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THE ALL ABOUT FOOD ISSUE

Restaurant, chefs face federal charges for allegedly serving meat from whales

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

SM AIRPORT The owners of a shuttered sushi restaurant and two chefs who worked there have been charged by federal prosecutors for allegedly serving customers meat from endangered whales.

The nine-count indictment, which was filed Thursday afternoon, charges Typhoon Restaurant Inc., which is the parent company of the now-closed The Hump restaurant; Kiyoshiro Yamamoto, 48, of Culver City, Calif., and Susumu Ueda, 39, of Lawndale, Calif.

All are accused of conspiring to import and sell whale meat, specifically meat from Sei whales, which are listed as an endangered species and are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection

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Program opens future to SMMUSD seniors

Young Collegians shows students the road to higher education

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Like many high school seniors, Logan Henderson, 17, will have to suffer the anxiety of waiting until spring for the (hopefully) fat envelopes addressed from universities to arrive in his mailbox.

For many of the students that attend Santa Monica and Malibu high schools, those letters and the four years of higher education that they signify have been on the horizon since they first enrolled in preschool.

That's not the case for Henderson, an African-American male, who has already

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Samohi aide accused of grabbing teen's butt

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor -in-Chief

SAMOHI A teacher's aide assigned to work with special education students at Santa Monica High School has been charged by the City Attorney's Office with sexual battery after he allegedly grabbed a 15-year-old girl's butt, police said Friday.

Kelvin Ramirez, 34, is facing one count of sexual battery, a misdemeanor. He is expected to be arraigned on Feb. 27 at the Airport Courthouse, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

Ramirez could not be reached for comment.

When charged as a misdemeanor (with no aggravating circumstances), sexual battery carries a maximum of a six-month jail sentence and a $2,000 fine. However, if the touching takes place while the accuser is unlawfully restrained, institutionalized, seriously disabled, medically incapacitated or unconscious, the jail sentence may increase to a maximum of one year or the crime may rise to a felony, punishable by a maximum of four years in the state prison and a $10,000 fine.

The Samohi investigation began on Dec. 20, 2012 when the special ed student told

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DOING THE (BOOK) WORM

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

Hundreds of students at Roosevelt Elementary School dance with their favorite books in hand to the pop sensation 'Gangnam Style' Friday to celebrate their participation in a month-long Read-a-Thon. Parents with their smartphones and video cameras lined the playground to watch as their kids got their grooves on. The students came up with their own lyrics, which highlighted the books they read.




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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013

On your mark, get set, prep!
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
12 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Students in grades 10 through 12 can take a full-length practice SAT test, hosted by Kaplan Prep. Registration is required for this program. Limited seats are available. This program is free and open to the public. For more information and to sign up, call Terrie Dorio at (310) 458-8682 during library hours or visit smpl.org.

Feeling flutey?
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Free classical concert of the Northridge Flute Quartet. Julianna Bruce, Cheryl Lopez, Mary Cervantes and Sheila Molazadeh will play selections from Handel's "Water Music," Mozart's "Divertimento" and "Contredanse" and others. Popular tunes such as "Edelweiss," "The Rose," "All I Ask of You" and the Harry Potter theme will also be played. All ages are welcome but space is limited and on a first arrival basis. For more information, visit www.smpl.org.

Le salon de Santa Monica
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 4 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Woman's Club will be transformed into a 17th-century French salon in an effort to raise money for the upcoming 2013 season of independent theatre company Santa Monica Rep. The event starts with live music and a mix and mingle, where guests will be able to make masks, have their hair coiffed and participate in a silent auction and raffle. A fully costumed stage reading of Moilere's "The Learned Ladies" will be the primary entertainment of the evening. Guests are encouraged to dress in costume. Tickets are $50 and can be purchased at www.santamonicarep.org.

Carbs and classics
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m.
The Santa Monica High School Orchestras will have their 10th Annual Spaghetti and Strings Dinner, Show, and Silent Auction. There will be performances by the full philharmonic and symphony orchestras, an elegant dinner service and catering by local favorite Fritto Misto restaurant. Tickets are $30 for adults, $15 for students, and are available at the door or can be ordered in advance by contacting Lori Whitesell at lwhite6397@aol.com. Seating is limited.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013

Vintage, ooh la la
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
At the Vintage Fashion Expo, you will find high quality vintage clothing and accessories for men and women. Fashions from the turn of the century to the 1980's will be presented by over 90 dealers from across the country. This is the last day of the event. Students are admitted free on Sunday with I.D. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at www.vintageexpo.com.

Honoring history
Mt Olive Lutheran Church
1343 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
In honor of Black History Month, Orchestra Santa Monica will be holding a concert. Compositions by Mozart, William Grant Still, Andre Myers and Chevalier de Saint-Georges will be performed. Tickets are $30 for adults, $15 for students, $10 for seniors, and free for members and children. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (310) 525-7618.

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CORRECTION

In the story "Community to weigh in on local marijuana policy," which appeared in the Feb. 1 edition of the Daily Press, it should have said that Richard McDonald was in set-up mode for his marijuana testing business and was not accepting marijuana from clients nor taking cash. We must have been smoking something.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Climate change task force gets busy

The co-chairs of the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change – Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) and Sen. Sehldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) – on Thursday wrote to over 300 businesses and organizations, soliciting their views on actions the federal government could take to reduce carbon pollution and strengthen our resiliency to climate change.

The members have called for ideas for action that can be taken using the Obama administration's existing authority as well as ideas that might need congressional approval. The members wrote to groups representing a wide range of key stakeholders, including industry, labor, nongovernmental organizations, academia, business and trade associations, and faith-based and public health groups, according to a press release.

"Today, we are calling on hundreds of diverse organizations – from the Sierra Club to the Southern Company – to give us their best ideas for addressing climate change," Waxman said. "We can't delay action any longer. We want to jumpstart action by seeking recommendations on what every part of government can do now."

The ideas solicited from these key stakeholders will aid Congress and the federal government in developing effective policy responses to the growing threat of climate change, according to the release. The Bicameral Task Force intends to share this information with the Obama administration, Sen. Barbara Boxer's Climate Change Clearinghouse, and other leaders in Congress to promote action on climate change.

The organizations whose ideas are being solicited include Amazon.com, Apple Inc., Chrysler Group LLC, American Lung Association, ExxonMobile Corp., the National Basketball Association and the Emmet Center on Climate Change and the Environment – UCLA School of Law.

– KEVIN HERRERA

Mahony defends legacy on church abuse in blog

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Retired Roman Catholic Cardinal Roger Mahony defended his tattered legacy Friday in a sharply worded letter to his successor, one day after Archbishop Jose Gomez stripped him of his administrative duties and bowed to a court order to release thousands of pages of confidential files on sexually abusive priests.

In a letter posted on his personal blog, Mahony challenged Gomez for publicly shaming him and said he developed policies to safeguard children after taking over in 1985, despite being unequipped to deal with the molester priests he inherited.

Mahony had apologized two weeks ago after another release of similar files showed he and other top aides worked behind the scenes to protect the church from the growing scandal, keep offending clerics out of state and prevent public disclosure of sex crimes committed by priests.

Gomez was well aware when he took over in 2011 of the steps Mahony had taken to develop better clergy sex abuse policies and never questioned his leadership until Thursday, Mahony wrote.

"Unfortunately, I cannot return now to the 1980s and reverse actions and decisions made then. But when I retired as the active archbishop, I handed over to you an archdiocese that was second to none in protecting children and youth," Mahony wrote.

The letter was remarkable because it revealed infighting between two highly placed church leaders when members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy rarely break ranks publicly, said the Rev. Thomas Doyle, a canon lawyer who worked for the Vatican's Washington, D.C., embassy.

"It is so rare because they stick together like glue," he said. "The fact that Gomez said what he said, this had to have been cleared by the Vatican, they had to have discussed this with the Vatican. Mahony took the fall."

Gomez declined an interview request from The Associated Press.

The exchange also indicates the stress Mahony is under following several weeks of damaging disclosures of priest personnel files that reveal he and a top aide, Thomas Curry, who is now a bishop, maneuvered to shield priests from prosecution, kept parishioners in the dark and failed to call police about sex crimes against minors.

Gomez's public rebuke of Mahony, 76, for failing to take swift action against abusive priests adds tarnish to a career already overshadowed by the church sex abuse scandal, but it does little to change his role in the larger church.



Photo courtesy Google Images

ON THE DEFENSIVE: **Archbishop Jose Gomez has relieved retired Cardinal Roger Mahony of his remaining duties, on the same night the church released thousands more files on priest sexual abuse.**

The archbishop also accepted a resignation request from Curry, who most recently served as auxiliary bishop in charge of the archdiocese's Santa Barbara region.

