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Cozi Couch owner pleads guilty, fined

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE A year after abruptly shutting down his high-end Wilshire Boulevard furniture store and leaving behind scores of angry customers who never received orders they'd paid for, Cozi Couch owner Arman Hazarian has pleaded guilty to false advertising and doing business without a license.

A judge this month ordered Hazarian to pay nearly $81,000 in restitution, gave him four years of probation and required him to perform 200 hours of community service. As part of his sentence Hazarian also was required to deliver furniture to eight customers who had already paid for their orders in full.

"This is probably the best resolution for

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Ewell takes a break from retirement

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CULVER CITY Lamont Ewell, Santa Monica's former city manager who retired in January in order to spend more time with his family, has decided to return to work, at least temporarily, accepting a job as Culver City's interim city manager.

Ewell will make about $20,000 per month to lead Culver City from April through July, said Serena Wright, Culver City's director of human resources.

In an interview Monday, Ewell said he has "no interest" in applying for the permanent city manager position in Culver City. He was already familiar with Culver City because of his past involvement with the Westside Council of Governments, Ewell said, and saw the temporary post as an opportunity to help out while also "transitioning" from the workaday world to life as a retiree. He said the four-month period also fit nicely between scheduled vacations to the Bahamas and Europe.

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BOUNCING

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Alex Heffner, 6, takes a jump on the Euro Bungy at The Make-A-Wish Foundations' 'A Day at the Santa Monica Pier' hosted by Kevin and Steffiana James on Sunday morning. Heffner has been battling leukemia and has one month left of chemotherapy. Heffner was just one of many kids given a chance to meet Hollywood celebrities and spend a day at Pacific Park.

Council members divided on future of The Hump

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The owner of The Hump, the Santa Monica sushi restaurant where, until recently, an endangered species of whale was on the menu, has already publicly admitted to violating the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Charges have been filed. The restaurant, in its own way, has even said it is sorry, issuing a statement that included the phrase, "We sincerely apologize" while also noting, "whale meat … in Japan is widely served as a delicacy."

Now the question is, "What move, if any, will the city of Santa Monica make?"

Because the restaurant leases space in a City Hall-owned building at the Santa Monica Airport, its fate is in the hands of the seven-member City Council, which is set to discuss the restaurant's future in a closed session meeting March 23.

It's already clear the discussion will be lively one, with council members expressing drastically different views on The Hump since the federal charges against the restaurant were announced last week.

In a probe initiated by the producers of the Academy Award-winning documentary "The Cove," which is about dolphin slaughter in Japan, federal authorities obtained evidence they say proves the restaurant was serving Sei whale meat to customers.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Connor told the Daily Press she believes the federal charges, and the potential $200,000 fine, are punishment enough.

"Shutting it down — I know that doesn't serve the many people who work there and would be out of a job in one of the toughest economies we've had in decades," she said.

"There are lots of people with jobs that are going to be hurt and they had nothing to do with the decision to serve the whale. Nothing."

At least one council member sees things differently.

"I'm for throwing their ass out today, not tomorrow," the person said in an interview Monday. The council member asked not to

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Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Healthy eating for seniors
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. — 12 p.m.
This cooking class workshop series focuses on recipes for the healthy, hip Santa Monica senior. The class features Joya Parenteau, registered dietitian and chef. This event is free.

Read this
Santa Monica College
HSS 165, 11:15 a.m.
Two young Latino authors talk about the influences that inspired them as they grew up in the Los Angeles barrios. Sponsored by the SMC Associates and the SMC English Department. For more information, call (310) 434-4303. Admission is free.

Strange place for love
18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th St.
18th Street Arts Center kicks off its 2010 season with "Love in a Cemetery." Robert Sain, LACMA lab founding director, and L.A.-based visual artist Andrea Bowers collaborate with the students of Otis MFA Public Practice and guest artist Olga Koumoundouros to transform 18th Street's gallery into a unique visual arts laboratory. For information, call (310) 453-3711.

Get live
Dakota Music Lounge
1026 Wilshire Blvd., 10 p.m.
Rock/pop band Radagun from Jacksonville, Fla. on their first nationwide tour, performing live at Dakota Music Lounge. For more information call (310) 393-8200. Admission: $5.

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Get abstract
PAINT:LAB
2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Samantha Ahdoot has been captivated and immersed in the arts from a very early age. Her diverse cultural background and love for the arts has contributed immensely to her unique style and visual language, as a fine artist and as a designer. Encompassing traditional with cutting edge, her approach to color and form reflect her skills and influences throughout her life, expanding and always contributing to her extensive resume of accomplishments. Beginners welcome, maximum eight students per workshop. Reservations required. Cost: $40. For more information call (310) 450-9200.

Celebrate the saint
O'Brien's Irish Pub
2226 Wilshire Blvd., 8 a.m. to close
Huge St. Patrick's Day celebration featuring authentic Irish food and drinks. For more information contact William O'Sullivan at (310) 829-5303.

Drilling off shore
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Join Surfrider Foundation and Environment California staff, activists, members, and volunteers from around California as they discuss the threats associated with drilling, and educate the public on why an increase in offshore drilling is not the answer. For more information contact Stefanie Sekkich at (619) 807-0551.

Confess
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
An outrageous St. Patrick's Day antidote to Riverdance, the uproarious one-woman comedy that asks what it means to be Irish, what it means if you don't want to be, and what if you're labeled an Irish wannabe? Admission: $17. For more information call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1.

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.





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COMPETITION: **City Hall is planning to submit an application to Google to compete in the Internet giant's competition to install free of charge a new fiber optic network that promises to be 100 times faster than what most residents use today. Google has an office on Arizona Avenue.**

City Hall wants high-speed Google network

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITY HALL City Hall wants to get something for nothing.

City staff is in the process of submitting an application to Internet giant Google to compete for an ultra-high speed broadband network being offered by the company.

If selected, Google proposes to construct a fiber optic network in Santa Monica capable of downloading a feature-length film in less than five minutes. The company claims the 1-gigabit-per-second network is more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today.

Google is planning to offer services at a competitive price to at least 50,000, and potentially up to 500,000 people, city staff said.

Google's request for information released on Feb. 10, 2010 has attracted national news as cities and other local governments vie to be chosen for the trial. One city — Topeka, Kan. — has gone so far as to rename itself "Google" for the month of March. City officials are hopeful that the merits of Santa Monica stand on their own, and that widespread community support will show Google that Santa Monica is the perfect pilot community.

As a diverse, sustainable and plugged-in community with a robust medical sector and a wealth of learning opportunities for all ages and income levels, Santa Monica is ideally positioned to demonstrate and benefit from the presence of an ultra-high-speed broadband network, said Jory Wolf, chief information officer for City Hall.

"We are in a position to be an excellent candidate for Google's pilot program," Wolf said. "We already have fiber optic cable throughout much of the city for delivering government information and services to the public and for the applications envisioned in Google's initiative."

City Hall is reaching out to community groups and businesses for support in the campaign to bring Google fiber for communities to Santa Monica. City Hall has identified many potential applications for this service:

• Public Safety: advanced public safety communications, emergency phones, IP cameras, data transport, disaster response and recovery, public health communications.

• Telemedicine: video conferencing technologies and electronic communications to allow patients at one site to have a visit with a doctor at a different site. The tools used by clinicians to observe and collect vital information, such as otoscopes and stethoscopes, have been adapted so the clinician and patient can see and hear as if they were in the same room. Rural areas or any connected global village could obtain specialist opinions from St. John's and Santa Monica UCLA Hospital, offering additional service opportunities. Network will facilitate real-time X-ray transfer between hospitals and referring medical clinics.

• Education: online GED programs for all income areas, lifelong learning for personal and professional enhancement, connect local colleges and resident professors to global community for online virtual courses/trainings and parent/faculty communications for local K-12 schools.

