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## WOO WHOO!

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**Santa Monica College students celebrate graduation on Tuesday at Corsair Field. Friends and family were on hand to cheer them on.**

# City officials expecting to ease hiring freeze soon

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL When city officials in January began taking a hard look at the harsh economic realities facing local government, a decision was made to freeze 18 vacant positions they deemed would have the least impact on the general public.

In the past five months, that number has grown to about 50 positions that are purposefully being left unfilled as City Hall battles a budget that is being hit by reductions in local tax revenue and cuts from the state.

But hiring for some of those positions could pick up after the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

"It would be on a case-by-case basis," City Manager Lamont Ewell said. "We would look at these very strategically, making sure they're absolutely essential to carrying out the work of the city."

There are typically more than 100 vacancies in City Hall every year, including 151 during the 2006-07 fiscal year, 143 in 2007-08, and 144 as of June 2009. The 50 frozen positions represent about 2 percent of the entire organization. Some of the frozen positions were suggested by department heads in their 3 percent and 5 percent budget reduction proposals to the city manager.

While impacts are expected, Ewell said that the cuts are being made as far from the community as possible.

"We're going to continue to monitor all of these things over the next quarter beginning July 1 to see where we are with the national economy and where the state ends up with its budget and whether our revenues pick up locally," he said.

The positions are roughly spread out over various departments, some seeing none, others, like Planning and Community Development, seeing less than half a dozen.

The vacancies in Planning and

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# Restaurants reflect on take-out transition

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD. The process of finding Earth friendly take-out boxes was one of trial and error for Hector Padilla.

When the citywide ban on to-go containers made from expanded polystyrene — better known as Styrofoam — and clear polystyrene went into effect last year, the manager of Bay Cities Italian Deli Bakery set out to find an affordable alternative that would be strong enough to hold sauces.

With a limited number of options, Padilla decided to try a corn-based product, considering it the greenest of those available.

Then came the calls from customers demanding the restaurant pay their dry cleaning bills, complaining that the chicken parmesan they ordered seeped through the containers. There were also the patrons who claimed that the containers caught fire in the microwave.

"If you get burgers and fries then they hold fine," Padilla said. "If you get a chicken parmesan dinner with the nice pasta sauce, it runs right through."

He eventually found the perfect alternative in the black recyclable plastic containers, which not only holds the Italian dishes, but doesn't cost significantly more than expanded polystyrene.

"We weathered the storm and things worked out," he said.

The passage of the polystyrene ban in

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212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen and enjoy free open prose and poetry readings every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome, including poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as long as there is a 1,000 word limit per reader. Visit forthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php or call (310) 396-8566 for more information.

### Feral cat tips
West Los Angeles Animal Shelter conference room
11361 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
This free workshop is supported by a grant from PetSmart Charities. The workshop will cover a range of topics concerning responsible feral cat care including humane trapping, post-operative boarding, long-term managed care and adoptions. Sign up ahead of time; spaces are limited. Call (310) 820-4122 for more information.

### Work the pole
Isabelle's Dance Academy
1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
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### Calling all foodies
Border Grill
1445 4th St., 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Whole Foods Market and Border Grill are hosting a wine tasting night where experts from Whole Foods Market will pair modern Mexican cuisine with a complimentary wine. The five-course dinner costs $45 per person. Call (310) 315-0662 to make a reservation.

## Friday, June 19, 2009

### Learning the library
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 p.m.
Join docents as they lead tours of the Main Library on the third Friday of every month. The tour will cover the library collections, history, sustainability, art and architecture. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

### 'The Miracle Worker'
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 8 p.m.
Come watch director and designer Joel Daavid's take on the American classic "The Miracle Worker" starring Erin Shaver as Annie Sullivan and Carlie Nettles as Helen Keller. Admission is $25. Call (310) 392-7327 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.

# Police seek suspect in lewd conduct case

**BY DANIEL ARCHULETA**
Managing Editor

PUBIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica Police are searching for a suspect in a lewd conduct with a minor case that dates back to June of 2008.

Investigators are reluctant to disclose the nature of the crime Christopher Carrington Camp, 67, is suspected of committing saying only that he remains a fugitive.

SMPD Detective Lloyd Gladden said that there is just one victim in the case. The alleged incident occurred in Santa Monica between August 2006 and June 2008. He would give no further details due to the sensitive nature of the case. The department has been actively searching for Camp since late May.

While Camp's whereabouts are unknown, police have released a description of the suspect's vehicle including a license plate number. The suspect might be driving a black Chevrolet Tahoe with California license plate 5FRM206.

Camp stands 6-foot-2, weighs 190 pounds, has blue eyes and gray hair.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Gladden at (310) 458-8931.

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# Terri Seymour granted restraining order

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

SM COURTHOUSE Terri Seymour has won a restraining order against a woman who choked her after the "American Idol" finale.

Records show a judge granted Seymour's request for a three-year order after a hearing Tuesday in Santa Monica.

Her attacker, Janice Thibodeaux (Ti-boh-DOH'), pleaded guilty last week to misdemeanor battery. She was sentenced to three years of probation.

She was arrested in May after police say they saw her choke Seymour, who is "Idol" judge Simon Cowell's ex-girlfriend, after the show's finale. Seymour also works as a correspondent for the show "Extra."



Benjamin Brayfield *news@smdp.com*

KICKER: **Kobe Bryant and the Lakers celebrate their recent championship at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Wednesday.**

# Fans flood Lakers' parade

**JOHN ROGERS**
Associated Press Writers

LOS ANGELES The streets of downtown were transformed into a sea of purple and gold on Wednesday as tens of thousands of joyous Los Angeles Lakers fans joined their team in a raucous but mostly peaceful celebration of its 15th NBA championship.