The fallout will get worse as parishioners themselves begin to read the thousands of pages of documents that are now posted on the archdiocese website.

The files were to be released as part of a record-breaking $660 million settlement with more than 500 victims of sex abuse, but lawyers for the archdiocese and individual priests waged a five-year battle to keep them sealed. On Thursday, a judge ordered them released without significant redactions after attorneys for The Associated Press and Los Angeles Times intervened.

An attorney for the media organizations contacted the archdiocese Friday with concerns that certain documents were improperly redacted.

Several of the documents in the newly released files echo recurring themes that emerged over the past decade in dioceses nationwide, where church leaders moved problem priests between parishes and didn't call police.

Studies commissioned by the U.S. bishops found more than 4,000 U.S. priests have faced sexual abuse allegations since the early 1950s, in cases involving more than 10,000 children — mostly boys.

In one instance, a draft of a plan with Mahony's name on it calls for sending a molester priest to his native Spain for a minimum of seven years, paying him $400 a month and offering health insurance. In return, the cardinal would agree to write the Vatican and ask them to cancel his excommunication, leaving the door open for him to return as a priest someday.

"I am concerned that the archdiocese may later be seen as liable — for having continued to support this man — now that we have been put on notice that one of the young adults under his influence is suicidal," a top aide wrote in a memo about the priest to Mahony in 1995, urging him to stop paying benefits to the priest.

The cardinal added a handwritten note: "I concur — the faster, the better."

In another case, Mahony resisted turning over a list of altar boys to police who were investigating claims against a visiting Mexican priest who was later determined to have molested 26 boys during a 10-month stint in Los Angeles. "We cannot give such a list for no cause whatsoever," he wrote on a January 1988 memo.

While Gomez's decision to strip Mahony of his administrative duties and reduce his public role was unprecedented in the American Roman Catholic Church, Mahony can still act as a priest, keep his rank as cardinal and remain on a critical Vatican panel that elects the next pope.

Victims were quick to point out the contrast between Mahony's pared-down local standing and his continued position as a cardinal who travels frequently to Rome and remains in good standing there.

The decision "is little more than window dressing. Cardinal Mahony is still a very powerful prelate," Joelle Casteix, the Western

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Too many questions

Editor:

The front page story about NMS taking over the abandoned Jones construction buildings ("Apartment openings spell new beginning on Fifth Street," Jan. 30) quotes NMS President Jim Andersen as saying "Residents will be able to live, work and play without ever needing to get in their cars."

First, I'd like to know what Andersen has been smoking when it comes to the "facts" he so proudly states. What evidence is there that people who live in these overpriced boxes will be walking to work? Or anywhere else for that matter?

I'm willing to bet that each tenant in these buildings has a car, meaning they will only exacerbate an already horrendous traffic problem throughout the city.

The article goes on to mention the rents in these rehabilitated buildings as ranging from "$2,695 for one-bedroom units and $3,795 for two-bedroom units." I'd like to know which jobs within walking distance pay such stellar salaries that a person could shell out nearly $2,700 a month.

NMS and its apartment building partner in crime, Century West, need to be stopped from building more of their overly large buildings. The Planning Commission and City Council need to scale back any more of these monstrosities.

Gary Gurner
Santa Monica

Nobody rides for free

Editor:

Last week, an article mentioned that the City Council "honed in on freebies given to those that live outside of Santa Monica" in an attempt to deal with a potential $29 million deficit ("City Hall considers targeting non-residents to close budget gap," Jan. 24).

I'm wondering whether one of the freebies being looked at is the huge freebie given to Santa Monica College students, namely unlimited free rides on the Big Blue Bus. The vast majority of SMC students live outside the city of Santa Monica, and the subsidy is enormous.

A document on SMC's website summarizing student demographics includes the following:

"7,500 students use the Big Blue Bus every day. That's half of our daily population!"

Since a BBB round trip costs the rest of us at least $2 ($3 if the trip involves a transfer, and even more if the trip involves the Rapid 10 line), let's do the math: 7,500 students, times five days per week, times 40 (perhaps more than 40) weeks of classes per year, means that the residents of Santa Monica are subsidizing these students to the tune of at least $3 million per year, maybe more.

With a large deficit looming, why is our city handing out several million bucks worth of free bus rides every year?

[Editor's note: The "any line, any time" program costs SMC a fixed annual amount of $1,219,480, according to a city staff report from June of last year when the contract was renewed.]

Paul Sorbate
Santa Monica



Your column here

Dr. James L. Snyder — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

As things now stand, I think I'll sit down

ONE THING ABOUT ME THAT has not changed all these years is that I refuse to waste my time on anything not important. There is too much to do in this world to waste time on unimportant things.

This, however, sometimes gets me in trouble with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Do not let this get back to her, but I sometimes refer to it as the GMP syndrome. She is standing up about something and I am sitting in my easy chair not knowing what she's talking about.

My wife's idea of what is important sometimes does not jive with my sense of importance. The real problem is that I do not understand what she thinks is important and she, on the other hand, does not understand that I do not think it is important. On those rare occasions when our sense of what is important collides, we celebrate. That is what is important.

She thinks she won, and I know I won. Does it really matter? Very few times in life do we both get what we want. When that happens she stands up and gloats, while I sit down and grin.

I am not sure what the difference is between a gloat and a grin, but then, does it really matter?

I must confess we are on a different wavelength at times. The only time our waves are synchronized is when I am driving out of the driveway and waving good-bye and her returning the jester.

Do not get me wrong, we have been a marvelous working team for more years than I can remember. Of course, that does not mean anything because I cannot remember yesterday. However, we have worked together most marvelously for many years and I look forward to many more years of such marital shenanigans.

In spite of that, we have our differences. One of the great differences we have is in the definition of importance. It is a rare day in June when our definitions are united in holy macaroni and cheese. It does happen though and we both revel in those moments.

It is wonderful when we can stand together on some project or some issue. Now that I think of it, I believe we stand together more often than I have given credit.

The thing that makes our relationship so marvelous and wonderful is that we allow the other person to have their differences. She is a broccoli [yuck] kind of a person and I on the other hand am an Apple Fritter kind of person.

It just goes to show there are certain things that a person should stand for and then there are things that really do not matter.

Looking out at the world, I notice a few things I just cannot stand for. Some do not make any difference one way or the other, while others really makes a difference. The problem is by the time we understand the significance of something we are too old to do anything about it.

The Pennsylvania Dutch have a wonderful saying, "We grow too soon old and too late smart." By the time we have grown enough to become smart about something that something is no longer in vogue. At my age, of course, I am learning that I cannot stand too long for anything.

Out in the world of politics and religion, people are always coming up with solutions to nonexistent problems. It takes a good politician and religious person to spend a lot of time working on a solution of which there is no problem.

Our world is full of problems, to be sure. It would be a rare day when people would get their heads together and work on problems. All we have today are solutions. The trouble is finding the right solution for the right problem.

Only in politics and in religion can we spend all our time working on a solution that does not address any particular problem. As this stands today, I think I am just going to sit down and let it go by, because it will.

My father taught me the most important thing in life was never to try to fix something that ain't broken — or ain't broken too bad. It is amazing what a little duck tape can do to put off fixing something that is not broken too bad. Not every crack needs fixing.

Silence is golden and noise can be expensive especially when somebody else is talking. I like surrounding myself with the wonderful sounds of silence. I do not even like talking to myself. I do not listen anyway so what is the use.

Often in my life, I have regretted saying something, but never, to my knowledge, have I regretted keeping my mouth shut. Yes, I will stand up for some things, but many things I will just sit down and take it. No reason to get all riled up when what people are talking about is like a breeze on a summer afternoon. It comes for a moment and then it's gone, and where it goes, nobody knows.

The apostle Paul knew what to stand for. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1).

If you do not stand for something good, you will fall for anything, usually bad.

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The Q Line

Budget woes

City Hall could be facing a $29 million budget deficit by 2018 unless officials can increase revenues or make cuts to programs.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What do you think could be trimmed to ensure that the city's coffers are not depleted in the next couple of years?

Here are your responses:

"WELL, I THINK A GREAT WAY THAT costs should be cut in this lovely city of San-Malicious would be to have the City Council quit paying themselves huge salaries. And, of course, some of the road crews working day and night – I think that they could also cut their salaries. So that's my answer. One could trim a lot of money and put the money towards teachers. Teachers and police officers. And, of course, better drivers for the local bus service, including the blue line."