• Regional Telepresence: used by business, K-12 schools, Santa Monica College and city services for meetings, it could potentially

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Senior struck, killed on PCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

MALIBU A 73-year-old woman was killed when she was struck by several vehicles on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu Monday, prompting authorities to shut down the busy stretch of roadway for about six hours.

The woman was hit about 6:15 a.m. at Winding Way, according to the sheriff's department. She was identified as Amelia Ordona, said Assistant Chief Ed Winter of the coroner's office.

According to the preliminary investigation, the woman was struck by a vehicle, thrown onto the other side of the roadway and then was struck by other vehicles, some of which kept going, said sheriff's Lt. Scott Chew of the Malibu/Lost Hills Station. The motorist whose vehicle initially hit the woman stopped and was interviewed, Chew said. There were no immediate arrests.

PCH was closed between Kanan Dume Road and Malibu Canyon Road while an investigation was conducted. The roadway was reopened about noon, according to a deputy at the station.

Sheriff's Sgt. Philip Brooks told Fox 11 that the woman was hit by a northbound vehicle, which stopped, and was also hit by "at least six" southbound vehicles, two of which stopped.

The fatally injured woman and her sister worked as caretakers at a residence, and were crossing PCH to catch a bus when the accident occurred, Brooks said. The sister apparently suffered minor injuries.

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Tiny LA railway back on track years after crash

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Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The city's beloved Angels Flight began carrying passengers up and down a steep downtown hill again Monday, nine years after a fatal accident forced an extensive overhaul of the tiny railway's operating and safety systems.

Fans of "The Shortest Railway in the World" waited eagerly to board the first ride at 6:45 a.m., recalling childhood memories of riding the orange-and-black wooden cars

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Don't hold back on The Hump

Editor:

I was distressed to read that The Hump restaurant was operating at the Santa Monica Airport and that they were leasing from the city of Santa Monica. How does a restaurant like this continue to do business selling endangered species Sei whale meat?

Restaurants like this do not operate in a vacuum. People were ordering the whale meat so members of the public knew. That is disturbing. Cities across America will be looking at the city of Santa Monica to see how it handles itself through this incredible media storm surrounding your city. The ripples are big.

I hope your city turns outrage into opportunity and educates the public about the issues surrounding endangered species, protecting our oceans, and the moralities of exposing this type of criminal activity. We all need to be vigilant for this type of activity and turn these people in. I wouldn't be caught dead in a place like The Hump but the whale was as a costly and momentary bite to eat. Eating whale meat is not high end, it is immoral and illegal. Face what that bite of whale really means. If you haven't seen "The Cove," you should.

The producers of "The Cove" have a message that they are spreading. Your city could sponsor free public screenings or Save the Whale (again) T-shirts; something to show the rest of us that the city is outraged and upset by the bad name that this restaurant and their activities have brought onto the name of Santa Monica

Chris Moran
Santa Cruz

Time for a change

Editor:

I agree with Michael Dubin that unchecked, rampant development inconsistent with neighborhoods, should be eliminated. Five members of the City Council have gone completely over to the "dark side" with their support for LUCE, and opposition to RIFT. I don't agree that the LUCE plan is sensible development. In fact, it is a conflict of interest for incumbent, or prospective City Council candidates to solicit, or accept, developer donations to run for office.

After the contemptible performance of the City Council last month, when the pro-development faction again appointed a replacement that rejects the will of the people, I urge local neighborhood groups to form a coalition to organize a recall and replace the present council with candidates who will represent a grass roots plebiscite of residents who support RIFT (and sensible growth) rather than city employee, pro development and SMRR-sponsored candidates.

I understand there will be two council contests in November. One to finish the terms of Ken Genser and Herb Katz (in which case Ted Winterer still has a chance) and the incumbents will be running separately. Bob Holbrook, Pam O'Connor and Kevin McKeown are up for re-election, and incumbents almost always win.

Both O'Connor and Holbrook support the LUCE plan. McKeown is still allied with SMRR, the political machine that supports LUCE and so called "smart" growth.

Bobby Shriver needs to use his media access and celebrity as a Kennedy scion to push harder for progressive change and denounce SMRR for abandoning the residents.

Jonathan Mann
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Arguing in favor of the parcel tax

MY WIFE AND I ARE VERY FORTUNATE and privileged people; we own a home in Santa Monica — or rather, share ownership with a large financial institution. The vast majority of people in the world would look at our domestic bounty with awe. Such good fortune is not without cost or sacrifice, of course. Mortgage payments, insurance, property taxes, utilities, the occasional visit by a plumber, all conspire to keep my wife and I off Telluride ski slopes, Tahitian beaches, Parisian boulevards, and Elton John's guest list.

However, this spring we are going to once again put our carnal pleasures aside and vote for Measure A, the parcel tax put forth by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

This gesture will add $198 to our next, already burdensome, property tax bill.

If, like me, you don't have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews who attend Santa Monica-Malibu schools, you might have no way of knowing just how much trouble they are in right now. Let me tell you.

In brief the story goes like this: Education money comes from the state. It gets channeled through a labyrinthine array of programs, funds, bureaus and divisions, but it is, for all its travels, state money. (Forget about the federal component; despite all the talk in D.C. their contribution is negligible even in the best of times.) And the cold, hard fact is that our state's fiscal situation hasn't looked this bad since the Joad's coasted down from Tehachapi.

Our governor has told us that "California faces a growing financial crisis and… (is) heading towards a financial armageddon." (And he wasn't referring to that astro-opera with Ben Affleck and Bruce Willis.) On the other hand you might prefer gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brown's concise assessment that "This state is in big trouble. Unprecedented."

If you like to envision our state as a bear — and who doesn't — picture that bear with a very sad face, patches of missing hair and the pockets pulled out of his tattered little pants. And that scrawny, anemic bear's situation is getting grizzlier all the time.

That unfortunate bear, our state, is forced to cut back on school funding along with everything else. The result is as horrible as it is "unprecedented." For the SMMUSD this means they are looking at a real fiscal cluster-cuss if additional funds cannot be found. Depending on who you ask and on what day you are asking the district's deficit falls somewhere between $14 million and Ay carumba!

Without the new income generated by the $198 per parcel tax, additional teachers will lose their jobs; real teachers with names and children of their own. Security guards who assist in protecting children and keeping order, nurses, library coordinators, aides who work directly with children and supervise playgrounds, custodians who keep the physical environments of children safe, clean and functional and, yes, administrators who oversee all of this and more will be cut loose. Class sizes, already too large, will be increased substantially. Programs that do not directly impact standardized test scores (i.e. music, physical education and art — already ghosts of their formerly robust 1970s and '80s incarnations) will be nuked. The educational terrain in this city will look a lot like the last reel of "On the Beach" (the spooky 1959 version with Gregory Peck, not the lame 2000 remake with Armand Assante). I could go on, but some of you reading this might have to up your meds.

Over the next few weeks you are going to be hearing a lot about this issue. You will hear endorsements from the notable and the obscure, the elected and the appointed, the inspired and the pedestrian, people you respect and others you think ought to be run out of town on a rail. And me. But what brings these strange bedfellows together is the common belief that Santa Monica schools are at the very core of our well-being as a community and the danger we all face is both stark and frighteningly real.

You will of course hear the obligatory voices of opposition, some of them quite rational. There will be talk of "hidden funds" — trust me, there ain't any — and they'll trot out the usual vocabulary of dissident critique, "waste", "inequity," "misguided," "scare-tactics," "mismanagement," and "Tomfoolery" (well, perhaps the last one would just be used by elderly dissidents). But none of this makes any difference. The current fiscal crisis is real, catastrophic, and unprecedented in the past 32 years.

To again quote our governor, we must "put aside our ideological differences … and solve this problem." We might also need to put aside, at least temporarily, our gripes, grudges and disagreements with the district, its governing board, the superintendent and your first-grade teacher Ms. McGillicuddy who told you to stop eating the paste.