Taking a time-out from work or unemployment, 95,000 people filled the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum to give a hero's welcome to players and coaches, who were showered with purple and gold confetti as the Randy Newman song "I Love L.A." blared from loudspeakers.

Tens of thousands more fans lined a 2-mile parade route, standing 20 or more deep beneath bright sunshine to cheer as double-decker buses carried the team to the stadium.

"Thank you for all the support, baby. We love you. Let's go, Lakers," veteran guard Derek Fisher, one of the heroes of the NBA Finals, shouted to fans along the route.

Reserve Sasha Vujacic happily snapped photos and star forward Lamar Odom tweeted, "Wow! This is crazy!"

At the stadium, the Laker Girls danced on a hardwood floor that was moved to the Coliseum from Staples Center, the team's home court.

"We are humbled by your devotion and appreciation to us," said coach Phil Jackson, who thanked his girlfriend, Jeannie Buss, the daughter of team owner Jerry Buss, for talking him into returning as coach after he left the team for a year after the 2004 season.

Parades and rallies celebrating Lakers championships have been a tradition in Los Angeles since the teams led by Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar began winning titles with regularity in the 1980s.

But none were as big, loud or celebratory as this one, which came after down years endured since the team's last championship in 2002.

"This is more special because we went through so many dark years," said Bryant, who played on Jackson-coached, title-winning teams in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

With Johnson, Abdul-Jabbar and other stars past and present looking on, Bryant led the crowd at the stadium in a chant that he said the players shouted before, during and after every game this year as they fought for the title.

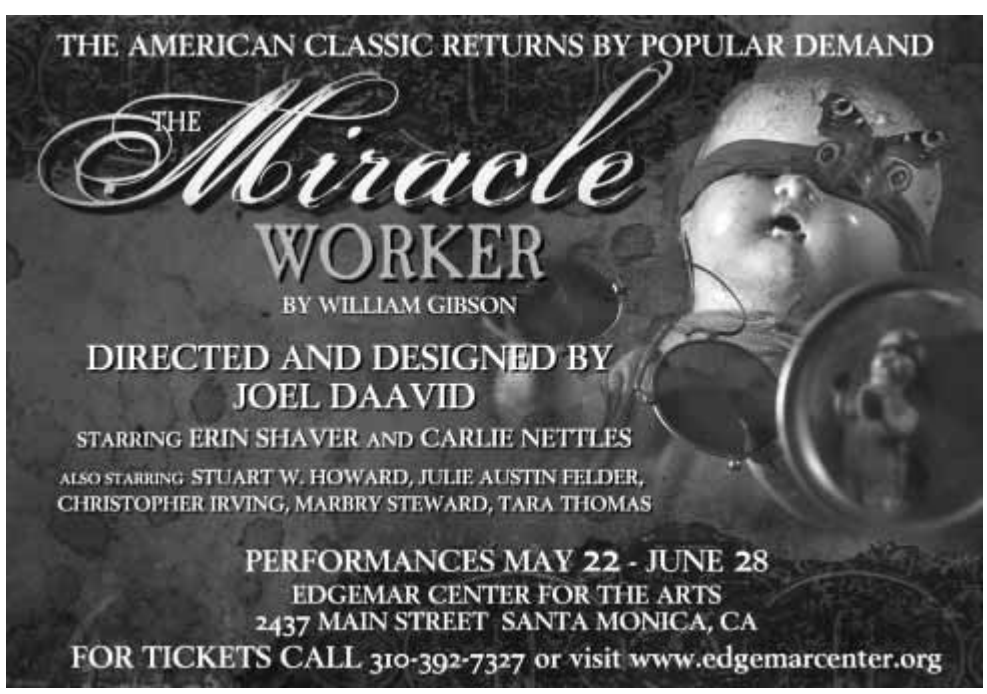
"I want everybody to say 'ring' on three," Bryant said. "One, two, three ... " The crowd responded.

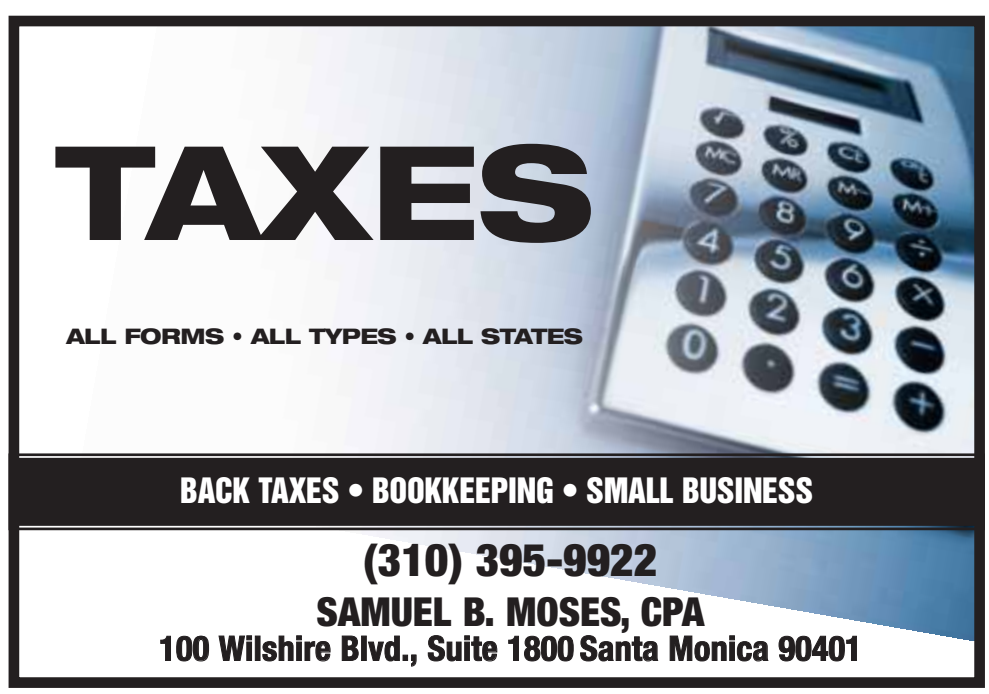
Then he and his high-fiving, body-bumping teammates embraced in a brief circle dance.