"THE CITY COFFERS WILL BE SAVED ONLY if they trim the fat out of the staffing throughout the city, except for the police and fire department personnel. And stop the ridiculous bonuses and perks. Let these creatures just do their damn jobs and be very glad they have one. Also, stop outsourcing work to "consulting agencies" – they're always doing that – and excessively-paid vendors of one kind or another. What do the hired city personnel do anyway? Last, but certainly not least, get rid of the mooching con artists, bums, drug addicts, alcoholics, runaway teenagers and other assorted cruds. Oh, and stop building low-income tenements for more budget-draining creatures. The middle class is not going to be around very much longer for you to tax into their own poverty."

"PLEASE. STOP ADDING YOUR so-called improvements to all the streets in Santa Monica. These medians with special trees planted in them and all kinds of things to impede the flow of traffic do nothing but cost money. And it does; it stops the flow of traffic. Please stop wasting money on frivolous things like that."

"CITY HALL COULD BE CUTTING BY cutting administrator salaries – probably administrator staff – and the ridiculous consulting fees they pay everybody."

"WELL, YOU KNOW, WITH THE COMRADES on the City Council, we are looking at another revenue enhancement. Don't you just love that term for more taxes? Do you believe we are $29 million in the hole? We have a $600 million budget. I bet I can lop off at least 25 percent and still run the important programs in this town. Start with cutting the $8 million waste fixing the pier. Stop funding all these non-profits that really help themselves. Stop all vote-buying of low-informational people by cutting tax-supported, public low-income housing. Losing the state redevelopment funds was one of the best things to have happened to Santa Monica. Stop trying to save the world with costly green power. Stop the free lunches. Stop PYFC. Stop the light rail. Stop being foolish and believing the oily propagandists at City Hall are on your side."

"IF THE CITY WISHES TO TRIM COSTS perhaps they should look at our local Apple Store. Prior to moving to its new location on the Third Street Promenade it was noted to be a million dollar per day grossing store – the highest daily grossing store per day in our nation. The sales and business tax that provides our city is enormous. The new, bigger store will hopefully provide even more bucks for the city. Now if they can make Apple be like Starbucks is on every corner of the promenade the budget problems should be solved."

"THE PROJECTED DEFICIT IS $29 MILLION unless the city cuts spending, or raises taxes. The taxpayers have a legal obligation to pay the pension contributions of our fine police and fire department officers and other city employees. If we stop funding new regional social service programs we can balance the budget without raising taxes. The homeless in Santa Monica are not here because they lost their home to foreclosure or were evicted from an apartment. They are here because 'if you build it they will come.' No new homeless shelters. We need to stop funding Community Corp. of Santa Monica (CCSM) low-income housing projects, since the majority of the occupants move here from outside the city to bolster Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights voter base. Every shooting in Pico Neighborhood is adjacent to a city funded low-income housing project, which is why the head of the housing department and the executive director of CCSM won't live next to their own low-income projects. The same applies to Step Up on Second. The city has funded four projects for the mentally ill; most of the residents came from outside of our city, and the Step Up executive director doesn't live in Santa Monica. Let the other cities in L.A. County do their fair share. Fund city pensions without raising taxes."

"HOW MANY OVERPAID UNION workers in our town are needed to paint a line in the street? Ten staff workers to think it up, 25 people in the Planning Department to study it, 20 people in the traffic department to OK it, 10 engineers to figure it out and one guy to actually paint it."

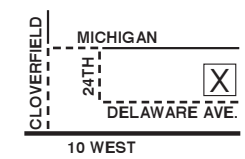
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4 arrested for defying nudity ban

Four protesters were arrested entirely in the buff as they took to the steps of San Francisco City Hall in a brazen challenge of the city's ban on public nudity on Friday, the first day it went into effect.

One woman and three men — one wearing just a mesh thong — were taken into custody as about a dozen other protesters in various states of undress paraded around with painted slogans on their bodies, holding up signs with messages such as "The Human Body is Beautiful."

Police gave them a 15-minute warning to disperse or put pants on before officers arrested those who failed to cover themselves. The protesters said their arrest would advance the cause of "body freedom."

"No matter what, we're going to continue practicing body freedom," said Gypsy Taub, a mother of two who hosts a local cable program devoted to the nudist cause. "In a society that's repressed and crazy, that glorifies war and at the same time criminalizes the human body ... nudity is a political statement."

In December, the Board of Supervisors voted 7-4 in favor of the ordinance, which prohibits exposed genitals in most public places, including streets, sidewalks and public transit. A federal judge ruled Tuesday that nudity was not protected free speech and upheld San Francisco's ban on most displays of public nudity.

Protesters vowed to appeal the judge's decision.

Police spokesman Albie Esparza said the arrests were simply an attempt to enforce compliance with the law, which the city enacted after residents complained about people in various stages of undress.

Activists challenging the measure also had argued that the ordinance was unfair because it grants exceptions for nudity at permitted public events such as the city's gay pride parade. They complained that forcing people to cover up would undermine San Francisco's reputation as a city without inhibitions.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELK GROVE, Calif.

Man vows to fight for freedom in Vietnam

A Vietnamese-American democracy activist who was released after nine months of prison in his native Vietnam is pledging to keep fighting for free speech and democracy in his homeland.

Nguyen Quoc Quan, 60, was reunited with his family Wednesday night in Los Angeles after the Vietnamese government deported him. He was arrested on allegations that he was trying to overthrow the government — a charge he denies.

The Elk Grove activist was released after the U.S. government applied diplomatic pressure on Vietnam.

Nguyen told the Sacramento Bee that he's happy to be back in Northern California, but he won't rest until the citizens of Vietnam can speak freely.

"For now, I will fight from here. If I have to go back to Vietnam, I will," he said Thursday.

Nguyen is a leading member of Viet Tan, a nonviolent pro-democracy group that Vietnamese authorities have labeled a terrorist organization. He was detained in 2007 in Vietnam for six months, also on charges relating to his pro-democracy activities, before being deported.

In 2010, he changed his name to Richard Nguyen and went back to Vietnam in 2011 for six weeks. When he made another trip in April last year, he was arrested as soon as he arrived.

"I knew what I was doing wasn't against the law, but I also knew I'd be arrested. I planned to become a witness against arbitrary detention," Nguyen said.

Nguyen said his three hunger strikes in prison and release without trial reflect the power of peaceful protest.

He said his experiences in Vietnam have given him a new appreciation of the United States.

"I love democracy and freedom a lot because I live in America. I didn't understand much before I came here," Nguyen said. "Now I want to pay it back. If I can do that, I feel like I am alive."

– AP

OAKLAND, Calif.

Oakland launches municipal ID-debit card

City officials introduced a municipal identification card on Friday that will double as a debit card.

The goal is to help city residents, including illegal immigrants, who may have difficulty obtaining another form of identification.

However, critics say the card legitimizes the presence of illegal immigrants and poses a security risk to users.

New Haven, Conn., offers a similar ID card, and Los Angeles is also pursuing one.

The debit function will allow people who don't have a bank account to avoid check-cashing fees or the risk of carrying large amounts of cash, officials have said.

"It is a symbol of the fact that the city of Oakland is willing to go through a lot of hurdles, a lot of work to make sure this works," Mayor Jean Quan said at the launch ceremony.

People will be able to apply for the cards starting on Feb. 18, although they shouldn't expect to receive them until about the middle of March, said Sean Maher, a spokesman for the Oakland mayor's office. The city expects to issue thousands of cards this year. They will cost $15 although seniors and minors will get a discount.

The debit function would draw money from a prepaid account set up by users, Maher said. That account could be replenished at sites around the city.

It is tied into the MasterCard network, so merchants can process the card without requiring a PIN, Paul Stephens, director of policy and advocacy for the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, told the San Francisco Chronicle.

Additionally, the home address that might be used for billing verification purposes would be on the card.

The result, according to Stephens, is that anyone who gets possession of the card could easily drain the account.

Oakland officials say the debit function is optional and fraud is a danger with any debit card system.

Users can sign up to receive a text message every time the debit function is used, said Deputy City Administrator Arturo Sanchez, who oversees the ID program.

– AP

Healthier schools are saying goodbye candy, greasy snacks

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Goodbye candy bars and sugary cookies. Hello baked chips and diet sodas.

The government for the first time is proposing broad new standards to make sure all foods sold in schools are more healthful, a change that would ban the sale of almost all candy, high-calorie sports drinks and greasy foods on campus.