Sadly, even if the voters of Santa Monica approve the parcel tax increase the SMMUSD will still be in trouble for the foreseeable future. The shortfall is that gruesome. But the crucial difference between an unattractive future and a hideous one will make a great deal of difference to those of us who depend upon our schools to provide a quality educational experience for our kids.

The parcel tax really must pass.

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What's the Point?

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Pet owners, not the pet should be put on a leash

TWO COLLEGE STUDENTS WERE videotaping last Friday in Virginia Avenue Park. It was typical arty, demo reel stuff. She was the cameraman and he was the shirtless young buck romping in the park. At one point he jumped up into one of the many trees, so she could capture that classic pose of sitting in a tree, the dappled afternoon light highlighting his natural good looks.

ENTER STAGE LEFT: PARK RANGER.

Blah, blah, blah, "… you kids … . Dangerous … . You could hurt yourself."

Being the sarcastic, nosy guy that I am, I said to the ranger, "So a couple of kids committing the high crime of filming without a permit, huh?"

He replied, "Partly, but more so the climbing in trees. It's dangerous and if something happened the city isn't covered."

Well that just annoyed the life out of me. Not 30 feet away, there were a dozen kids playing on the built-in equipment. I regularly see kids running around in the wet water feature, which is probably more dangerous with the water, and the hard concrete.

So I made a snarky comment about how we allow kids to play. Evidently I hit a nerve with him, and he immediately retaliated by asking me whether or not I have enough poo bags for my dog. I pointed out to him that there was a full bag in the trash with that day's production. Not satisfied with my answer, he reiterated that I needed to have "poos plus one" to be in compliance and avoid a ticket.

That just annoyed me further, as I am an extremely responsible pet parent. Some would say I am over-indulgent, but really, just because my dog has table manners that are better than most people's is no reason to take it out on the dog.

The nerve that he hit is a raw one for me right now. As over the past three weeks I've had two incidents with bad pet parents.

The first incident occurred as I was walking over to a friend's house and we had just left the Ralph's between Cloverfield Boulevard and 20th Street. Along that stretch of Olympic Boulevard there's a greenway between the street and the sidewalk. It is a well-used piece of grass for pets to relieve themselves. As my dog and I were walking along, there was a very large golden retriever whose owner was busy cleaning up after him. That's good, I'm a big proponent of cleaning up. The problem was that this large animal was very interested in my smallish dog.

The golden was on one of those horrid retractable leashes, and he was at what seemed to be the full length of 25 feet. This means that he was well beyond his owner's capability of control. She struggled to get control, but the leash wouldn't retract for some unknown reason. As she attempted to get control, and reel in her dog, it was evident to me by her statements that this was not the first time she had trouble with that leash.

This was irresponsible pet care in my book, not because her dog was so attracted to my dog and the initial fear I felt when he came bounding towards us, but because with that much free leash, he could easily have bolted into traffic on Olympic, which would likely have made for an untimely death for the dog, and a car accident for some unsuspecting driver.

BEING A PET OWNER IS A RESPONSIBILITY THAT I TAKE SERIOUSLY, AND THAT IS WHY THESE BAD PARENTS SO ANNOY ME.

The second event was two weeks ago. We were on our regular walk inspecting the alley, making sure there are no evil badgers hiding out ready to invade our neighborhood. We were halfway down the alley when I looked up to witness a woman reaching down and unleashing her dog, so he could run.

Now I have an animal, running at me and my dog, and I have no idea what he wants. I don't know if he is aggressive or friendly towards me and my dog. I quickly reached down and scooped up my dog, as he is going nuts, barking his head off, and I'm being jumped on by this big black lab.

I was angry and yelled at the woman that she was irresponsible and what was she thinking? She said to me, "He just got off the leash." That was a total lie, as I had just watched her intentionally unleash him .

Being a pet owner is a responsibility that I take seriously, and that is why these bad parents so annoy me. I believe in personal responsibility. The young man climbing in the tree didn't need a park ranger admonishing him any more than I need to be reminded to clean up after my dog and keep him on a leash so that I can control him.

But clearly there are a lot of irresponsible people in this world, which is why we need park rangers in the first place I suppose.

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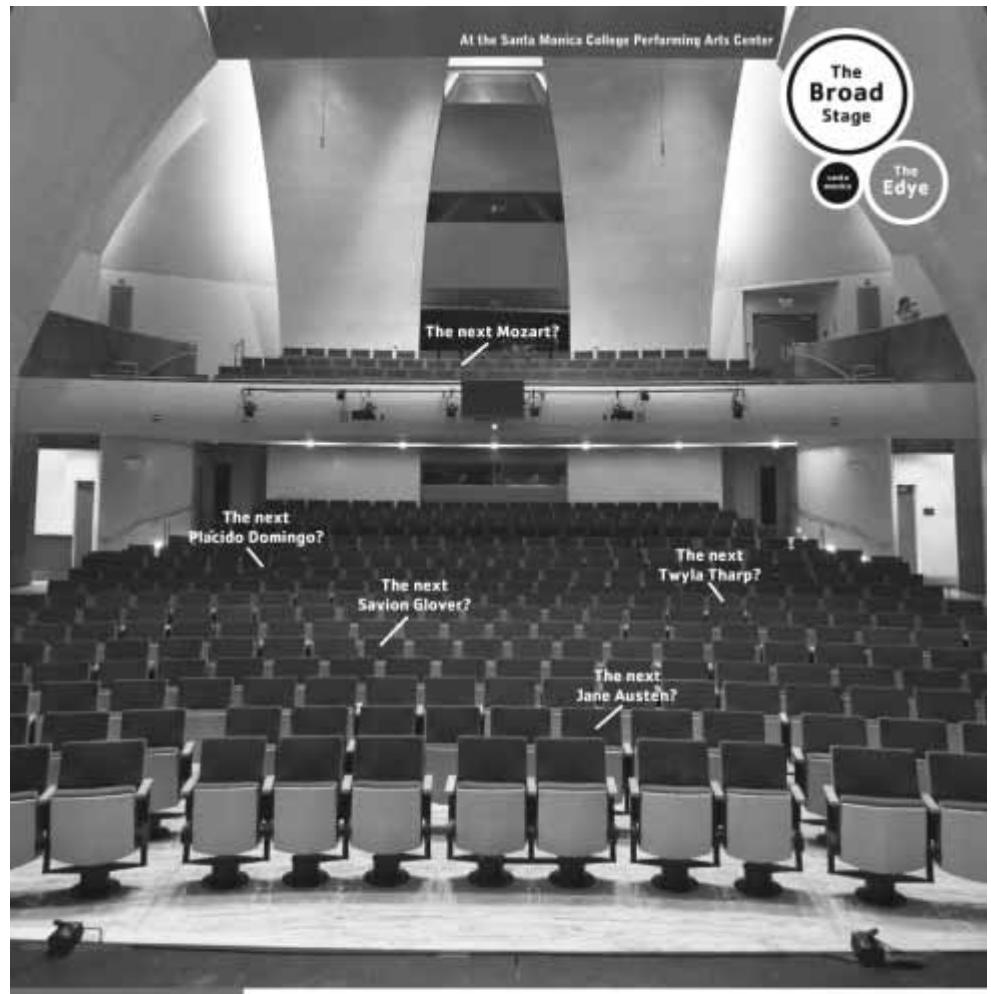
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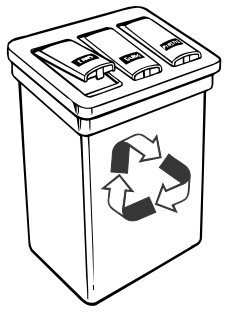
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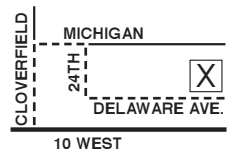


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The Quackers
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Bringing in the good guys

Editor's Note: The Quackers are three awesome ducks – Rusty, Richard and Sydney – from the canals of Venice who are on a mission to educate the community about the dangers of global warming and the importance of practicing sustainability, all while surfing the most gnarly waves possible.

