtime so she could sneak read Agatha Christie books for the rest of the day. (I'd always warn her to be careful she didn't get caught, although I'm not sure what the punishment was for being smarter than the teacher in those days.)

For well over 20 years my mom has been part of a monthly book club. When it's at her house she's responsible not only for reading the book but researching the author and analyzing book reviews from leading publications across the country. In addition to her monthly book club selection, she has usually got one or two other books in rotation as well.

My sister polishes off books like she's A-Rod shedding endorsement deals. Having a brand new puppy, a husband who travels a lot for work and three kids ranging from 21 months to 9 hasn't slowed down her literary addiction, either.

I really do love to read. Few things beat getting wrapped up in a novel so good that you can't wait until you can curl up on the couch or in bed again to find out what happens next, stopping only for sustenance, sterilization or shut-eye. When the book is really, really good, I force myself to read it extra slowly so it won't end too soon. If it's an official Oprah's Book Club selection, even better.

These days, though, reading material with profound elements, like chapters, are totally off my radar. When I plop into bed at night I'm lucky if I can make it through the first picture gallery in Us Weekly before dozing off.

I could blame it on the struggles of balancing motherhood and a career, but it probably has more to do with the overwhelming desire to not think too much for at least a few waking minutes each day. Us Weekly happily ensures that will be the case. It's actually part of their subscription guarantee.

Lately I've been missing the literature of my youth. Beverly Cleary's Ramona books. Anything by Judy Blume. The Sweet Valley High series (Us Weekly for the '80s tween set). Something with pages that aren't glossy but doesn't require a whole lot of deep thought.

I started the book my friend gave me over the weekend and was waiting for it to grab me. Another friend said it would, but not until somewhere in the middle. So I kept trying to guesstimate when I might reach the middle and thus be grabbed. Needless to say my math skills are sharper than ever at the moment, but I'm only 49 pages into the book and free from any and all literary grasps.

I'll finish it eventually. It'll just have to wait in line at the bottom of the stack.

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The Q Line

Making tracks

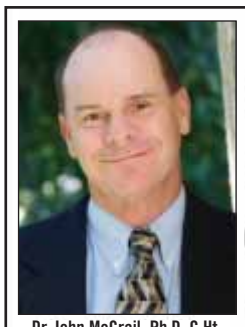
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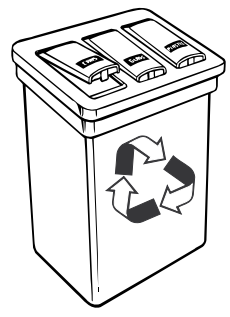
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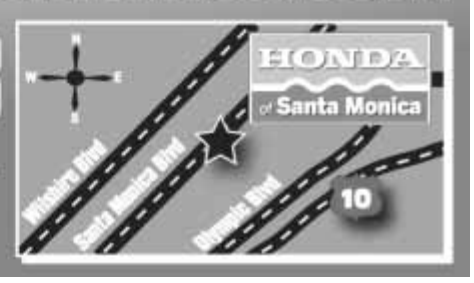