Under new rules the Department of Agriculture proposed Friday, school vending machines would start selling water, lower-calorie sports drinks, diet sodas and baked chips instead. Lunchrooms that now sell fatty "a la carte" items like mozzarella sticks and nachos would have to switch to healthier pizzas, low-fat hamburgers, fruit cups and yogurt.

The rules, required under a child nutrition law passed by Congress in 2010, are part of the government's effort to combat childhood obesity. While many schools already have made improvements in their lunch menus and vending machine choices, others still are selling high-fat, high-calorie foods.

Under the proposal, the Agriculture Department would set fat, calorie, sugar and sodium limits on almost all foods sold in schools. Current standards already regulate the nutritional content of school breakfasts and lunches that are subsidized by the federal government, but most lunch rooms also have "a la carte" lines that sell other foods. And food sold through vending machines and in other ways outside the lunchroom has not been federally regulated.

"Parents and teachers work hard to instill healthy eating habits in our kids, and these efforts should be supported when kids walk through the schoolhouse door," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Most snacks sold in school would have to have less than 200 calories. Elementary and middle schools could sell only water, low-fat milk or 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice. High schools could sell some sports drinks, diet sodas and iced teas, but the calories would be limited. Drinks would be limited to 12-ounce portions in middle schools, and 8-ounce portions in elementary schools.

The standards will cover vending machines, the "a la carte" lunch lines, snack bars and any other foods regularly sold around school. They would not apply to in-school fundraisers or bake sales, though states have the power to regulate them. The new guidelines also would not apply to after-school concessions at school games or theater events, goodies brought from home for classroom celebrations, or anything students bring for their own personal consumption.

The new rules are the latest in a long list of changes designed to make foods served in schools more healthful and accessible. Nutritional guidelines for the subsidized lunches were revised last year and put in place last fall. The 2010 child nutrition law also provided more money for schools to serve free and reduced-cost lunches and required more meals to be served to hungry kids.

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, a Democrat, has been working for two decades to take junk foods out of schools. He calls the availability of unhealthful foods around campus a "loophole" that undermines the taxpayer money that helps pay for the healthier subsidized lunches.

"USDA's proposed nutrition standards are a critical step in closing that loophole and in ensuring that our schools are places that nurture not just the minds of American children but their bodies as well," Harkin said.

Last year's rules faced criticism from some conservatives, including some Republicans in Congress, who said the government shouldn't be telling kids what to eat. Mindful of that backlash, the Agriculture Department exempted in-school fundraisers from federal regulation and proposed different options for some parts of the rule, including the calorie limits for drinks in high schools, which would be limited to either 60 calories or 75 calories in a 12-ounce portion.

The department also has shown a willingness to work with schools to resolve complaints that some new requirements are hard to meet. Last year, for example, the government relaxed some limits on meats and grains in subsidized lunches after school nutritionists said they weren't working.

Schools, the food industry, interest groups and other critics or supporters of the new proposal will have 60 days to comment and suggest changes. A final rule could be in place as soon as the 2014 school year.

Margo Wootan, a nutrition lobbyist for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, says surveys done by her organization show that most parents want changes in the lunchroom.

"Parents aren't going to have to worry that kids are using their lunch money to buy candy bars and a Gatorade instead of a healthy school lunch," she said.

The food industry has been onboard with many of the changes, and several companies worked with Congress on the child nutrition law two years ago. Major beverage companies have already agreed to take the most caloric sodas out of schools. But those same companies, including Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, also sell many of the non-soda options, like sports drinks, and have lobbied to keep them in vending machines.

A spokeswoman for the American Beverage Association, which represents the soda companies, says they already have greatly reduced the number of calories kids are consuming at school by pulling out the high-calorie sodas.







Tour De Feast

Michael Ryan
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dining late night with the upper crust

THE PACIFIC DINING CAR, PLAIN AND simple, is your daddy's steakhouse. Plush furnishings, dim lighting and waiters donning snappy uniforms are the norm at this long running L.A. eatery. Aside from the classic decor and your standard high-end menu, the one standout and downright mindboggling fact is that it's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

It is realistic for a place like D.K.'s Donuts to do the 24/7 thing, but to pull it off at an upscale restaurant does not seem sustainable. To get to the bottom of what seems like the most impractical of business models was to visit Pacific Dining Car in Santa Monica at the time I would least want to be at a steakhouse, from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m.; too late for the bar crowd and too early for most breakfast goers. But who would ever go to Pacific Dining Car for breakfast in the first place? It turns out 6 a.m. is when their breakfast menu begins and late night menu ends; a late night menu that consisted of some of the breakfast options as well as some burgers, sandwiches, and steaks. Now you know.

The breakfast menu is rich in a couple of ways. There are many poached egg and hollandaise options. Crab, salmon and steak are ingredients that are commonly found around the menu as well. Nothing comes on the cheap. Most of the offerings are around $20. To put things into perspective, an egg a la carte is $3.95. That's a dozen eggs at Ralphs! And we're not even talking the AA Jumbo, we're talking Eggland's Best.

So many deluxe selections to choose from, but Joe's Special (named after a previous partner's creation) was the ultimate call — an amalgamation of Dining Car sausage, onions, spinach and eggs served with wheat toast and sliced tomato. The meaty concoction was zesty, savory, and just fine, the tomato was pale and spongy, and the toast was, well, toast. The $19.95 price tag seemed a bit steep, but when served up on granny's fine china it is a reminder that prices are contingent on more that just the food.

Not many people go to Pacific Dining Car expecting a Denny's Grand Slam. Actually, not many people go to the restaurant period. At least at 6 a.m. There were two other tables occupied. At one there was a man in his 70s wearing sunglasses drinking coffee, and then hastily paying the waiter and saying that the person joining him canceled. Stood up at the crack of dawn! At the other table were two business people talking about a commercial real estate deal, which seemed like a peculiar meeting considering the hour. The funny thing was, both tables were rather far from me, but it was so quiet that their conversations sounded as if they were joining me for breakfast. When everyone in the room was quiet, you could actually hear the air.

Perhaps it is unmannered of me to lament over prices, especially at a place with such elevated crust as the Pacific Dining Car. It is, however, the only game in town if Norms or Izzy's Deli will not suffice at the not-so-early morning hours. Pacific Dining Car may not be the most practical option, but the fact that it is open 24/7 means that it always is an option.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food, or on CityTV hosting his own show, "Tour de Feast." To reach him visit his website at tourdefeast.net or follow him on Twitter @TourDeFeastSM.

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REALLY, A TOMATO? **The Joe's Special at the Pacific Dining Car, which now serves grub 24/7.**



TIME STANDS STILL: **The Pacific Dining Car's decor is a throwback to a more sophisticated era.**

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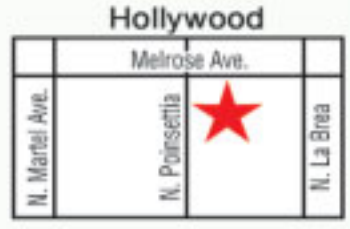
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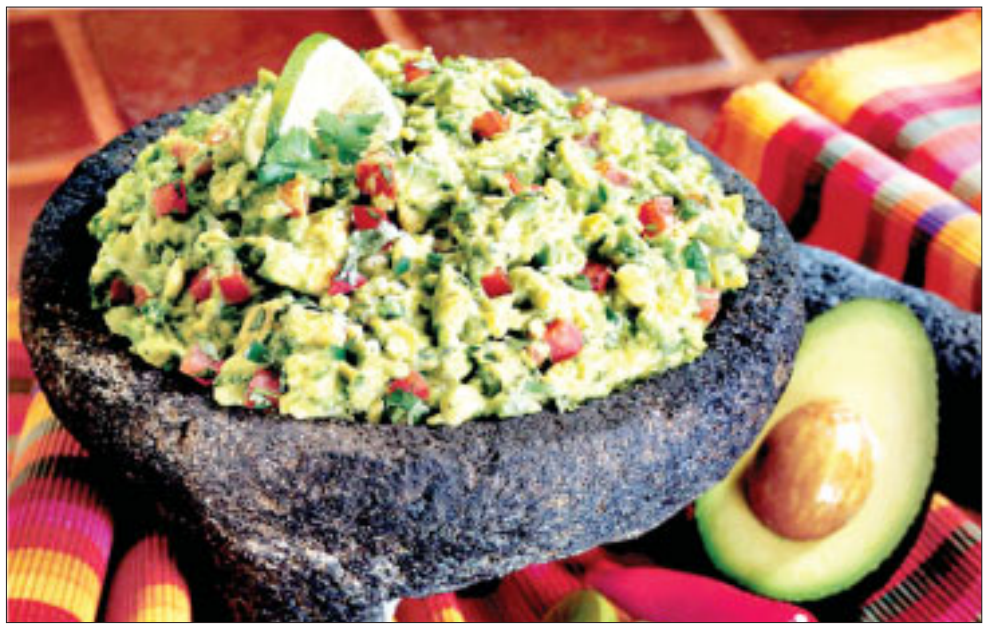


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DIP THIS: **Americans are expected to consume 79 million pounds of avocados around the Super Bowl. For those keeping score, that's roughly 158 million avocados.**

Just try to imagine Super Bowl without guacamole

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Imagine for a moment a Super Bowl without the avocado.