"It's a great thing to be a part of," said Letitcia Gutierrez, who watched the parade while squeezed against a chain-link fence separating fans from the buses carrying the players.

"We got passion and motivation. We're

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Judges shouldn't make the law

**Editor:**

Mark Cromer's article on the Sotomayor nomination seems to miss the point ("Sotomayor's nomination and America's divide," June 12). The job of a Supreme Court justice is to determine if a law is constitutional. That's it. As the highest judge in the land, personal opinions should not make any difference. It should not matter if they are female, male, brown, pink or green. Law is written by our elected representatives and not the court. If you allow the court to make law, democracy will fail.

**David Alsabery**
Santa Monica

### Making it happen

**Editor:**

We've all been talking about the health care crisis for years. The news media runs stories about it every day. I would like everyone to stop for a moment, take a deep breathe and think about it. What can I do about it today?

Today I can write a letter to you asking you to do that as well. We need to move from regurgitating the problem and start talking about real solutions. Forty-six million Americans are uninsured. Not out of irresponsibility or carelessness but because they can't afford it. They probably never will because premiums are growing four times faster than wages.

Congress must pass real health care reform this year. President Obama has asked Congress to uphold three basic principles:

• Reduce costs by improving efficiency and investing in preventative care.

• Guarantee every American the right to choose their plan and doctor — including a public insurance option.

• Ensure quality, affordable care for every American.

As I write this it sounds like a far-away dream. It doesn't need to be. There are many countries who have found a way to provide this for their citizens. Why should America be at the bottom of the barrel when it comes to healthcare coverage for the middle class and poor?

Enough so that my daughter can receive orthotics that will keep her ankles from turning in when she walks, so she isn't in pain every night. The only way she would qualify is if she couldn't walk. Figure that one out.

Wouldn't it be great if a couple of million citizens marched at rush hour? If not that, what are your ideas to make this happen, now?

**Lee Jones**
Santa Monica

### Requiring kids to go vegetarian

**Editor:**

While AB 627, the proposed bill requiring licensed California daycare centers to serve children more vegetables and forbidding them from serving whole milk to children age 2 and older, will help combat childhood obesity, there is an even more effective way to help kids stay slim and healthy — feed them a wholesome vegetarian diet.

Plant-based foods, which are cholesterol-free, low in saturated fat, and rich in complex carbohydrates, protein, fiber, vitamins, and minerals, are optimal for children.

According to the late Dr. Benjamin Spock, "Children who grow up getting their nutrition from plant foods rather than meats have a tremendous health advantage. They are less likely to develop weight problems, diabetes, high blood pressure, and some forms of cancer."

By serving only vegetarian foods, daycare centers and schools can help kids develop a taste for fruits, vegetables, legumes, whole grains, and soy products rather than hamburgers, chicken nuggets, and milkshakes. Visit www.GoVeg.com for tips on how to keep your kids — and yourself — trim and healthy for life.

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## Your column here

Mark Cromer

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# Sliding into the sea

IN THE AFTERMATH OF ONE OF THE angriest voter rebukes of government in modern California history, the bi-partisan shellshock that remains on display in Sacramento does not auger well for the state's ability to pull out of its fiscal death spiral.

The series of ballot initiatives that were pitched by the Republican governor and the Democratic Legislature as the last chance to avoid a budgetary Armageddon evaporated amid a mushroom cloud of voter disgust. Ash was still in the air as legislators staggered around muttering bitterly about "the voters," like parents that had reached the end of their patience with their special-needs child.

John Burton, Chairman of the California Democratic Party, angrily declared that the election demonstrated Californians want government services without having to pay for them.

"People are going to have to figure out: Do they want schools, do they want roads, do they want public safety, do they want to take care of the less fortunate?" Burton said. "At some point, that's going to happen."

The establishment media has since crackled with analysis that fundamentally echoed Burton's dismissive retort to the voter backlash, accusing Californians of electoral schizophrenia by demanding expensive services in flush times, then railing like a mob of misers when the well runs dry and they discover there are no reserves.

Their interpretation signals, in very real terms, that the professional politicians in Sacramento have now lost all touch with the middle-class voter in California. Burton's surreal comments highlight the volatile disconnect between the state capital and Main Street.

California's voters indeed want good schools, paved roads, cops on the beat, firemen on watch and a safety net for fellow citizens — and they have long paid some of the highest taxes in the nation to ensure those services.

The trouble for Sacramento is the return they've delivered on taxpayers' investment.

Voters see public school districts that are overwhelmed and failing; infrastructure that is crumbling; police and fire services that are pushed to the breaking point by violent gangs and wildfires; and a social safety net that has been converted into a de facto welfare subsidy for millions of illegal immigrants.

The Los Angeles Unified School District is a smoldering testament to the mediocrity and malfeasance that has spread across California; where tens of billions of tax dollars have been thrown into capital investments and instruction throughout the sprawling school district, only to produce a 50 percent dropout rate and functionally illiterate graduates. The district's 2008 Academic Performance Index (API) score is 681, not even close to the goal of 800 set by Sacramento. And that score is significantly lower among the vast majority of the district's 700,000 students.