THROUGH DIRT, SHOOTS, LEAVES AND grasses it had pushed its way up, seeking the warmth of the sun. Day by day, nourished by rich soil and falling rain, it grew straight and strong. Soon, at the tip of a stem, a small bud appeared. It grew unnoticed among the other plants until that one sunny morning when its delicate yellow face slowly unfolded in response to the warming sun.

Richard had been up since dawn. He was worried about getting his new rain barrel in place before the next storm rolled through. The job went so quickly he still had time for a stroll around the yard before taking off for the beach.

He passed by the spot he calls his "wild garden." It's a small patch of earth he filled with a wild tangle of plants that he purposely lets go to seed for the birds. Rusty renamed it the "Tweet Spot." He says it's like a Starbucks for birds, only with seeds instead of coffee.

As Richard checked on the Tweet Spot something bright caught his eye. There, amid a tumble of old sunflower seed heads, in a sea of sprouting green, surrounded by spent asters and zinnias, a single daffodil had appeared. Like a tiny sun, its yellow petals seemed to send out delicate rays of warm golden light. Richard's eyes grew wide with excitement. He shouted, "Sidney! Rusty! Come see. Spring has sprung!"

With those words we experienced two emotions, joy and fear. We were torn. Should we go and see or run and hide? To most, including Rusty and I, spring is a time of renewal, growth and beauty. That's the joy part. However, with Richard for a brother, spring means lots of extra work for me and Rusty. Hard work in the garden is joy to Richard, for us, not so joyous, thus the fear factor.

We decided to face the inevitable and went outside. I must give Richard some credit for sensitivity. He did let us admire the daffodil for a full five minutes before mentioning work assignments.

Rusty and I both begged, "Please, let's surf now and work later." His answer was a resounding, "No! Impossible! We must seize the day!"

Rusty grumbled and muttered something about Richard's messed up priorities.

Resigned, I just shook my head and started getting out the gardening tools.

The past rains made weeding a breeze. It wasn't long before Rusty and I were enjoying our work just as much as Richard. Besides, who can stay upset with the sun shining, a sweet breeze blowing and nature surrounding you on all sides?

With the clean up complete, Richard called a huddle. He said, "Listen up! Our goal for today is to turn this vegetable plot into a giant buffet restaurant for beneficial insects. If we do it right we will be rewarded with a naturally pest free garden. Let's get to it, men!"

In hopes of attracting loads of beneficial insects or "good guys," like lady bugs, lacewings, stink bugs and assassin bugs, Richard had decided to set out cilantro, dill, fennel, yarrow, alyssum and black-eyed Susans. These plants all had inverted umbrella shaped bloom clusters or daisy shaped blooms that the beneficial insects seemed to love. By selecting plants of varied heights he was also able to create a structurally diverse habitat that he hoped would attract a diverse array of the good guys.

Richard said the beneficial insects would use the nectar from the flowers for fuel so they would have the energy to search out garden pests, find mates and lay eggs. The pollen from the flowers would supply them with the protein and fat they needed for good egg development.

Richard said he hoped that the good guys would like the plants, decide it was home, settle down and lay eggs throughout the garden. He knew their young would hatch hungry and crawl all over the garden looking for tasty pests to feed on like aphids, thrips and whiteflies. Who needs pest sprays with the good guys on the job?

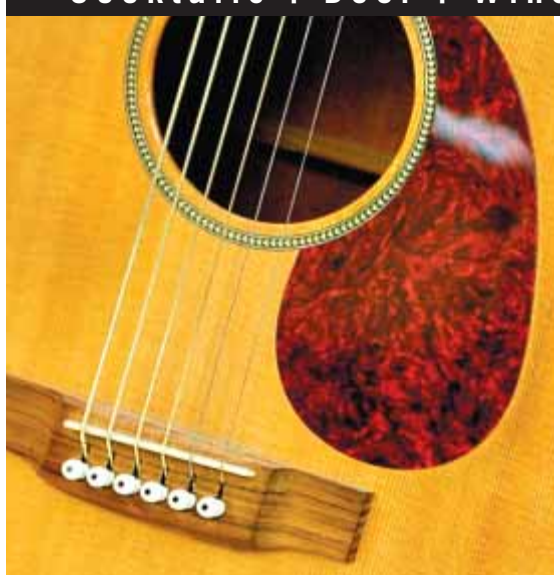
My job was to place the alyssum completely around the border of the vegetable plot while he and Rusty placed the other plants at intervals among the rows. Richard said when the time came to plant the vegetables he would sprinkle out a few more seeds of the plants he had put out for the beneficial insects and then mark his calendar to sprinkle out a few more every three to four weeks. That way the good guys would have a never ending, 24-hour, all-you-can-eat buffet from now until fall. We hoped that would seal the deal.

With our goal met, we hurried to get our boards and make it to the beach before sundown.

Rusty paddled hard to catch a nice three footer. As he took off he laughed and yelled back at Richard, "Dude, you've got to work on those priorities!"

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Colleges frown upon the senior slump in high school

BETH HARPAZ
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK OK, mom and dad. Remember your last semester of high school? Chances are you weren't freaking out about your AP chem class. Your prom plans may have mattered more than your 12th-grade GPA. And if you were headed to college, you were probably waiting to hear from just a couple of schools.

It's not like that today for college-bound high school seniors. They're cramming in AP classes for college credit. They're waiting to hear from 10 or 12 schools. And they can't shrug off homework, because many colleges make admission contingent on decent final grades.

"We have a policy to do 100 percent verification to ensure that final high school transcripts are received and reviewed," said Matt Whelan, assistant provost for admissions and financial aid at Stony Brook University in New York. "While it has been the exception, unfortunately, I have had the experience of sending letters to students informing them that because they did not successfully complete high school, they could were no longer admitted, and we rescinded both admission and financial aid."

College administrators around the country echoed Whelan's sentiments, from the University of Southern California, to Abilene Christian University in Texas, to Dartmouth, an Ivy League college in New Hampshire.

Not only do 12th graders feel pressure to keep up academically, but many also dedicate themselves to beloved teams, clubs and the performing arts.

"For sports and things like that, the coaches count on you. You're a better player and you're supposed to show leadership and maturity, whether it's sports or a club," said Carly Shields, 18, an Ohio Wesleyan University freshman who played basketball and field hockey through 12th grade in high school in Wilton, Conn. As a high school senior, she also played violin in the orchestra, took part in a play, and kept up her GPA.

Andrew Selesnick, principal of Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, N.Y., an affluent suburb where 90 percent of the students apply to college, said the school has "a lot of remarkable kids who work as hard as ever until the end."

That said, he added, "We do still talk about senior slump. I don't want to give the impression that it's gone away. It's not like it's not there. We do see some drop-off in terms of performance and attendance, but we don't see a lot of kids who go from 60 to zero."

Don Dunbar, of Dunbar Educational Consultants, which has a half-dozen offices here and overseas, said that while colleges focus on grades from first semester of senior year, "the most competitive colleges will check with guidance counselors to see how students are doing just before their acceptance letters go out."

Once a student has been accepted, Dunbar said in his experience it is rare for an offer to be rescinded purely on academic grounds, though schools may send out warning letters if a kid's grades are dropping.

But Dunbar says colleges don't hesitate to rescind offers if students get into serious trouble — including incidents involving cheating, violence, drugs or alcohol.

"The colleges cannot afford to take students who are immature socially and morally," said Dunbar, who is also the author of the book, "What You Don't Know Can Keep You Out of College."