No tubs of guacamole to be defiled by double-dipping guests at your big game-day party. No chunks of creamy green flesh with which to spike your salsa or scatter over nachos.

If that's hard to picture, it's because the avocado has so completely — and so quickly — attached itself to this utterly unrelated sporting event.

As recently as 13 years ago the avocado wasn't the football juggernaut it is today. It has been a relentless and cunning campaign to victory, achieved in part through marketing muscle.

Back at the turn of this century, Americans ate a mere 8 million pounds of avocados during Super Bowl festivities. Apparently this needed to be remedied, so in 2002 the Hass Avocado Board was formed to promote the dominant avocado variety sold in the U.S.

Today, Americans are expected to consume 79 million pounds of avocados around the championship game. For those keeping score, that's roughly 158 million avocados.

"They are outstanding marketers. We can all learn something from them," Kathy Means, vice president of government affairs for the Produce Marketing Association, says of avocado marketing groups, which also include the California Avocado Commission. "It's part of the Super Bowl culture. It's not just associated with it; it's ingrained in it."

Of course, some credit for the ascendance of the avocado goes to the nation's burgeoning Latino population and the growing popularity of Hispanic foods, including guacamole (which, by the way, dates to the Aztecs). Cinco de Mayo previously had been the top guac day, but that's an association that makes sense.

Connecting foods and events that share no true cultural bond is no simple matter. Plenty of produce lobbyists have tried.

"I used to run the kiwifruit commission," says Scott Horsfall, CEO of the California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement. "We used to try to get some promotion around Groundhog Day because kiwis and groundhogs are both fuzzy. But we never got much attention there."

Hard to believe, really.

So why the avocado and why the Super Bowl? Broadly speaking, it helps that the Super Bowl has morphed from athletic event to all-out national party. And that has meant a windfall for many party-friendly foods on what the Snack Foods Association deems the "biggest snacking day of the year."

Chicken wings, for example. Americans will consume more than 1.23 billion of them this weekend, according to the National Chicken Council's 2013 Wing Report. They also will also eat roughly 15 million pizzas, according to trade publication Pizza Today. And then there are all those beers and potato chips.

Some of the avocado's success is a matter of timing.

Avocados from Mexico and other south-of-the-border points — the source of more than half of those consumed in the U.S. — are in season four times a year. And the Super Bowl happened to be an excellent excuse to market around one of those seasons.

"It was a way to get the season going and get the product on the shelf," says Emiliano Escobedo, executive director of the Hass Avocado Board. "Super Bowl is the ideal time. It is the largest party day in the U.S. after New Year's Eve and Halloween. And I like to say avocado people are party people."

But convincing party people that a tub of guacamole is a Super Bowl must-have wasn't the starting point. Escobedo says the industry first had to persuade grocery stores to stock lots of avocados around the big game. It took a while, but now mountains of avocados greet you at the front of the supermarket this time of year.

Only after grocery stores were on board did consumer outreach get serious. And by serious we mean sweepstakes, recipe contests, promotions at tailgating parties, sports television partnerships and athlete endorsements, all manner of social media outreach — even encouraging consumers to share photos of their favorite guacamole — and signing on of celebrity chefs like Tyler Florence and Curtis Stone to talk up the deliciousness of the fruit.

All told, the avocado industry spends about $37 million a year on marketing and promotion.

That leaves Ali McDaniel, food marketing manager for the USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council — the people who in an alternate reality might have brought you millions of pounds of Super Bowl hummus or spicy barbecue lentil loaf — feeling a bit wistful. Her annual budget is less than $100,000.

"It would be nice if we could overthrow the avocado," McDaniel says. "Unfortunately, the price of advertising campaigns are too steep for us at the moment. Hummus is definitely on the rise, though."





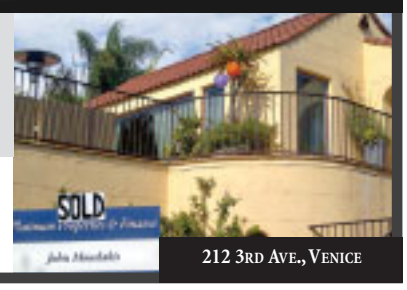


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

Public hearings will be held by the City Council to consider the following changes to City provisions:

SUBJECT: Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2407 (CCS) to Modify the Requirements for Ministerial Processing of 100% Affordable Housing Projects of 50 or Fewer Units to Require that a Minimum Percentage of Units Serve Low, Very Low or Extremely Low Income Households and the Remainder Serve Moderate Income Households

The proposed modification is intended to provide a greater mix in housing affordability levels and addresses the City's need for low, very low and extremely low affordable housing units. Currently a housing project is eligible for administrative approval if it is deed-restricted 100% affordable with 50 units or less and contains all moderate-income units at 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) or less. The amendment would require that a minimum percentage of the units be restricted to low income categories, defined as households at 60% of AMI or less. The remainder of the units would be restricted to moderate income at 80% AMI.

SUBJECT: Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Modify Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.090 to Extend the Time Period that the Planning Commission has to make a Recommendation on Development Agreements to the City Council and to Clarify Existing Law and Practice

The proposed modification would extend the time period for Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council after the initial public hearing on a Development Agreement. Current Code allows the Commission only thirty (30) days. The additional time will allow applicants to address concerns or direction from the Commission and for the Commission to have an opportunity to re-consider the amended project prior to forwarding a recommendation to Council.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013, AT 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Ordinance 2407 Amendment and SMMC 9.48.090 Amendment
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MORE INFORMATION
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File Photo

NOT FEELING IT: **Protesters march against the sushi restaurant The Hump and its illegal sale of whale meat in these file photos from March, 2010. Federal prosecutors re-filed criminal charges against the owners and two chefs on Thursday.**

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Act.

If they are convicted of the charges against them, Yamamoto would face a statutory maximum penalty of 67 years in federal prison, and Ueda would face a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years.

If it is convicted, Typhoon Restaurant, Inc. would face fines totaling $1.2 million.

Federal officials were alerted to the sale of illegal whale meat at The Hump in 2010 after the team behind the Oscar-award winning documentary "The Cove" conducted an undercover investigation, capturing video of a waitress at the restaurant allegedly serving whale. They also went so far as to send meat samples to the Marine Mammal Institute for DNA testing, which later showed the meat did come from Sei whales.

The Hump, formerly located at the Santa Monica Airport, closed in March of 2010 after the media reported on the federal investigation. The owners at the time said the closure was "a self-imposed punishment."

Federal prosecutors initially filed a criminal complaint then against Yamamoto and The Hump but dismissed the case soon after. They continued investigating, which led to the indictment that added Ueda and a number of other charges, said Thom Mrozek, spokesman for the Department of Justice in Los Angeles.

Gary Lincenberg, attorney for the restaurant group that owned The Hump, said in an e-mail that his client is disappointed that the charges were filed, particularly "years after the owner of The Hump made substantial donations to several nonprofit groups dedicated to saving endangered species."

"At this point we'll address the matter in the courtroom," he added.

Yamamoto and Ueda allegedly ordered the whale meat from Ginichi Ohira, a Japanese national who previously pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of illegally selling a marine mammal product. Once Ohira received the whale meat in the United States, he prepared an invoice that incorrectly described the meat as fatty tuna and delivered the whale meat to The Hump, according to the indictment that describes a conspiracy that lasted from



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2007 into 2010.

It is illegal to sell any kind of whale meat in the United States. Sei whales are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and they are listed as endangered in the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

In addition to the conspiracy charge, the restaurant group is charged with smuggling and Yamamoto is charged with two counts of smuggling.

The restaurant group is also charged with a misdemeanor count of the sale of a marine mammal product for an unauthorized purpose, and Yamamoto is charged with two misdemeanor counts of sale of a marine mammal product for an unauthorized purpose.

Yamamoto is additionally charged with obstructing an official proceeding. Contained in that is an allegation that Yamamoto instructed other sushi chefs at The Hump to lie about the source of the whale meat.