One major newspaper headline warned after the election that 19,000 illegal immigrant prisoners will be released into federal custody as a result of budget cuts — as if that is some sort of dire consequence. The irony is that most Californians would like to see those illegal immigrants — and millions of others in the state — taken into federal custody and deported back to their home countries.

**VOTERS SEE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE OVERWHELMED AND FAILING; INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS CRUMBLING; POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES THAT ARE PUSHED TO THE BREAKING POINT BY VIOLENT GANGS AND WILDFIRES; AND A SOCIAL SAFETY NET THAT HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A DE FACTO WELFARE SUBSIDY FOR MILLIONS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.**

A sweeping majority of California's voters have simply decided they have had enough. Dire warnings from Sacramento of "brutal cuts" looming for the budget are meaningless in such a dysfunctional environment.

While some in the media pretend that the message voters sent is either muddled or contradictory, the fact is it couldn't be more clear: voters would rather pay less for the failure they now assume will result regardless of how much government spends.

Californians have lost virtually all confidence in our state government's desire and ability to restore accountability and produce meaningful results.

It's a verdict that has plunged political elites in Sacramento and their cohorts in the establishment media into the five stages of grief: denial, anger and bargaining are the first to come, followed by depression.

And finally, acceptance.

Sooner or later Sacramento must accept that the long party is over. Our leaders must acknowledge that dramatic budget cuts have to be followed by a sober reassessment of our state's population growth and the revenue schemes and wild spending it has indulged to accommodate that growth.

At long last, California is sliding into the sea.

The question now is: does it remember how to swim?

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# You can't beat meat

SUCK IT, PETA.

Seriously. With the summer grilling season under way, I've happily been all about meat. There's something so innate about chewing on a flawlessly sauced rib or a well-seasoned piece of chicken that's been charred to perfection on the backyard grill. Gnawing a hunk of just about anything from the butcher is satisfying in a very cave-man-like, Fred Flintstone kind of way (minus Pebbles' cliché hair bone). Vegetarians really don't know what they're missing.

It was hard not to chuckle last week when the first lady of France, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy (who is, admittedly, a bit laughable regardless), wrote a letter to the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals righteously declaring that she does not "wear, buy or own fur or animal skin other than leather or skin of animals raised for feeding purposes." (Really? Should we suppose she'll ask the sales clerk at Louis Vuitton if the three or four crocodiles that gave their lives for the next purse she purchases were raised for feeding purposes? Will the clerk pretend to know the answer?)

And it doesn't come as a huge surprise that PETA welcomed Bruni-Sarkozy with open arms, considering its biggest champion, Pamela Anderson, is chock full of more additives and preservatives than a bag of Funyuns. When an organization's chief marketing strategy is splattering red paint on a fur coat (which seems as productive and sensible as an environmental group setting fire to a protected wilderness area) or picketing fast-food joints like KFC (from whom Pamela Anderson accepted money to appear on an Australian TV show), it's hard to take them seriously.

I was a vegetarian all throughout college, although it's only fair to fully disclose that it was easy to avoid meat while going through the requisite upper middle-class, suburban Deadhead hippie phase and everyone in the adjacent dorm suites had on speed dial a late-night veggie pizza, with subsequent leftovers readily available in their mini-refrigerators 24/7.

Shortly after graduation, I took the GREs and was so mentally and emotionally exhausted following the exam that my dad took me to Manero's Restaurant Steakhouse in Greenwich, Conn. He knew I didn't eat meat, I knew I didn't eat meat, but he nevertheless ordered me a sirloin burger. Without hesitation I gobbled up every last ounce, and to this day, it was the single greatest meal of my life.

There were times after that I wished I had remained a vegetarian. Like when I was in Turkey with my friends Michele and Meltem and we had dinner with Meltem's parents. Her dad insisted I eat the eyeballs of the fish that was being served because I was the guest of honor. He tried to assure me it was a delicacy at the same time I tried to assure him that me eating eyeballs would result in no uncertain amount of vomit at the table.

Michele was luckily exempt from consuming anything ocular because of her vegetarian status (not to mention, coincidentally, her general aversion to anything eye-related). Perhaps had I not seen the eyes being carved out of the fish I wouldn't have been so repulsed. But who are we kidding — eyeballs are up there with Rocky Mountain oysters on the puke scale.

I'll actually eat, or at least try, most things if I don't have to see where they come from. Like, I'll eat roasted pork any day of the week (sorry, Rabbi), but if I have to look at the poor pig roasting on a spit, I'll definitely take a pass. I'm also just sensitive and compassionate enough that I prefer not to think about where my meal started out before it arrived on my plate. Then again, I also wept watching a clip of Miley Cyrus' latest music video, so my tears hardly discriminate.

Some people were just born with wheatgrass in their blood. One family friend who is a lifelong vegetarian, although he doesn't consider himself a "purist" because he occasionally "cheats" by eating baked goods that possibly contain eggs or dairy and wouldn't hesitate to administer CPR on a cockroach, started a nonprofit in his free time to promote and protect the well-being of the animal community by ensuring they're free from unnecessary suffering.

When you live honestly in accordance with your beliefs and remain respectful of others should they disagree, you're an activist. When you engage in acts of criminal sabotage and try to incite change through harassment, you're PETA.

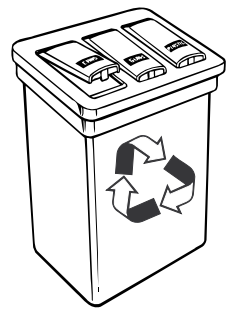
I'm sure I'll run into at least a few PETA supporters when I go see the new film, "Food, Inc." I'm also sure we won't sit together. But they're certainly welcome at my house afterward for a barbecue. They'll just have to bring their own tofu for the grill.