Laurie L. Hazard, who oversees several programs to help freshmen successfully transition from high school to college at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I., says a "last hurrah mentality" can distract seniors too.

"They have this core group of friends who are going to be here, there and everywhere, and they're thinking, 'This is the last time we will be together.'" That means more socializing," she said.

But Hazard noted that a productive senior year is not just about impressing college admissions offices. Keeping up reading and critical thinking skills can also improve the transition from 12th grade to college.

"It's like exercise — if you stop exercising every day, you get out of practice," she said. "Students who don't experience senior slump are exercising until June."

Danielle Montero, a senior at Beverly Hills High School, said first semester of senior year was "definitely the worst semester of high school," between college apps, essays, SATs, getting teacher recommendations and keeping up regular grades.

Now that it's second semester of senior year, though, kids are starting to kick back a little.

"It's really hard to want to come to school," she admitted. "The teachers even make jokes about it. There will be five kids absent from class. Some students aren't doing the reading assignments."

She added that the guidance counselor "has constantly reminded me to maintain my grades and continue my extra-curriculars, but it is much harder to actually do, than say."

Even Shields, the Ohio Wesleyan student who stayed busy her senior year of high school with sports and performances, recalled feeling the pull.

"When the warmer weather comes," she said, "everyone wants to go outside, play Frisbee and hang out."

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Pink slips sent to thousands of Calif. teachers

ROBIN HINDERY
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California's budget crisis could cost nearly 22,000 teachers their jobs this year.

State school districts had issued 21,905 pink slips to teachers and other school employees by Monday, the legal deadline for districts to send preliminary layoff notices.

Not all the threatened layoffs will be carried out. The final tally depends on the state budget to be adopted for the coming fiscal year.

Last year, 60 percent of the 26,000 teachers who received pink slips ended up losing their jobs.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell expected this year's actual job losses to be high, given the state's persistent budget problems and the smaller pool of education stimulus money available from the federal government.

"These layoffs would be devastating to our schools, would harm our communities and would harm our education delivery system," he said.

California schools rank at or near the bottom nationally in academic performance, student-teacher ratios in middle and high school, access to guidance counselors and the percentage of seniors who go directly to four-year colleges, according to a 2009 report by the Institute for Democracy, Education and Access at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The state's public schools employ nearly 307,000 K-12 teachers, according to the state Department of Education. About 7 percent of those teachers have received pink slips.

The layoff figures do not include classified school employees such as bus drivers, maintenance workers and cafeteria staff. School districts have 45 days to issue pink slips to those workers, and as many as 10,000 could be facing unemployment, O'Connell said.

Education advocates say Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state Legislature have made the job situation worse through their attempts to plug the state's $20 billion budget deficit.

They say Proposition 98, a constitutional amendment passed by voters in 1988, requires the state to increase education funding each year based on the previous year's budget.

By keeping this year's education funding at last year's level of $48 billion, as Schwarzenegger has proposed, the state is shortchanging schools by an estimated $2.4 billion, according to groups representing teachers and school administrators.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Aaron McLear said claims that education funding will be reduced are false.

"The governor has proposed protecting education while making devastating cuts in other areas to deal with our current deficit," McLear said. "We are funding education at exactly the same level as last year."

California's schools benefited greatly from federal stimulus funding in 2009, with more than $4.8 billion in grants.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Education rejected California's application for the first round of its "Race to the Top" competition, which will distribute $4.3 billion to states for education reform.

Less government support for education will translate into more layoffs, O'Connell predicted.

"Last year's stimulus money saved thousands of jobs," he said. "I expect the number of pink slips enacted this year to be higher."

Rats! Fans say they're the perfect companion pet

SUE MANNING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES History and Hollywood cast them as vermin responsible for plagues, famine and famous movie lines like "You dirty rat!" But to a small group of fans, the rat is a charming pocket companion as loyal as a dog and cleaner than a cat.

Nearly 60 percent of American households have pets, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll. About 74 percent of pet owners polled in October said they had dogs, 47 percent said they had cats and 3 percent said they had a gerbil, hamster, mouse or rat.

"To own a rat is to know that forever your heart will walk outside your body on four little feet," said Dale Burkhart, 66, of Claremont. She's the vice president for the Riverside-based American Fancy Rat and Mouse Association.

Burkhart's nickname is Hattie McRattie and she runs the House Mouse Cafe at club events. Because of her arthritis, she no longer keeps rats but remains devoted, recalling how her fiance used to come over to visit her and her rats.

"They would groom his hair, groom his eyebrows and eyelashes. They are always grooming each other. That's how they show respect and affection," Burkhart said. "We become the alpha rat and they groom us."

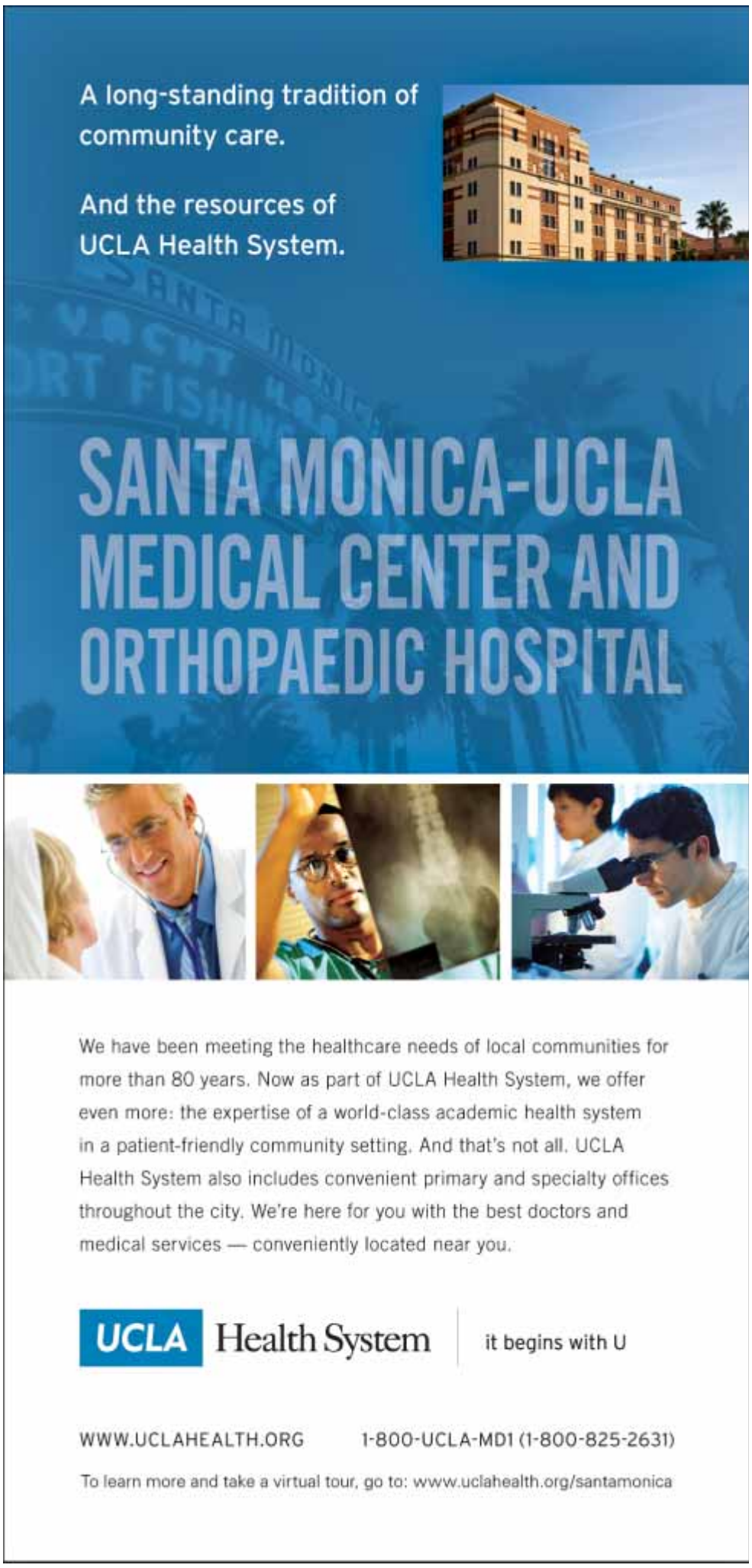
The average life span of a rat is two to three years, said Debbie Ducommun of Chico. She's an author and international rat expert known as "The Rat Lady" and was a consultant on the movie "Ratatouille."