Ueda is additionally charged with making a false statement to federal investigators about the source of the whale meat.

Yamamoto, Ueda and representatives of The Hump will be summoned to appear for arraignments in United States District Court in the coming weeks.

Anyone with information about the illegal sale of marine mammals is encouraged to call the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Law Enforcement hotline at (800) 853-1964.

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watched one good friend become disaffected with school, leave and join the working world.

Now, however, Henderson is waiting for news from Harvard University and UC Berkeley, and dreams of becoming an adolescent physician who serves underprivileged youth and focuses on illnesses that often afflict the poor.

He attributes much of that success to Young Collegians, a collaborative program between the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica College that takes two dozen low-income and minority youth and exposes them early to rigorous college classes.

Henderson is one of a roughly 25-person cohort of Young Collegians, SMMUSD students who were selected as freshmen to participate in a three-year program that involves sacrificing their summers to earn college credits and get a taste for higher education.

The program is one of many at SMMUSD that attempt to address the long-standing achievement gap between minority and low-income students and their white and Asian counterparts on many measures of academic success.

That gap has been the target of ongoing efforts, most recently a comprehensive plan put forward by Terry Deloria, assistant superintendent of Educational Services.

Young Collegians takes students having difficulty in their freshman year of high school, usually with a C average, and supports them through SMC classes by providing advice, books and some transportation to that and other Young Collegians events.

Those include visits to local university campuses and the chance to speak with people in professional fields to inspire them to stick to their educational goals.

Students enter Young Collegians without the benefit of a family member that has previously gone to college, often without much of an idea of what they want to pursue after high school.

Some, like Alvaro Alvarado, a senior at Malibu High School, have even less experience with the wider world of American education.

Alvarado immigrated to the United States from El Salvador in 2005. Before coming to the United States, Alvarado had never used a computer, nor had he experienced the Internet.

Now, he wants to go to Cal Poly in Pomona, Calif. to study software engineering.

Those in the program are applying to top-notch schools with sights set on professional careers, like Chris Garcia, a senior in Malibu who plans to take his experience in three-dimensional art and translate it into a career in architecture.

"I wouldn't be where I am," Garcia said.

He knew he wanted to go to college. His mother, who works as a housekeeper, made it clear from the get-go that she wanted him to get the kind of education that would let him choose a different career path than her own, Garcia said.

Other kids at school want to go to college because their parents did, or it's always been expected of them, Garcia said.

"We want to go to college because we know how tough it is to do manual labor," he said.

Young Collegians took that desire and gave it focus, helping its students negotiate the complicated world of college applications, financial aid and other intricacies that seem second nature to those who have waded into those depths before.

It helps bring down barriers that many people don't consider, said Rosa Serratore, secondary math coordinator with Education Services at the district.

Those barriers include the cost of Young Collegians itself, which is entirely borne by the district and community college.

Books for a computer course focused on tools in the Microsoft Office Suite cost roughly $100 a piece, Serratore said, and classes cost $46 per unit.

That's almost twice as much as just two years ago as the community college system struggled to get through the prolonged recession, increased demand for courses and dragging California's budget crisis.

Without support from the schools, students in Young Collegians wouldn't be able to afford to attend the program.

Things have been tight recently, said Wade Stevenson, a senior at Samohi.

His family has had to come together to support two relatives who have fallen on hard times, making resources scarce even for something like Young Collegians.

Garcia can relate — he lives in Oxnard, Calif. and travels two hours by bus to get to SMC for classes during the summer. Gas money to get to Malibu and the $3 in bus fare adds up when it's every day, he said.

"The fact that it was free made it possible," Garcia said.

Most importantly, Young Collegians works.

According to information released by the district, the Young Collegians group that graduated last year had an average grade point average of 2.26 out of 4 in eighth grade, before they were invited to the program.

That increased to 2.45 by the time they left, significantly better than the 2.15 average GPA recorded for students invited to Young Collegians who choose not to join the program.

High school students across the country will soon find out where they will spend the next four years of their lives. A few months after that, they will walk across the stage and into their futures.

Now, the Young Collegians have a vision for where that might take them.

"This opened me up to new things," Garcia said. "It gave me a heads up for what's to come."

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MAHONY
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regional director of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, said at a Friday news conference outside the Los Angeles cathedral. "He's a very powerful man in Rome and still a very powerful man in Los Angeles."

The Vatican declined to comment Friday when asked if the Holy See would follow Gomez's lead and take action against Mahony.

Tod Tamberg, the archdiocese spokesman, said he did not know if Pope Benedict XVI was aware of Gomez's actions. Mahony was in Rome several weeks ago for meetings unrelated to Thursday's announcement.

Mahony is a member of three Vatican departments, including the Holy See's all-important economic affairs office, and he remains a member of the College of Cardinals. At 76, he is still eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope.

The Vatican's former sex crimes prosecutor, Bishop Charles Scicluna, has said Canon Law provides for sanctioning bishops who show "malicious or fraudulent negligence" in their work, but he acknowledged that such laws have never been applied in the case of bishops who covered up sex abuse cases.

In the past, lower-ranking members of the church hierarchy who have spoken out about their superior's handling of the clergy abuse crisis have been rebuked by the Holy See.

In 2010, for example, Viennese Cardinal Cristoph Schoenborn criticized the former Vatican No. 2, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, in an interview for his handling of a notorious sex abuse case. Schoenborn didn't use Sodano's name in his critique but was nonetheless forced to come to Rome to explain himself to the pope and Sodano.

The Vatican publicly rebuked Schoenborn, saying that only the pope has authority to deal with accusations against a cardinal.

The Vatican's silence about Gomez's actions indicates that officials there were aware of it, said Patrick Wall, a former Benedictine monk and priest and vocal church critic who consults on clergy abuse cases.

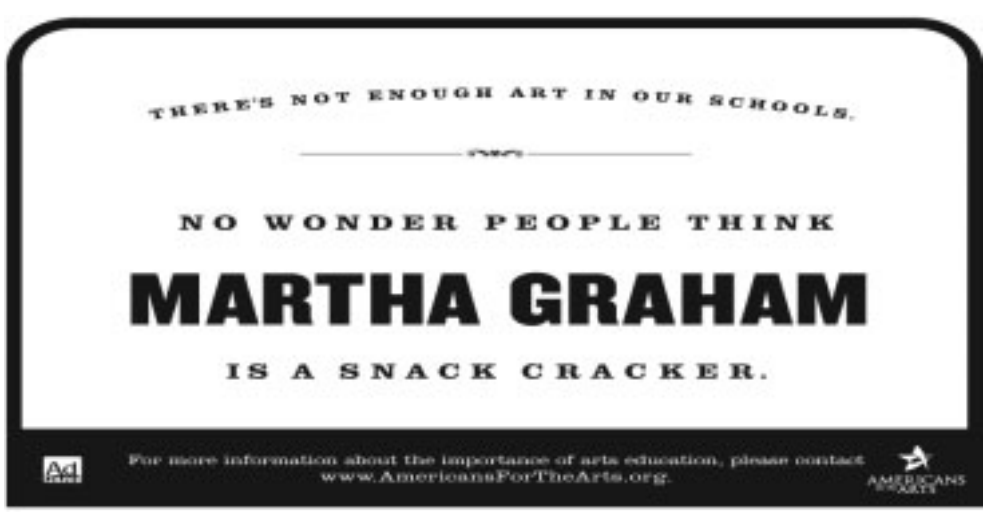
"Gomez was as brilliant as a sniper the way he orchestrated this because he did not overstep his authority against the pope and yet at the same time it appears that some type of penalty is being imposed," said Wall. "It's brilliant and this has never happened in the U.S."

Mahony will reduce his public appearances, including numerous guest lectures nationwide on immigration reform, Tamberg said. However, he remains a priest in good standing and will continue to live in a North Hollywood parish and can celebrate the sacraments with no restrictions, he said.

Mahony, who retired in 2011 after more than a quarter-century at the helm of the archdiocese, has publicly apologized for mistakes he made in dealing with priests who molested children.

He repeated that apology in his blog post Friday.

"I have stated time and time again that I made mistakes, especially in the mid-1980s," he wrote. "I apologized for those mistakes, and committed myself to make certain that the Archdiocese was safe for everyone."