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The Q Line

**Too little, too much?**

The Rent Control Board recently approved a 1 percent rent increase for the coming year pleasing renters and upsetting landlords.

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The City of Santa Monica is forming an Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force to advise on the development of a long-range urban forest master plan, review specific urban forest issues related to the master plan, and serve in an advisory capacity to City Council on urban forestry issues. The Task Force will initially work with the Community Forester, other City staff and the City's consulting Landscape Architect during the development of the plan by gathering community input and formulating recommendations based on that input for the long-range urban forest master plan. During the development of the plan the Task Force will be meeting monthly with at least 4 additional community workshops. Applicants should be willing to dedicate as much as 14 – 18 hours each month to serve on this Task Force.

The role of the Task Force will be to:

- Focus on the development of the long-range urban forest master plan
- Conduct community meetings to learn resident concerns regarding the long term management of the community forest
- Evaluate the public's input and apply it to the long-range urban forest master plan where practical and/or feasible
- Make revisions to the street tree designation list
- Assist staff throughout the plan's development to create standards for streetscape development projects
- Make recommendations for strategic goals, objectives, implementation measures, and timelines for achievement of those goals

**Applications for the Task Force may be obtained from the City's web site at www.smgov.net**

**Applications must be returned no later than 3:00 PM, June 30, 2009 to:**
**Director of Community Maintenance, 2500 Michigan Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90404.**
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**All questions may be directed to**
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NEW PACKAGE: **Bay Cities Italian Deli Bakery recently switched to recyclable containers.**

# Few citations issued since Styrofoam ban became law

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2007 was met with mixed reaction from local restaurant owners, some pleased that city officials were tightening up environmental regulations, others concerned with how sustainable products would impact their bottom line. Restaurants had about a year to make the switch and phase out any Styrofoam products they might use.

While the transition might not have been smooth for all businesses, a number of them say there are no problems with the ban today and overall feel it's good to go green.

Shortly after the ban was adopted, City Hall hired Josephine Miller, a former chef who worked in the city, to assist restaurants change over from polystyrene, meeting with distributors about expanding their offerings of to-go packages and educating businesses about what materials are acceptable.

City Hall also has information about the ban on its Web site, which includes a list of about 75 distributors who sell alternative containers.

"We as a city don't make any recommendations," Miller said. "What we do is highlight what other people in the community are doing and what people in other communities have chosen."

Slightly more than two dozen restaurants have received warnings of violations since the ban went into effect in February of 2008, almost all of which were reported from patrons.

Restaurants are given two weeks to comply and are encouraged to meet with Miller. None have been fined as of yet, but three restaurants are expected to receive citations next week.

The first citation carries a $100 penalty, increasing to $250 for subsequent offenses.

Restaurants have generally been supportive of the stricter regulations. Some have expressed frustration that they are forced to switch from Styrofoam to more sustainable options when other cities don't have a ban, Miller said.

"Imagine if you were a burrito stand or hamburger joint on Lincoln on the border of Venice and one block away the same style of business is using a lot of Styrofoam," Miller said. "It would be very frustrating to you."

The cost of switching away from Styrofoam was a concern of many business owners when the regulations were adopted. Andrew Casana, a consultant for the California Restaurant Association, said that alternative products on average range from three to four times the cost of expanded polystyrene.

Casana said that the environmental impacts of some of the newer products on the market will not be known for at least 10 years.

Patrick Good, who owns The Shack, said that the containers he ended up choosing are more expensive.

The restaurant uses a biodegradable plastic for salads and paper for hot food items.

"I'm all about going green but it was a big expense," he said.

Michael Anderson, the owner of Chez Jay, said he hardly notices the price difference, adding that the transition was painless after meeting with city officials about which products to use.

"We didn't like the change at first, but within two weeks, it was easy," he said.

Some customers say they agree with the ban. Some said they weren't even aware of the switch.

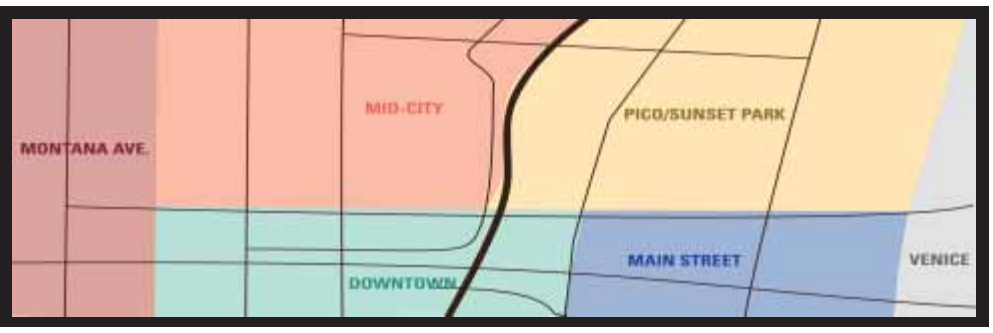
"If there are cheaper, easier way to box your food then so be it," Alex Hackford of West Hollywood said outside Bay Cities on Wednesday. "I haven't noticed a change in take-out boxes but I also haven't really been looking."