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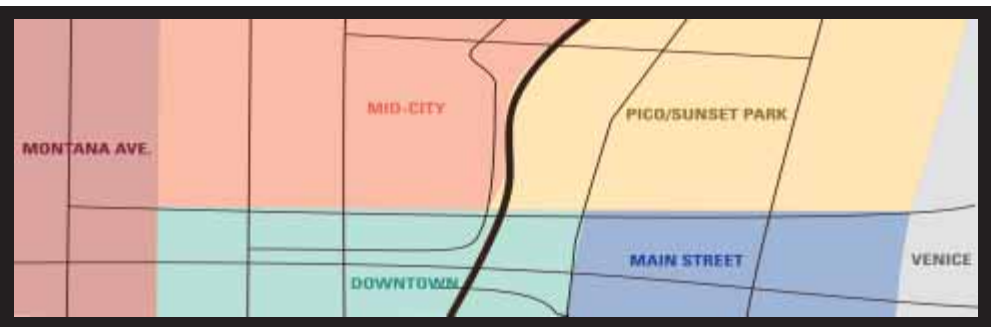
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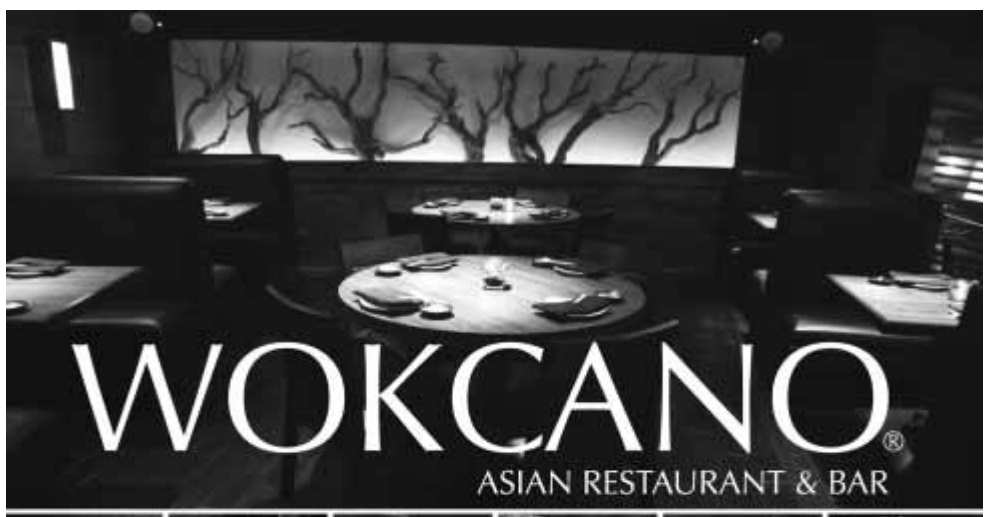
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RIDING: **A man boards Big Blue Bus' Tide Ride on Main Street on Wednesday afternoon.**

Big Blue Bus adds new line for beach house

FROM **BBB** PAGE 1

Annenberg line will see a higher ridership if the route is shortened and reaches the beach house more frequently.

The current configuration takes the bus up Ocean Park Boulevard to 14th Street and down Montana Avenue before heading into the Santa Monica Canyon to Pacific Coast Highway.

A one-way loop is expected to take about 30 minutes. Officials said the Beach Ride will result in an increase of 942 annual service hours.

The proposed changes to the Tide Ride came after BBB experienced an increase in ridership systemwide while enduring transit funding cuts from the state and county, prompting officials to evaluate its existing lines to ensuring they were operating as efficiently as possible.

"After the outreach, it was clear to us there was a strong sentiment for trying to identify ways that we might be able to attract more riders to the Tide through either enhanced funding arrangements, additional marketing or maybe innovative ideas that we have yet to come up with," Negriff said at the council meeting.

Officials said they plan to work with the community over the next six months to come up with ways to increase ridership.

The Tide currently travels southbound on Barnard Way, heading east on Marine Street before going north on Main. One of the proposed options was to reverse the route to travel only southbound on Main, while another kept service on Barnard Way but not on Main. There are other lines that service Main Street.

The proposal was unpopular among merchants on Main Street who feared that the reduction in service would negatively affect business in what is already a troubling economic time.

"We're very happy tonight that the staff is recommending a six month extension of the existing Tide Ride and working further with various stakeholders of which we consider ourselves," Gary Gordon, the executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association, said.

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Davis plans to run for election in 2010

FROM **COUNCIL** PAGE 1

council.

While the final recorded vote showed all SMRR-aligned members — Mayor Ken Genser, O'Connor, and Councilmembers Kevin McKeown and Richard Bloom — deciding in favor of Davis, it didn't start out that way.