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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **55.4°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small WNW swell leftovers; possible long period NW swell forerunners late

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
Long period WNW builds in; larger sets possible for standout spots

WIND / WEATHER

High pressure will migrate over the western US during the next couple days. This will set up favorable local wind, as well as a warming trend over the next few days. For Wednesday through the end of the work week we will see light and variable to light NE/offshore flow in the morning, shift light to moderate onshore WNW in the afternoon. Similar conditions look likely as we head into the weekend at this time.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **January 30, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 28
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescadero State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Flores creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	C	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	C	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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authorities that she was grabbed on the buttocks by Ramirez, a part-time instructional aide who had been working on the campus for less than a year.

Police investigated the allegations and presented a case to the City Attorney's Office for filing.

School Superintendent Sandra Lyon said Ramirez was a probationary employee who passed the standard Department of Justice background check before being hired. He has since resigned.

"As far as we know it is just one student, but we are doing a thorough investigation to determine if there is anything else we should follow up on," Lyon said. "We are going to continue to work with our employee unions, training for our staff and with the students to make sure that they come forward and let us know if there are any allegations of misconduct."

Lyon said administrators at Samohi acted quickly when made aware of the allegations.

"We take these matters very seriously," she said.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is urged to contact SMPD detectives at (310) 458-2256 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8495.

Those wishing to remain anonymous can call the We-Tip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463) or submit the tip online at www.wetip.com. People can also submit tips to Crime Stoppers by either calling (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or by visiting their website at www.lacrimestoppers.org. Tipsters may be eligible for a $1,000 reward if information leads to an arrest or conviction.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Saturday, Feb. 2

My Neighbor Totoro (PG) 1hr 26min
4:00pm

Groundhog Day (PG) 1hr 41min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
11:55am, 6:30pm

Broken City (R) 1hr 49min
3:45pm, 10:15pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:25pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:50am, 3:35pm, 7:10pm, 10:30pm

Stand Up Guys (R) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (PG-13) 1hr 28min
12:20pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:20am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:50pm, 9:30pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
11:05am, 2:50pm, 6:45pm, 10:35pm

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:45am, 3:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:45pm

Gangster Squad (R) 1hr 53min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:20pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

56 Up (NR) 2hrs, 36min
1:10pm 4:30pm 8:00pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 15min
1:30pm 4:20pm 7:10pm 9:55pm

Quartet (PG-13) 1hr 53min
1:50pm 4:40pm 7:30pm 10:00pm

The Impossible (PG-13) 2hrs 9min
1:20pm 4:10pm 7:20pm 10:10pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Movie 43 (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:35pm

Parker (R) 1hr 58min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Bullet to the Head (R) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Les Miserables (PG-13) 2hrs 37min
11:00am, 2:40pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Mama (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Love the moment, Scorp

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Act early on what you feel you want done quickly. A loved one might pull on your sleeve; he or she could request your company. Spending time with this person is refreshing, and it allows for moments of random thoughts and flights of fancy. Tonight: You've got the rhythm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You have the ability to go with the flow while still holding on to your principles. People getting to know you could be surprised at how rigid you can become if pushed. Tonight: Join friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, as you have a lot to do. Whatever you are up to, others are depending on you getting the job done. You could be surprised at the possibilities that surround a venture. An older friend or relative wants you to join him or her. Tonight: Easy works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You could be on top of a situation, but feel overwhelmed by a loved one's neediness. This person's emotional vocal notes can outdo any ones you can hit. You understand, and you'll allow this individual to work through his or her feelings. Tonight: Others cannot help but turn to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Being the master or mistress of your castle fits your mood well. You get to rule and add to the moment, yet relax at the same time. Perhaps you can fit in some daydreaming and a nap as well. Your love of music and or movies dominates. Tonight: Share with a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, and share more of your secrets. Your sense of humor emerges, which helps you keep the mood light. Visit with friends, and share good news with others. A loved one is not intentionally vague. Tonight: You do not have to go far to have a good time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ The time has come to go out and be physical. Use your imagination as you work through some built-up tension. How you handle a personal matter could change radically as a result. Tonight: How about some dancing?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You move quickly and efficiently, and you make a difference where it counts. Your imagination seems to have opened up wide. Listen to suggestions, but still remember to put in your two cents. Others will appreciate your insights. Tonight: Love the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take a backseat, try to avoid being a backseat driver. Others seem to overindulge in the good life and in their emotional demonstrations. Tonight: Use your creativity to come up with an effective solution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Go for what you want, and do not hesitate to ask others to support you in this venture. Your words come off a lot harsher than you might think. A little softening could go a long way. Listen to news that is forthcoming. Tonight: You create a party wherever you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Pressure builds to a new level. You might not see a way out, and you could feel overwhelmed. You go to extremes by nature. You might decide to go off and do some shopping or indulge in some other favorite escape from the moment. Tonight: Treat yourself.

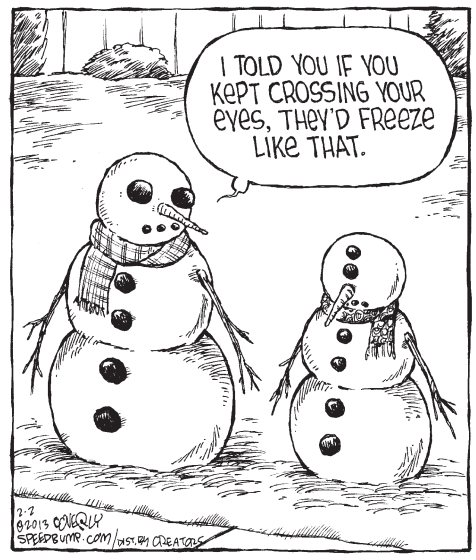
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Understand what is going with an important person in your life. Walk in others' shoes and see life through their eyes -- just for today. Your imagination knows no limits as you reach out to others. Remain sensitive to a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Let your mind roam.

Happy birthday

This year you alternate between being efficient and displaying a non-present, dreamlike attitude. Others won't know for sure which side of your personality they will encounter. If you could combine these two opposing characteristics, you could become a strong leader. You also might create more of what you desire. If you are single, you could find meeting someone with your same versatility to be challenging, though it is a possibility. If you are attached, your sweetie will love your changeability. SCORPIO can be very pushy.

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

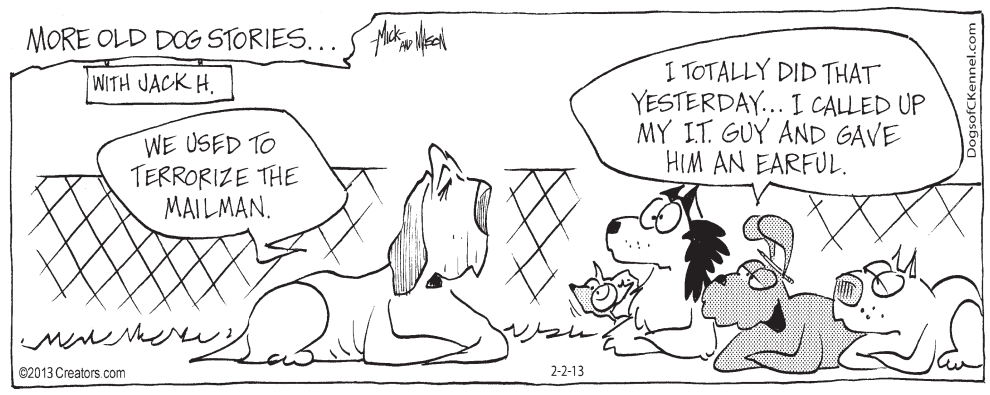
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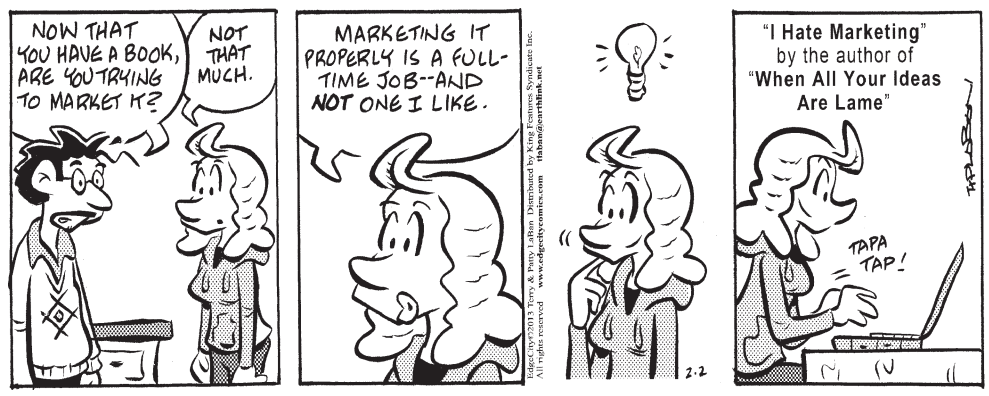
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By John Deering