Natalie Jarvey contributed to this report

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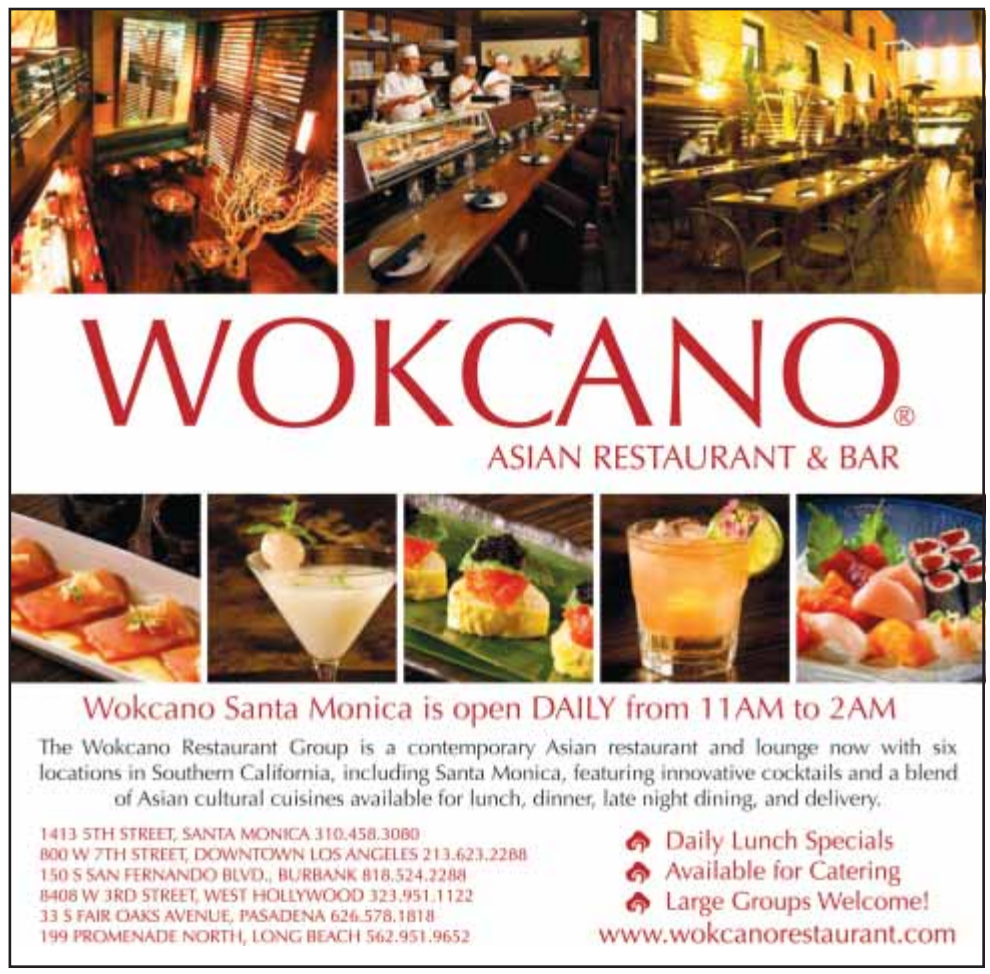
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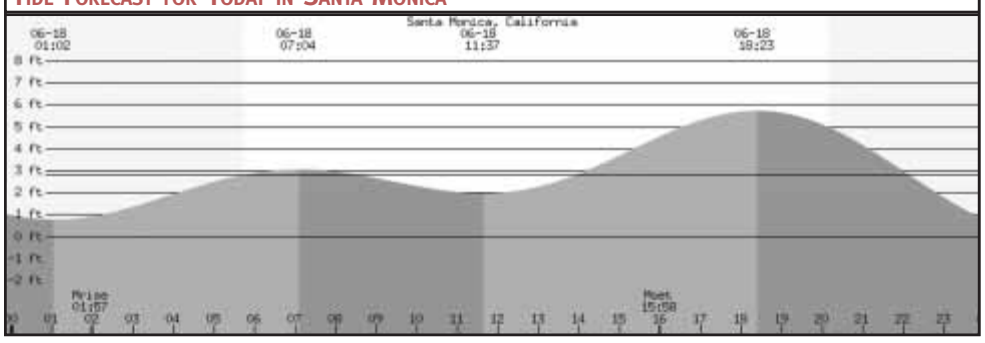
## Swell Forecast ( 2-3 FT )

**The south swell should diminish further to waist+ around south facing breaks, perhaps chest high at standouts. Some light wind swell is also expected, but only enough to help west facing breaks with waist high waves.**

## Long Range Synopsis

Friday the 19th is looking like a smaller south swell day, perhaps waist high max around south facing breaks.

## Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica




BEACH REPORT CARD

# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **June 9, 2009**

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

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 36 / 11
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 11

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Ailas creeks | A+ | ns |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach | A+ | ns |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private) | A+ | ns |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth | C | ns |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach | A+ | ns |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth | A | ns |
| Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach | F | ns |
| Pearce State Beach at creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd. | A | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily | F | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east | B | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon | A+ | ns |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero) | A+ | ns |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs | A | ns |
| Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach | A+ | ns |
| Tuna Canyon | A+ | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth | B | ns |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach | A | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach | ns | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain) | A+ | ns |

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua) | C | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain | A+ | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain | A+ | ns |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier | F | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain | D | ns |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms) | A+ | ns |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain | C | ns |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain | A+ | ns |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain | A+ | ns |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain | A+ | ns |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south | A | ns |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St. | A+ | ns |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower | A | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth | D | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain | B | ns |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty) | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain | A+ | ns |

**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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### Metro Service Changes Set for June 28

The expansion of Metro Rail to East LA is prompting several bus route changes beginning June 28. In addition, some lines serving between Downtown and West LA are being restructured on that date. For complete details and timetables, visit *metro.net*.

### Wilshire/Western High-Rise Opens

Metro's latest joint development project, Solair, has been completed at the Wilshire/Western Metro Purple Line station. The glass-wrapped tower features 186 residences and penthouses along with a 40,000 square-foot retail plaza. To date, Metro has been involved in billions of dollars in transit-oriented joint development projects.