Only three of the total 27 candidates who put their name in for consideration remained in contention throughout the evening, including Davis, her co-Chair Patricia Hoffman, and Ted Winterer, who was the first runner-up in the 2008 election.

Each of those candidates received three votes in at least one round with Winterer starting out strong, gaining support from Councilmember Bob Holbrook, Bobby Shriver and McKeown.

But those votes began shifting to Hoffman and Davis as it became apparent that neither of the three other councilmembers would vote for Winterer, an Ocean Park resident.

The rounds of voting continued as several of the councilmembers began shifting their choices around, leaving Hoffman or Davis just one vote shy of appointment at times.

Shriver, who from the beginning called for a special election out of concern that the appointment would be too political, suggested periodically that the voting be suspended and the decision be given to residents. A vote for a special election was ultimately defeated.

"We're going to keep doing this until we get tired of it?" Shriver, who stuck with Winterer throughout the meeting, said. "It's OK with me if that's what we're doing."

Davis was appointed following a brief break, receiving votes from Holbrook, Genser, O'Connor and Bloom. Before the votes were finalized, McKeown decided to change his decision to Davis, which prompted Holbrook to switch his to Winterer.

"I wanted to go back to the person I primarily supported and tried for," Holbrook said on Wednesday. "If Kevin hadn't changed his vote, I would not have changed mine because I don't think it's fair to appoint someone and then unappoint them."

The crowded field of candidates included a mix of political newcomers and familiar faces from previous elections, including Terry O'Day, who chairs the Planning Commission and ran in 2006, and Susan Hartley, an attorney who came in sixth place in 2008.

Winterer continued to receive the support of a group of residents who urged the council to appoint based on the results of the November election.

"With the election so recent it only seems fair to Santa Monicans to choose the next person in line from that vote," Nina Fresco, who lives in Ocean Park, said.

Davis said she chose not to run in the 2008 election because she had just been appointed to the Planning Commission and did not want to go up against four strong incumbents after learning two years before how difficult it is to unseat them.

She plans to run in 2010 to finish the last two years of Katz' term.

Her goals include working on the Land Use and Circulation Element, the 20-year-plan for City Hall, and looking for opportunities to serve local youth.

"I know this is a difficult process for both the council and community," she said after taking her seat on the dais. "I will try to live up to the faith that you have shown in me."

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Seawolves continue chase for CIF title

FROM **HOOPS** PAGE 1

Wednesday. "As coaches, it's great to put that challenge down for your players and then have them achieve that goal."

Pacifica Christian, the no. 3 seed in the playoffs, qualified for the semifinals by defeating Capistrano Valley Christian on the road Tuesday night. Senior forward Cameron Bell was blown away by the crowd's reaction to his visiting squad.

"It was definitely one of the greater experiences of my basketball career," Bell said of the raucous fans. "It was really intense."

Bell said that the rude welcome helped galvanize a team that was making its first-ever appearance in the third round of the playoffs.

"As a team, we performed amazingly," Bell said. "We stood up to the odds and won. To come to their gym and beat them was amazing."

Senior guards David Hammer and Derek Williams helped dictate the pace of the up-tempo game. After scoring just 20 points in the first half, the Seawolves came out in the second half with their minds set on advancing to the next round.

A 44-point second half later and the Seawolves were on their way to the semis.

"(Capistrano Valley Christian) does not give up a lot of points usually," Kelsey said. "It came down to our defense that kept creating those easy opportunities."

Since hosting a first round game against First Lutheran, the Seawolves have been forced to play a pair of road games in a row. The no. 3 seeded team will finally get a chance to play before a home crowd on Friday, which couldn't be soon enough for Kelsey and his guys.

"We're thrilled to be coming home," he said. "We had to go through two very hard road games."