Short lives is the "down side of dear little ratties," said Cathleen Schneider-Russell, a member of the association from Chino Hills. "You have to enjoy every precious moment."

Most fans will keep a small colony of rats, said Stephen Zawistowski, executive vice president and science adviser for ASPCA national programs based in New York. That doesn't mean one rat can't be very special, said Jenna R. Lillibridge, director of Any Rat Rescue in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Her rat Aries is blind and the most affectionate rat she has ever had. "She loves people. She sleeps with me, sleeps on me. She will drape herself over my ankle or side or snuggle up to my neck," said Lillibridge, whose organization was founded in 2004 and has placed 700 rats since.







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Store owner slowly paying back customers

FROM **COZI COUCH** PAGE 1

the customers, which has been our main concern," said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky, who heads the consumer protection division for City Hall.

Located at Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard, Cozi Couch went out of business in March 2009. More than 50 customers filed complaints about the company with the City Attorney's Office, Radinsky said, prompting his office to begin an investigation in collaboration with the Bureau of Home Furnishings and the Santa Monica Police Department.

Radinsky said the Cozi Couch case serves as a reminder that customers should be wary of any business that asks for a 100 percent down payment on products or services to be delivered at a later date, especially if the business asks for payment in cash or by check instead of with a credit card, as Cozi Couch often did. Customers who pay by credit card can generally get charges reversed if goods aren't delivered.

Hazarian was sentenced March 5 at the Airport Courthouse near LAX, bringing to a close a lengthy case the consumer protection unit began investigating in early 2009.

"It has been a very frustrating process for these customers who paid top dollar and also paid 100 percent down," Radinsky said.

And it could still be a lot longer before customers who filed complaints get their money back.

Radinsky said Hazarian has "very little, if anything in the way of assets" and is paying the $81,000 in restitution in $500 monthly increments.

"It'll be a slow process but we will pay back a portion of the money to as many people as we can," Radinsky said.

Three managers who worked at Cozi Couch, Cori Iturribarria, Jaime Seoane and Nelson Freytes, pleaded no contest to operating without a business license and were placed on probation and ordered to perform community service.



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

BUSTED: **The owner of Cozi Couch was ordered by a judge to pay nearly $81,000 in restitution and serve four years of probation and perform 200 hours of community service for ripping off customers.**

> **THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST RESOLUTION FOR THE CUSTOMERS, WHICH HAS BEEN OUR MAIN CONCERN."**
>
> **Adam Radinsky**
> Deputy City Attorney

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Ewell back to work for now

FROM **EWELL** PAGE 1

"I feel like I might be able to help them and usher through some of the challenges while they look for a new city manager," he said.

"They've got a budget gap that they have to deal with and hopefully given my past experiences I'll be able to help in some way."

Culver City's outgoing city manager, Mark Scott, is leaving the position after about nine months on the job in order to become city manager in Fresno, his hometown, said Culver City Mayor Andrew Weissman.

In his new post Ewell will be tasked with drafting a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Culver City, which has a budget of about $83 million, is facing a deficit as high as $6.5 million, Weissman said.

Culver City's council unanimously appointed Ewell to the position, he said, finalizing terms of the agreement last week.

"We had an opportunity to meet with Lamont, and if you know of him from Santa Monica you would know that he is an exceptionally impressive individual with impeccable city manager credentials," Weissman said.

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Deadline for application March 26

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The technology for this service has been available for several years, but cost has been a major obstacle in expanding it to communities. Wolf said. One estimate taken from Business Week anticipates that it will cost Google between $3,000 and $8,000 per home, or roughly $60 million to $1.6 billion, depending on the final size and footprint of the network. Google proposes to pick up the tab for the infrastructure and then operate it as an "open access" network, offering users the choice of multiple service providers from small start-ups to large, well-established Internet service providers. More information on "Google Fiber for Communities" is available atwww.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/.

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City Hall has leverage over Hump

FROM **LEASE** PAGE 1

be named, citing an unwillingness to discuss publicly a topic that could be the focus of future litigation.

While the council has the authority to weigh in on lease agreements, it's unclear exactly what options the council would have if it wanted to act to end The Hump's run.

Councilmember Richard Bloom said he was waiting to learn what the council's legal options for dealing with The Hump will be before taking a stance. He said the council has not yet received legal advice on whether it could terminate the lease because of the federal allegations.

But he added: "There are those out there who, for very good reason, would like us to act quickly and with a very heavy hand and I am not unsympathetic to that viewpoint, frankly."

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said only that her office sent a "notice to cure" the lease violation last week and that the council will be giving its lease negotiator directions on March 23.

The Hump and its sister restaurant, Typhoon, have been seeking to re-negotiate lease extensions with City Hall, according to a source close to the negotiations.

Real estate attorney Rosario Perry, who is not involved with The Hump's lease, said the ongoing lease negotiations could mean the council will be able to exert financial leverage over the restaurant if it wants to send a message. But he said City Hall would probably have a hard time evicting the restaurant based solely on the federal whale meat charges. Most lease violations, he said, are "curable," meaning tenants can usually avoid eviction if they put a stop to the violation.

"My best thought is that the city would have a hard time evicting the tenant based on the one illegal sale, but the city might have more pressure to move the tenant out by insisting on a higher gross rent percentage," he said.

> **THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WITH JOBS THAT ARE GOING TO BE HURT AND THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DECISION TO SERVE THE WHALE. NOTHING."**
>
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> Mayor Pro Tem

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Repairs, upgrades cost roughly $3.5 M

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— named Olivet and Sinai — which looked the same as when they were first put into service in 1901.

Angels Flight is a funicular, meaning its two passenger cars are attached by a cable and move in tandem, one going up the inclined tracks as the other goes down.

"It's as fun a ride as the first ride I took 60 years ago," said William Daniel, 66, of Santa Ana. "Before Disneyland opened, this was the thrill ride of Southern California for me."

He said the ride was slightly bumpy, just as he remembered it from decades ago.

Officials from the nonprofit organization that operates Angels Flight joked that they purposely kept the ride bumpy to preserve that old-time feel. However, underneath the meticulously restored wooden cars and 298 feet of track is a state-of-the art braking and collision avoidance system.

The railway climbs a 33-percent incline and both cars share a common middle rail, except in the middle of the route where they pass as one ascends and the other descends.

Service halted in February 2001 after one car rolled uncontrolled downhill and hit the other car, killing Leon Praport, 83, of New Jersey and injuring seven other passengers.

The investigation faulted the modern operating mechanism that had replaced the original. It found that a gear failed and caused a cable that raised and lowered the car to come off its spool. In addition, an emergency brake on that mechanism wasn't working and there were no emergency brakes on the cars.

Federal investigators also concluded there was poor oversight of the railway.

The Angels Flight Railway Foundation, whose members include historic preservationists and downtown boosters, spent years raising about $3.5 million to repair and upgrade the railway.

Top art heist rattles investigators 20 years on

STEVE LEBLANC
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON It remains the most tantalizing art heist mystery in the world.

In the early hours of March 18, 1990, two thieves walked into Boston's elegant Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum disguised as police officers and bound and gagged two guards using handcuffs and duct tape. For the next 81 minutes, they sauntered around the ornate galleries, removing masterworks including those by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Degas and Manet, cutting some of the largest pieces from their frames.