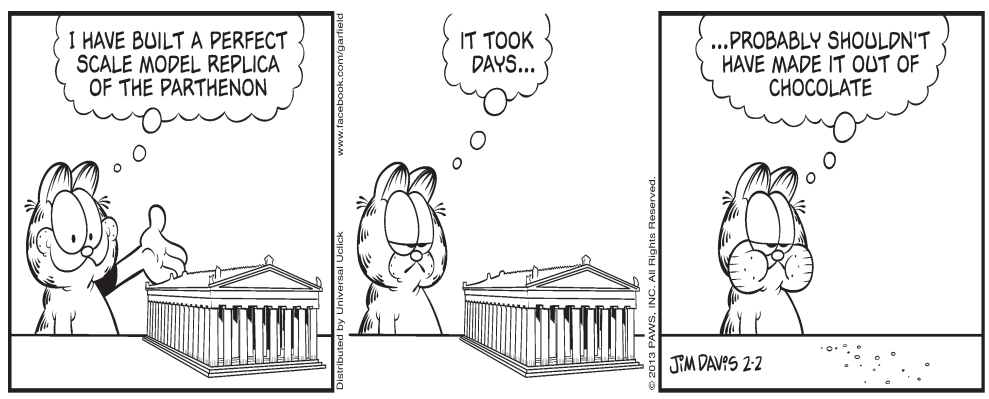
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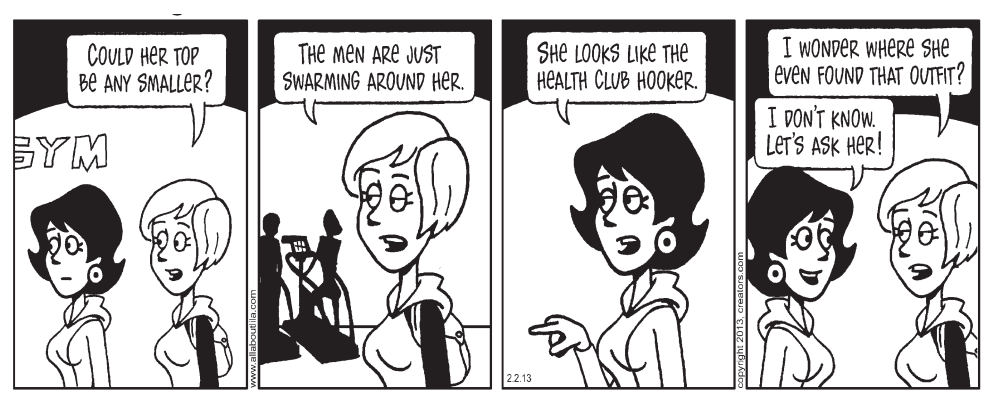
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

5	2	1	6	4	8	7	9	3
6	9	4	3	7	2	8	5	1
3	7	8	1	5	9	4	6	2
8	1	2	5	9	6	3	4	7
4	6	5	7	8	3	2	1	9
9	3	7	4	2	1	5	8	6
1	5	3	2	6	4	9	7	8
2	4	9	8	1	7	6	3	5
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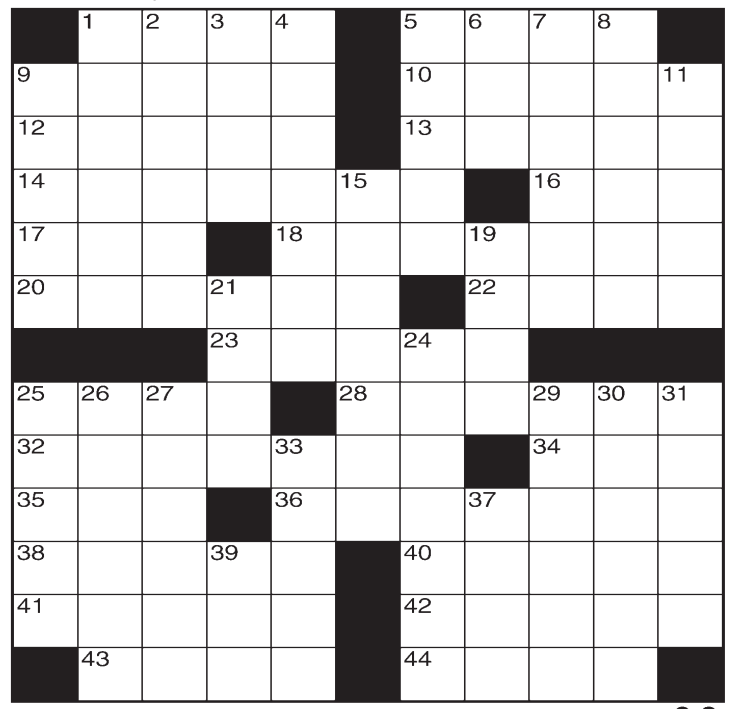
ACROSS
1 Sprit, e.g.
5 Without a date
9 Cousteau's gear
10 Worn out
12 Studied (over)
13 Ridiculous
14 Former
16 Storage spot
17 Julep need
18 Shakespearean conspirator
20 Anne Rice vampire
22 Job for Poirot
23 Texas landmark
25 Racket
28 Wooden rods
32 "Avatar" director
34 Back muscle, briefly
35 Vein contents
36 Folding craft
38 Book's page number
40 Home run, in slang
41 Lighter part
42 Starts business
43 Lacking
44 Balance

DOWN
1 Torch holder
2 Makes baby food, maybe
3 Aid in crime
4 Extreme
5 Messy places
6 Malleable metal
7 Mecca setting
8 Brainiac
9 Overindulge
11 None too smart
15 Corrida hero
19 Low boat
21 Unexciting
24 Union ship
25 Express disbelief
26 Seasonal songs
27 Henry Fielding book
29 Gladdens
30 Bemoan
31 Roils
33 Alex Haley book
37 Hang open
39 Hostel

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■ In December, the car-parts retailer AutoZone became the most recent employer to fire a worker for taking action widely admired -- but prohibited in the workplace because of the company's fear of liability. Devin McLean and his store manager in York County, Va., were herded into a back room by a gun-wielding holdup man and, being the only witnesses, understandably feared for their lives. However, McLean broke free, ran to his truck, and retrieved his gun. (He could have fled altogether but insisted that, morally, he could not abandon his colleague.) When McLean re-entered pointing his Glock 40, two things happened: (1) The robber fled, and (2) McLean became in violation of AutoZone's "zero tolerance" policy against employees bringing firearms into the store. Two days later, he was fired.

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1920 - France occupies Memel.
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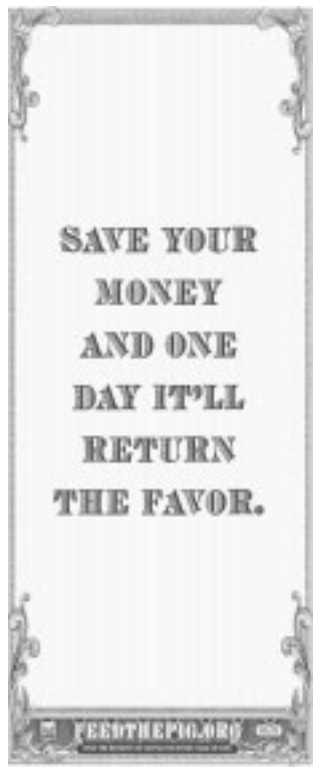
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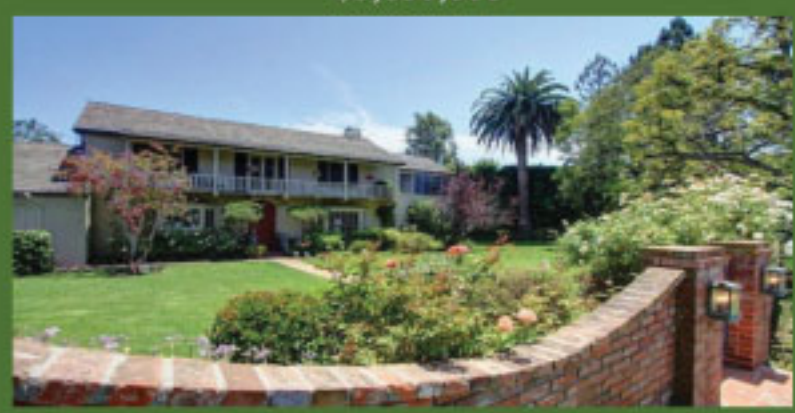
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