While the team is pleased to be playing on a court it has called home all season, Kelsey has warned his players that they still need to execute their game plan if a trip to the finals is in the cards.

He expects Friday's opponent, no. 2 seed Tarbut V'Torah, to present a balanced attack that features at least seven players with significant ball handling ability. Kelsey added that everybody in Tarbut's starting lineup can shoot the ball effectively, which he called "unusual" for a school of its relatively small size.

Tarbut's size upfront isn't much of a concern for Kelsey, but its ability to break the full-court press has the coach devising a new defense to stop the speedy squad.

"In the next two days, I have to figure out how to play defense against them," Kelsey said. "If we can guard them, we can do it."

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PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

- Santa Monica High School boys basketball advanced to the semifinals of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section playoffs with a 68-66 overtime win over Perris on Tuesday night. The Vikings, the no. 11 seed in the playoffs, will take on Tesoro High School at Santa Monica College Friday at 7 p.m. Chino Hills and Ventura will make up the other half of the semifinals. The winner of each contest will play for the division championship Saturday, March 7.

- The season has come to an end for St. Monica boys basketball. The Mariners were defeated, 69-72, by Woodcrest Christian in the quarter finals of the CIF-SS Division V-AA playoffs on Tuesday night at St. Monica. Woodcrest Christian advances to play Pacific Hills in the semifinals on Friday. The Mariners came into the playoffs as the no. 12 seed in the division. Woodcrest Christian is the no. 4 seed. St. Monica qualified for the playoffs as an at-large team from the Camino Real League.

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Report Released On Extension Of The Expo Line

The Expo Construction Authority is seeking comments on the findings of its environmental study about the possible extension of the LA to Culver City Expo Line farther west to Santa Monica. Log on to *BuildExpo.org* to view the report, register comments or find the dates and locations of the public hearings.

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Metro Ridership Hits 37 Million

While the pain at the pump may have subsided, it seems the benefits of riding Metro continues strong. Ridership for Metro bus and Metro Rail during December 2008 increased nearly three percent from last year. A total of 37.3 million riders used Metro for the month, up from 36.2 million last year.

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Growing up Gourmet

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Learning not to be picky

THE OTHER DAY I WAS READING "Oliver's Fruit Salad" to hungry tot-chefs in my kindergarten Books-for-Cooks class at Franklin Elementary School. The story is about a boy named Oliver, who, having recently helped his grandpa harvest juicy grapes and delicate pears from a backyard garden, refuses to eat the fruit his mom serves for breakfast. Nothing from a can, thank you very much. No jams either. And please, no juice.

So off Oliver and his mom go to the supermarket, where they ooh and ahh at fresh fruit from pineapples and melons to oranges and apples. At home, mom empties the grocery bags onto the kitchen table.

"Now," Mom said. "You can eat an apple. Or a pear. Or a plum. It's not in a jar or a can. It's all fresh, so help yourself."

Oliver shook his head. "No thank you," he said. "I just helped Grandpa. I didn't eat any of the fruit. I don't like fruit."

Sound familiar? Sure. The very particular mandates and quid-pro-quos of a picky eater.

Perhaps you know one. Perhaps she prefers her noodles plain with a touch of butter and as much cheese as you'll allow. No sauce, ever! He likely prefers his carrots raw and please don't let them touch the chicken fingers! Perhaps she'll begrudgingly eat her peas, but only with a side of promise of chocolate decadence cupcakes and vanilla ice cream. Your picky eater might even prefer, in fact demand, frozen dino nuggets over your labor intensive, free range, organic, perfectly cooked famous chicken dish.

That afternoon I asked the kids in my class if they happened to know any "picky eaters" like Oliver. Lacey — who just last week meticulously removed every trace of vegetable from her Wild Things Bagel Creature — thoroughly contemplated the question with a scrunched up forehead and proclaimed, "I've heard that word before but I can't remember what it means."

Yeah, right. I bet you've heard it. And I bet you know exactly what it means.