By the time they disappeared, they would be credited with the largest art theft in history, making off with upward of a half-billion dollars in loot far too hot to sell.

Now, 20 years later, investigators are making a renewed push to recover the paintings. The FBI has resubmitted DNA samples for updated testing, the museum is publicizing its $5 million, no-questions-asked reward, and the U.S. attorney's office is offering immunity.

Two billboards on Interstates 93 and 495 are also advertising the reward.

"Our priority is to get the paintings back," U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz said. "If someone had information or had possession of the paintings, immunity from prosecution is negotiable."

Investigators say they've largely ruled out some of the more popular theories, from the specter of a recluse billionaire art collector to the hand of notorious Boston gangster Whitey Bulger.

More likely, investigators say, the two were homegrown thieves with knowledge of the museum's security system — including the absence of a "dead man's switch" that would have alerted police. They might have even underestimated the breathtaking scope of their crime.

"I picture the thieves waking up the next morning and looking in the papers and saying, 'We just pulled off the largest art theft in history,'" said Anthony Amore, the museum's security director.

The theft began around 1:24 a.m. when the two white men — one in his late 20s to mid-30s, the other in his early to mid-30s — overpowered the guards, according to an FBI report.

The two took their time. A full 24 minutes passed before they were first picked up on a motion detector entering the museum's second floor Dutch room, where the most valuable paintings were seized.

US census forms arrive in the mail: What to expect

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Let the count begin.

More than 120 million U.S. census forms begin arriving Monday in mailboxes around the country, in the government's once-a-decade population count that will be used to divvy up congressional seats and more than $400 billion in federal aid. Fast-growing states in the South and the West could stand to lose the most because of lower-than-average mail participation rates in 2000 and higher shares of Hispanics and young adults, who are among the least likely to mail in their forms.

Did those $2.5 million Super Bowl ads work? Stay tuned.

"When you receive your 2010 census, please fill it out and mail it back," said Census Bureau director Robert Groves, who kicked off the national mail-in campaign Monday in Phoenix, Ariz., a state which could gain up to two U.S. House seats because of rapid immigrant growth in the last decade.

Groves is urging cities and states to promote the census and improve upon rates in 2000, when about 72 percent of U.S. households returned their forms. If everyone who receives a census form mails it back, the government would save an estimated $1.5 billion in follow-up visits.

Speaking in an interview, Groves said real-time census data showed public awareness of the 2010 count had improved since January to levels similar to 2000 at this point, which he called "good news." Still, he remained particularly concerned about motivating young adults, who were lagging other groups. Many twenty-somethings now on their own were living with their parents in 2000, so they haven't had the experience of filling out census forms.

"If the American public comes through in the way everyone is capable of, we'll have a great census," Groves said.

The next few weeks will be critical. Even as it aims high, the Census Bureau predicts that maybe two-thirds of U.S. households will mail in the form. That's because it faces special challenges of growing U.S. apathy toward surveys, residents displaced by a high number of foreclosures, as well as immigrants who have become more distrustful of government workers amid a crackdown on illegal immigration.

From May until July, it will send census-takers to each home that doesn't reply by mail, which sometimes leads to more inaccurate responses.

In 2000, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Arizona, Texas and North Carolina each had below-average mail participation rates of less than 70 percent, according to newly released census data. Since then, many of these states have seen higher rates of foreclosures and rapid growth of Hispanics or blacks, who are often more reluctant to turn in their forms. Each of these states stands to gain at least one U.S. House seat, with Texas picking up as many as four.

On the other end of the scale, Midwest states such as Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska ranked at the top in mail participation, at roughly 80 percent. These states had higher shares of older white residents, who are more likely to view census participation as a civic duty. Iowa could lose one seat based on slowing population growth, while seats for Wisconsin and Nebraska are likely to remain unchanged.

In 2000, the Census Bureau for the first time had a nationwide overcount of 1.3 million people, mostly from duplicate counts of more affluent whites with multiple homes. Still, 4.5 million people were ultimately missed, most of them lower-income blacks and Hispanics.

"The Census Bureau has its work cut out for it," said William H. Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution who analyzed the participation numbers. He noted an irony in which states and counties with high mail-participation rates in 2000 were the ones least likely to see large population gains in recent years.

"This makes it even more incumbent on the dynamic fast-growing parts of the country to improve upon their subpar census participation in 2000, if they are going to receive their just rewards," Frey said.

As part of its outreach, the Census Bureau for the first time is mailing out bilingual English-Spanish census forms to 13 million households. Census forms are also available upon request in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Russian, and assistance guides are available in 59 languages at www.2010census.gov.

It also is hoping to motivate cities, counties and local communities to get involved. In 2000, both dense urban cities and sprawling rural areas — from Alabama and California to Michigan and New York — faced problems with participation, particularly in areas with larger shares of lower-income residents.

Beginning next week, the Census Bureau will publish daily real-time data on 2010 mail-back participation rates for the U.S. broken down by state, county, city and zip code. Ron Loveridge, president of the National League of Cities and the mayor of Riverside, Calif., is challenging mayors to see who can get the highest participation rate.

The skeptics include Christopher B. Floyd, 40, a building engineer in Fairfax County, Va., a suburb outside Washington, D.C., who says he doesn't trust the federal government to handle his personal information. "I don't need big brother watching any more than they already do," Floyd tweeted Monday. "The Census was at our church yesterday and there (were) several of us against giving out our information. My right not to."

The 10-question form is one of the shortest in the history of the census. It asks a person's name, address, phone number, age, race and ethnicity, gender, living arrangements and home ownership. The information is kept strictly confidential under federal law, and the Census Bureau does not share data with other agencies, including law enforcement.

Failure to respond to the census carries a fine of up to $5,000, although that law is rarely enforced.

Edwards mistress provides details of couple's status

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. The mistress of former presidential candidate John Edwards says she is helping him live "a life of truth" and the two remain in love even after their affair helped trigger his downfall from the pinnacle of U.S. politics.

"Everyone talks about how Johnny has fallen from grace," Rielle Hunter told GQ magazine in an interview released Monday. "In reality, he's fallen to grace."

In her first public comments since she became known as Edwards' other woman in 2008, Hunter didn't provide any details of their status but said Edwards is a great father who wants to be there full-time for their daughter, now 2.

"I know he loves me. I have never had any doubt at all about that," Hunter said. "We love each other very much. And that hasn't changed, and I believe that will be till death do us part."

Hunter also posed for photos for GQ that show her on a bed, barelegged in a man's white dress shirt and a pearl necklace. In another shot, she's lying on her back holding her daughter in her arms.

She said she and Edwards had an immediate connection when they met at a New York City hotel in 2006, and she said she knew then that she was a special person to him.

"He in fact did say to me the first night, 'Falling in love with you could really (expletive) up my plans for becoming president,'" she said.

Hunter said she told him he shouldn't run for the White House and suggested he at least wait until April 2007 because her intuition and astrology suggested he would have a difficult first three months of the year. Elizabeth Edwards' cancer returned in March of that year. Hunter said John Edwards wanted to exit the race but that Elizabeth Edwards wanted him to stay in.

"And my surprise was that they stayed in the race," Hunter said. "I was shocked. I really viewed it as reckless."

Hunter said Edwards' marriage was already in shambles before their romance, declaring, "I was not the home wrecker." She said people were wrong to believe Edwards had fallen because of the affair and its revelation.

Instead, "I think that he thinks that he is a much wiser and a much better and a more truthful and a more integrated human being," she said.

John and Elizabeth Edwards are now separated. Hunter said the affair ended in July 2008 and that the relationship is now something "different."

Edwards hired Hunter to work as a campaign videographer in 2006 as he plotted his second run for president. The former North Carolina senator's political action committee paid her video production firm more than $100,000.