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# Impact to services expected to be minor during freeze

FROM **HIRING** PAGE 1

Community Development include an environmental planner, inspector in its Building and Safety Division, a senior plan check engineer and transportation planning associate. There is also a senior planner position but it's expected to be filled with an in-house candidate, instead freezing an associate planner position that will open as a result, Ellen Gelbard, the assistant director said. Contract employees might be used to fill some of the gaps.

The openings in the department mean that the planners may be stretched out over various projects, requiring some to do two jobs at once, Gelbard said.

"It's definitely going to hamper our ability to do our work," she said.

The Housing and Economic Development Department currently has a frozen staff assistant II position, which is the receptionist for the Housing Authority. The department has pulled in employees to share front desk duty.

"It means that we got everyone helping to fill in to cover that position and that is time that they're not spending on their primary duties," Agle said.

Lee Swain is expecting the three frozen positions in Public Works to have minimal operational impacts, saying that the vacancies are for jobs that will have the least obvious effect on the community.

The positions are in architecture services and cemetery maintenance. He estimates the savings at more than $100,000.

"We recognize in this economy we're needing to tighten our belt just like everyone else," he said.

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# Private donors help foot cost of parade

FROM **PARADE** PAGE 3

rowdy," she said.

Some in the crowd got a little too rowdy, including a group that was shut out of the celebration when the Coliseum filled to capacity. Dozens of people tried to enter by climbing over a ticket booth and tried to tear down a temporary fence, police said. They threw rocks, bottles and other objects at officers, who fired beanbags into the crowd.

In all, 15 people were arrested on suspicion of assaulting a police officer, narcotics possession, disturbing the peace and other violations, police said. One officer's hand was cut when something was thrown at him. Another officer suffered minor injuries while attempting to make an arrest.

Several cases of heat exhaustion and a child who fell down a concrete staircase inside the stadium were the only other injuries reported.

Police Chief William J. Bratton said at least 1,700 officers, some in plainclothes, kept watch on the crowd.

Fan Michael Sims arrived before dawn with his brother, sister, niece and nephews to ensure they would get seats inside the Coliseum.

"Who would miss this? This is magical," said the 45-year-old Sims, who has been cheering the Lakers since the days of Johnson and Abdul-Jabbar.

In the days before the event, much was made of its estimated $2 million cost, with critics complaining that a city a half-billion dollars in debt and facing layoffs could not afford the celebration.

But private donors joined the team and the owners of Staples Center to underwrite most of the cost. It was the first of the four Laker victory parades this decade to be privately funded.

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**Double Feature: Flash Gordon 1hr 51min & Battle Beyond the Stars 1hr 44min**
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
**1441 Third Street Promenade**

**Drag Me to Hell (PG-13) 1hr 39min**
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

**The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min**
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

**Land of the Lost (PG-13)**
2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55

**Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) 1hr 45min**
2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:

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**Up (PG) 1hr 36min**
1:10, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00

**Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min**
2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

**Star Trek (2009) (PG-13) (CC) 2hrs 06min**
1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05

**The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min**
12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

**Land of the Lost (PG-13)**
1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35

**The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) 2hrs 01min**
1:05, 2:05, 3:45, 4:45, 6:35, 7:35, 9:20, 10:20

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**The Brothers Bloom (PG-13) 1hr 49min**
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

**Every Little Step (PG-13) 1hr 36min**
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

**Easy Virtue (PG-13) 1hr 33min**
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

**Unmistaken Child (NR) 1hr 42min**
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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**Terminator Salvation (Digital) (PG-13) 1hr 54min**
1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20

**My Life in Ruins (PG-13) 1hr 38min**
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

**Angels & Demons (PG-13) 2hrs 20min**
12:20, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00

**Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min**
11:30am, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30

**Imagine That (PG)**
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

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# Pay bills, Aries

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Keep a stern eye on your finances. Investigate opportunities that stem from friends. Communication flourishes. Ground yourself in basics, as they do make a stupendous difference. Meetings and groups prove to be lucky. Tonight: Pay bills first, then decide.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your personality melts barriers and allows greater flexibility in your actions. As others change their tune, you too will become much more flexible. A must appearance can only help you. Tonight: You are the cat's meow right now.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Know when to cut back and understand. Assume a low profile. Your creativity is enormous. Surround yourself with people who also have imagination. Sharing and exchanging thoughts add to the power of an idea. Tonight: Vanish. Mystery is always attractive.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Should you open up more? Only you can answer that. Most certainly a partner nudges you in a particular direction. Realize your limits; make choices that honor them. A financial offer might not be that good! Tonight: Find your friends.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out for others. Listen to your associates, friends and loved ones. They put a very interesting spin on various issues. The more information, the better your choices. Don't close down if you feel challenged. Tonight: A must show.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Seek out experts. Your ability to handle a lot of work and details emerges. Be careful: Before starting a new diet or health regimen, check in with your doctor. Listen to news, even if it forces you to regroup. Tonight: Relax to great music.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Key people in your life will demand your attention. You will want to comply and make time for each person. On the other hand, naughtiness keeps bubbling up, encouraging you to go off and play. A child could be deceiving you. Look again. Tonight: Dinner for two.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Defer to others, as they have strong ideas about what works. Even if you disagree, let them find out through experience rather than you saying so. Released of certain responsibilities, you can indulge a fantasy or spend some time with loved ones. Tonight: Consider who, what and where. Decide what you want.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Deal with others individually, as many people have different ideas. Sometimes communication is inspiring. Other times it can depress. You know the power of words. Decide to use them in the most beneficial manner possible. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Work isn't everything. Somehow your mind floats to other ideas and places. Perhaps you need to leave work early or take a long weekend. Funnel your intensity into your work, if you must. Tonight: Opt for mischief.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your imagination will add to whatever you take on. Many might question why you have a twinkle in your eye. Be wise, and keep your own council. Tonight: Be with a trusted friend or decide to go off on your own.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Don't hold back. You have a lot of ground to cover. As you think through a problem and make a major change, get feedback. Honor your sixth sense as well. Tonight: Share with a dear friend.