That's because "picky eater" has become a variety of diet. There are vegetarians, vegans, locavores, and now, picky eaters. Google "picky eater" and you'll get results from the Mayo Clinic, support groups for adult picky eaters, parenting sites offering tips from Dr. Sears, and endless books on Amazon.com. I talk to plenty of moms each day who tell me right off the bat, "my son is a very picky eater" and then divulge the numerous ways Jonny shows-off his habit as if it were a badge of honor.

Since when did being a picky eater become a legitimate way to describe someone's food habits? Are we too accepting of this "condition?" Do parents enable the behavior by becoming the preferred caterer for the Picky Eater Club?

I'm not suggesting children everywhere should be happy eating tuna casserole for dessert and Brussels sprouts from their lunch box. But I do think at some point we crossed the line in how we view and embrace children's eating habits. Picky eating is very likely an acceptable phase in a toddler's development. Sometime after the age of 2 or 3 kids may even decide the foods they once loved, often the very same food their parents eat, now make them kick and scream and gag at the table — even foods they've never even tried. But by the time the child is going to school, picky eating should become a diet meant to be broken.

The best ways to wean a picky eater?

1. Cook with your kids. Get them involved in the process and they'll crave the product.

2. Offer choice. Choice is empowering, so give your kids options rather than forceful mandates.

3. Choose healthy, colorful ingredients with tasty preparations. Think roasting, homemade vinaigrettes, stir-fries, and veggie-art.

4. Set a good example. Why would your daughter ever eat tofu if you won't try it, either?

OK, back to Oliver and his fruit salad. As the title suggests, the story ends with Mom, Grandpa, and Oliver slicing and dicing all sorts of wonderful fruit for fruit salad. And of course, a surprised Oliver proclaims, "I like fruit salad!" And after three helpings … "Yummy!" he says.

So I asked the kids if there was a moral to this story. Without any prompting, 5-year-old Lacey perked right up:

"It's like when you don't like a food, but your mom makes you try it. And then you actually like it after all, but you don't want your parents to know. So you make a face."

Hmmm … just what I thought.

Fruit Salad Pops
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Strawberries/Raspberries/Blueberries
Pear/Grapes/Melon/Apple
1 cup low-fat Greek yogurt
1 tbs. honey
Dash cinnamon

Steps for Kitchen Kids:
1. Using a plastic safety knife carefully cut the fruit into bite-sized pieces.
2. Carefully push fruit onto wooden popsicle sticks.
3. Mix the yogurt, honey, and cinnamon together in a small bowl.
4. Dip the pops into the yogurt dip and enjoy!

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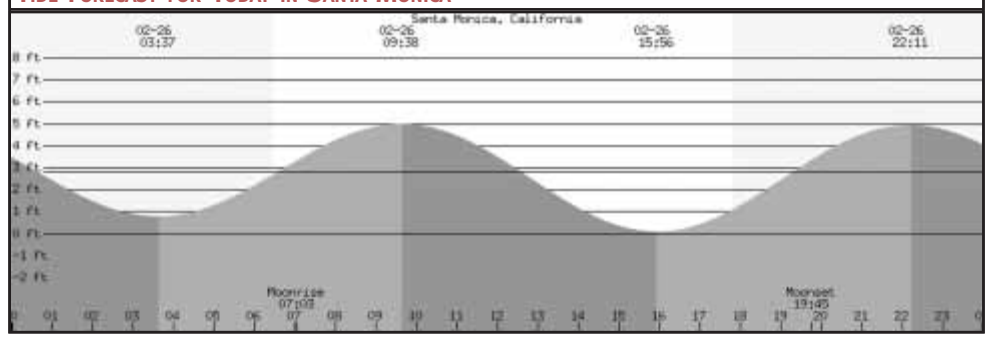
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Thursday the 26th looks similar for size: waist to (maybe) chest high surf for west facing breaks, knee to waist elsewhere. Winds may pick up early onshore and could reach 15+ mph by mid afternoon.

Long Range Synopsis

Friday the 27th into Saturday the 28th is when that WestPac NW swell is due. But, as mentioned in the synopsis above, not much of this energy is expected to come into SoCal.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 40

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	B
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos 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+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	F
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Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	D

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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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
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(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, 10:05

Defiance (R) 2hrs 17min
9:55

Curious Case of Benjamin Button, The (PG-13) 2hrs 48min
3:00, 6:30

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

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

Fired Up (PG-13) 1hr 30min
2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00

Coraline 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

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, 7:30, 10:05

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min
2:10, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45

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

Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

Waltz With Bashir (R) 1hr 30min
1:00, 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, 4:20, 7:10, 10:20

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

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
12:50, 4:05, 7:00, 10:10

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

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Speak your mind, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Though you might be groggy or not your best this morning, this will change. Empowered in the early afternoon, you might be difficult to stop. You know your expectations. Tonight: What would make the Ram happy? Then do just that.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Investigate and think before you take what might otherwise look like a leap of faith. How you deal with someone and the choices you make could be quite different. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest and relaxation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take a stand and let others listen. Investigate. Head down the victory path. A meeting proves to be very important. Bring friends together. You have a sense of direction. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Eye the big picture and understand it. The unexpected colors your insight and allows you to take charge. Knowing what to do and when to do it can make all the difference. Think positively and take a much-needed stand. Tonight: Realize your limits and possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Deal with others on a one-on-one level. The understanding gained will add to your compassion. Be willing to move forward and understand what can happen. You'll look to new views and insights if you're willing to lose mental filters. Tonight: Take in a movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Many people around you provide excitement and change, whether you like it or not. Remain sure of yourself and understand what is going on with a key person in your life. Defer more often to a partner who understands the dynamics of a situation. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ An easy, dynamic pace could make all the difference in the outcome of a situation. Realize what you might need to do in order to allow a partner to have more of an audience. Others want to help, and put in their two cents. Tonight: Be social.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your creativity emerges when speaking to others, especially someone young and creative. Investigate an offer that might impact your daily life. Communication soars, and you respond. Know what works and why. Tonight: Speak your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ If you can, opt to do some much-needed work by closing your door and/or working from home. You feel as if you get a new lease on life once you are free of your to-dos. Tonight: Be sensitive to possibilities and change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing, even when unpleasant or pleasant surprises occur. Take care of a personal matter when you can. An adjustment is necessary. Listen to news and be ready to adapt. You could be stunned by a realization. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your more possessive side emerges when dealing with others. The unexpected could occur. Communication flourishes, and ideas seem to pop up from anywhere. Your thinking changes, and your emotional well-being transforms. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

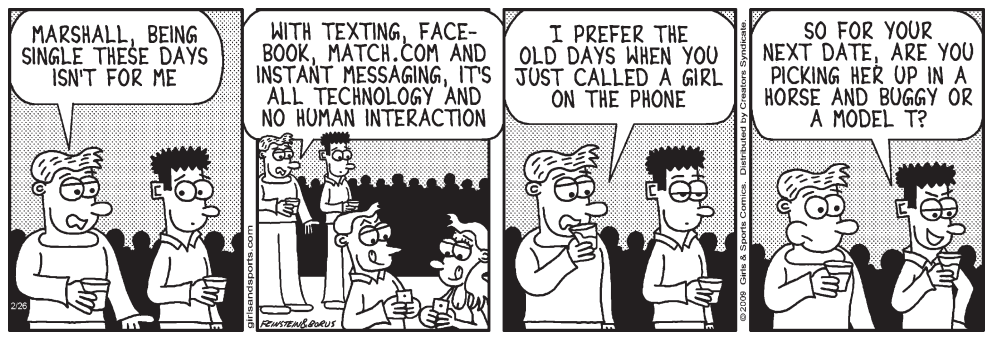
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Get a head start on your day. You can clear out a lot of work, errands or high-priority issues. Know that you are about to greet change in an unanticipated matter. A friend could actually shock, if not surprise you. Tonight: Your treat.