## Happy birthday

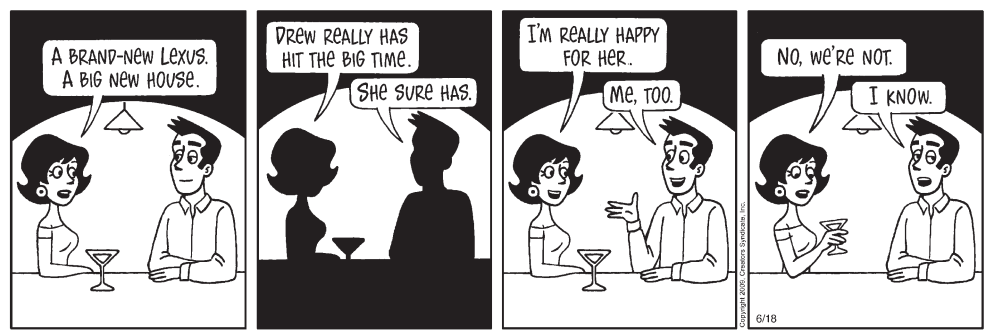
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, much goes on behind the scenes. You might choose to say less and think more. Evaluate exactly what you need and expect, and follow that path. If you are able to detach, you will see solutions more often. Creativity stimulates more caring and openness. If you are single, you could meet someone very different. This relationship, while not being "it," could be instrumental to your growth. If you are attached, you will become closer by relaxing more together, cutting judgments and walking in each other's shoes. A vacation together will also serve as a bonding experience. TAURUS reads you cold.

## Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein




## The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



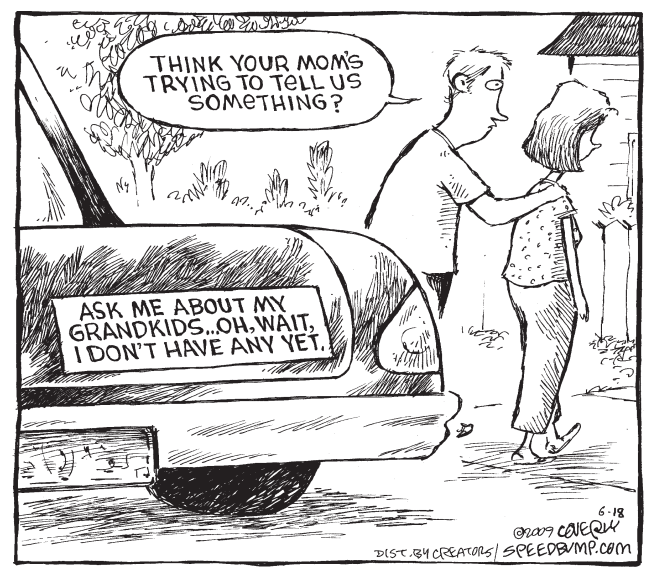

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Strike
**5** Conform
**10** Colossal
**11** 2006 Winter Games setting
**12** Heaps
**13** Fix one's bearings
**14** Wanted poster sights
**16** Virtuosi
**20** Pioneer carriers
**23** Misery
**24** Waive one's rites?
**25** Door part
**27** Outlaw
**28** Bygone cab
**29** Influential folks
**32** Cheap criticisms
**36** Geriatrics topic
**39** Skip
**40** Of axons and dendrites
**41** Hindu hero
**42** Utah city
**43** Low card

**DOWN**

**1** Pillow cover
**2** Corker
**3** Wildly eager
**4** Noisy workplace
**5** Cavalry posts
**6** Linen type
**7** Bind
**8** Traveler's stop
**9** Word of denial
**11** Horn sounds
**15** Give an edge
**17** Holds title to
**18** Fast-food request
**19** Appear
**20** "Dragnet" star
**21** Jai —
**22** Dinner signal
**25** Toppers
**26** Concisely
**28** Traveler's stop
**30** Left over
**31** Golfer Ben
**33** Poet Khayyam
**34** Clock reading
**35** Order to Rover
**36** Music's Yoko
**37** Trip segment
**38** Failure

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In September 2003, Lisa Strong was hospitalized for a kidney stone, which was not treated properly, and by the time the resultant, massive, life-threatening infections had been dealt with, both her arms and both her legs had been amputated. She filed a lawsuit against the doctors in 2005, but in May 2009, a jury in Broward County, Fla., somehow could not find any fault at all by doctors. (An incredulous Judge Charles Greene reversed the verdict, dismissed the jury and ordered a new trial.)

■ London's celebrated high-end restaurant Nobu still serves a bluefin tuna entree for the equivalent of about $51 but is apparently ashamed that it has a fresh inventory ready to carve, according to a May report in the Daily Telegraph. Printed on the menu is this advisory: "Bluefin tuna is an environmentally threatened species -- please ask your server for an alternative."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1873** suffragist Susan B. Anthony was found guilty by a judge in Canandaigua, N.Y., of breaking the law by casting a vote in the 1872 presidential election. (The judge fined Anthony $100, but she never paid the penalty.)

**1945** William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was charged in London with high treason for his English-language wartime broadcasts on German radio. (He was hanged the following January.)

**1959** actress Ethel Barrymore died in Los Angeles at age 79.

**1979** President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

**1983** astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

**1984** Alan Berg, a Denver radio talk show host, was shot to death outside his home. (Two white supremacists were later convicted of civil rights violations in the slaying.)

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