Happy birthday

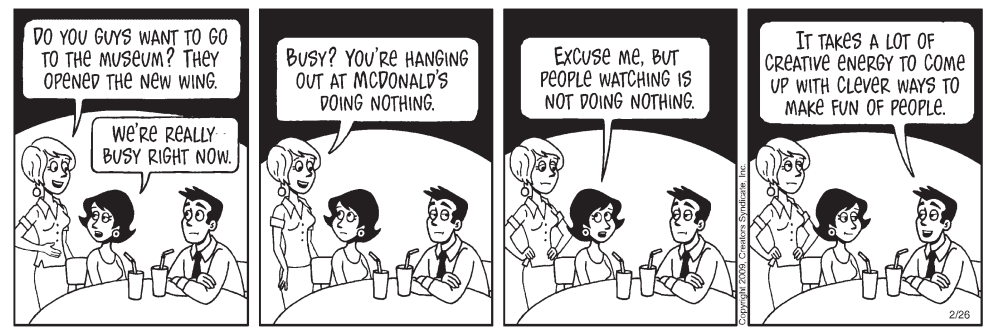
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, understand your capabilities and your limitations. Knowing when to put a halt to a problem could determine your success. If you cannot make something work, then let go and keep walking, knowing you have done everything you can. Your ability to let go marks your year. Prepare for a new life cycle in 2010, where you greet a very different lifestyle or situation. If you are single, your charisma draws many admirers who want to be yours. Your creativity merges. If you are attached, you need to be more sensitive to what your significant other offers. Let him or her be an equal partner. Recognize an innate narcissism. ARIES helps you make money.

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4	6	5	9	7	2	1	3	8
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Unfettered
10 Heaps
11 Grands, e.g.
12 This is one
13 Useful abilities
14 10 points, for example
16 Small
20 Useful abilities
23 Calendar box
24 Lama's land
25 Belfast setting
27 Wonder
28 Tattered
29 Easy to eat
32 At actual scale
36 Classic car
39 Met highlight
40 Smart guys
41 Bloke
42 Cars' scars
43 Jonson works

DOWN

1 Agreement
2 Chum
3 Diner order
4 Chapel topper
5 "Mephisto Waltz" composer
6 Caravan stops
7 Common bill
8 Lush
9 Scroll-work shape
11 Difficulty
15 Riverbed makeup
17 Hepcat's phrase of understanding
18 Writer Grey
19 Took in
20 Wild guess
21 New Zealander
22 Doubter's words
25 Rat's test
26 Way back
28 Divisions
30 Put in office
31 Jockey's garb
33 Furious
34 Fan publication
35 Chow
36 Furious
37 Flamenco call
38 Fox hole

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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ On successive days in January in the courthouse in Sheboygan, Wis., 17-year-old Alan Jepsen and 17-year-old Norma Guthrie were each charged with sexual assault for having consensual sex with their respective 14-year-old, opposite-sex companions. However, Jepsen was charged with a felony (maximum: 25 years in prison), and Guthrie was charged with a misdemeanor (maximum, 9 months).

■ In January, a judge at Britain's Bristol Crown Court dropped the case against a 20-year-old man accused of robbing a driving instructor because the victim-witness was "too believable" in her testimony to the jury. Judge Jamie Tabor explained that the victim had only seen the defendant for a split-second, but that she appeared so sincere and courageous that the jury probably regarded her courtroom identification of the man as more authoritative than the mere glimpse deserved.

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1945 a midnight curfew on night clubs, bars and other places of entertainment was set to go into effect across the nation.

1979 a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada.

1987 the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

1993 a bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

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