Federal investigators have been looking into Edwards' campaign finances, with former aide Andrew Young saying a grand jury questioned him for hours about the large sums of money that changed hands during the period that he helped cover up the affair.

Hunter said the grand jury questioned her about Young and about her relationship with Edwards.

"They asked a lot of questions about the sex tape," she said. Hunter has sued Young for invasion of privacy, seeking the return of a videotape that he describes as Edwards and Hunter in a sexual encounter.

Young said in a statement Monday that he has a lot of empathy for what Hunter is going through.

"I hope she and Johnny and Elizabeth and their families can find happiness so that we all can move on with our lives," he said.

An attorney for Hunter declined to comment, and a spokeswoman for John Edwards said he would not comment. An attorney for Elizabeth Edwards did not immediately return a call seeking comment.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

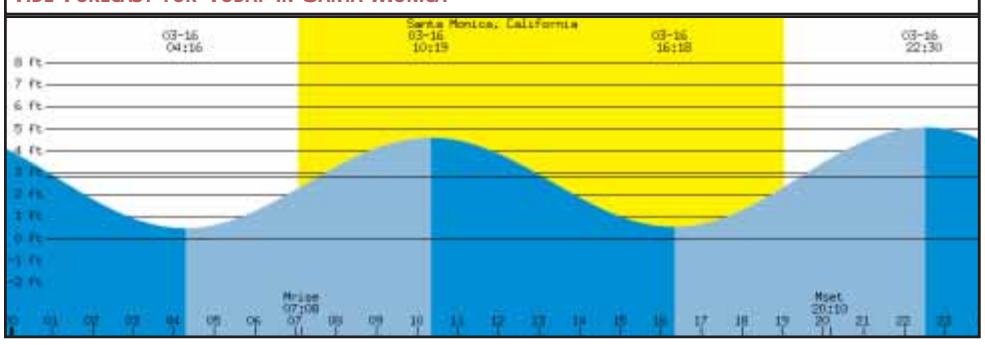
Swell Forecast

Steep angled NW swell should back down to around chest high max for west facing breaks. Winds should be lightly offshore for a good part of the day.

Long Range Synopsis

End of week looks very small as well.

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 30 days up to the ending date of **March 9, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 8
- Number of wet days -- 17
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 32
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 11

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation; simplehuman; SIMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	ns	F
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.	F	A
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	C
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 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.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	B
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.	C	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W 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+	D

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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.

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Dr. says Galaxy's Beckham's Achilles' tendon totally torn

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TURKU, Finland David Beckham's left Achilles' tendon was totally torn, and the doctor who performed the surgery said the England midfielder is expected to be out of action for about six months.

"He is doing well and the operation lasted just under an hour. It went very well," Dr. Sakari Orava told The Associated Press after the operation at the Mehilainen clinic in Turku, southwestern Finland. "He will have to take it very easy during the next two to three weeks or a month, and then he will continue with a recuperation program slowly. The foot won't take much strain for two to three months."

Orava also said it would be "four months to running" and another two months before playing.

Beckham's spokesman, Simon Oliveira, said the tendon was completely repaired, and he expected the 34-year-old midfielder to play again.

"David is expected to make a full recovery," Oliveira said.

The former England captain was injured in the closing minutes of AC Milan's 1-0 win over Chievo Verona on Sunday. He was on his second loan to the Italian club from Major League Soccer's Lox Angeles Galaxy.

Orava said Beckham planned to spend the night at the clinic and likely will leave Finland on Tuesday. A statement from AC Milan said Beckham will remain under observation for a few days.

"Tomorrow, Professor Orava will give his prognosis, and a precise rehabilitation plan will follow," Milan said.

Using crutches, Beckham hobbled out of a private jet at Turku airport in southwestern Finland and left in a Mercedes. Just minutes later, he arrived at the clinic surrounded by security guards amid cheers from hundreds of fans who had gathered outside the entrance.

"I am upset but (want) to thank everyone for their messages of support," Beckham said in a statement posted on his personal Web site before his arrival. "I hope to make a swift and full recovery."

The injury shattered Beckham's hopes of becoming the first English player to appear in four World Cups and put his future on the national team in doubt. He will miss most of the MLS season.

"Injuries are an unfortunate part of our game and they are even more disappointing when they happen to a player who was so close to realizing his dream of representing his nation at this summer's World Cup," Galaxy coach Bruce Arena said Monday. "David remains an important player for the Galaxy and we look forward to welcoming him back to the club and assisting him in his recovery."

With only a few minutes remaining in the Chievo game and the score 0-0, Beckham was by himself in the center circle when he took a pass with his left foot, stepped back awkwardly, then stepped forward and started hopping on his right foot with an expression of pain on his face. He reached a hand down to his left heel, then stood up and gestured as if he was breaking a twig in half to show the AC Milan bench he knew the tendon was broken.

Visibly in pain and in tears, Beckham went to the touchline for medical attention.

Orava told the AP the tendon "was totally torn," not just a small rupture.

Milan's medical staff consulted with the Galaxy's medical team, and Milan organizing director Umberto Gandini spoke with Tim Leiweke, president of Anschutz Entertainment Group, which owns the Galaxy.

"It was the player's decision," Gandini told the AP on Monday. "It's the player who decides for his own health, and the player's decision was to go to Finland where there is a surgeon who specializes in these injuries."

While Beckham has not been a starter for England in recent matches, he was likely to make the World Cup squad. Beckham was still prized for his free kicks and crosses, especially when England needed second-half goals.

MLB

Dodgers send former ace closer Gagne to minors

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLENDALE, Ariz. The Los Angeles Dodgers have sent former Cy Young Award winner Eric Gagne to their minor league camp, stalling the closer's bid to make it back to the majors.

The 34-year-old Gagne had a 20.25 ERA in three outings during spring training, allowing six runs and eight hits in 2 2-3 innings.

"I think for the most part he needs to pitch and he needs to build up his arm strength and a feel for his offspeed stuff," general manager Ned Colletti said Monday. "We're not going to have the innings on the big league side to do that."

The Dodgers reassigned Gagne to the minors, and manager Joe Torre said the reliever accepted the move. Gagne had an out clause and could have become a free agent.

Gagne was given the day off after the decision was made and was not available for comment.

Gagne was a dominant closer for the Dodgers and won the Cy Young in 2003. That came during a stretch in which he successfully converted 84 straight save chances.

The right-hander signed a minor league contract with the Dodgers. He spent last year in the minors, pitching in the independent Can-Am League. He played for Milwaukee in 2008.

"He wanted to make sure we still had interest in having him, which we do," Colletti said. "I think he took it fine. He knows where he's at and he feels fine physically, but he has to convert that to success on the mound."

In other another move, left-hander Armando Zerpa, picked by the Dodgers from Boston in the minor league draft, was reclaimed by the Red Sox. Left-hander Scott Elbert, who has appeared in 29 games the past two seasons, was optioned to the minor league camp.

MOVIE TIMES

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Our Family Wedding (PG-13) 1hr 30min
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1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40

Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
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Dear John (PG-13) 1hr 48min
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Cop Out (R) 1hr 50min
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Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
2:15, 5:30, 8:30

She's Out of My League - Digital Presentation (R) 1hr 44min
3:30, 6:15, 9:15

She's Out of My League (R) 1hr 44min
2:00, 4:30, 7:15

The Crazies (R) 1hr 41min
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The Yellow Handkerchief (PG-13) 1hr 57min
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An Education (PG13) 1hr 55min
4:40, 10:00

Crazy Heart (R) 2hrs 07min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

The Ghost Writer (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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1313 Third St.
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Green Zone (R) 1hr 55min
12:00, 1:30, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:45

Remember Me (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

Avatar 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 40min
1:00, 4:30, 8:15

Brooklyn's Finest (R) 2hrs 13min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20

The Blind Side (PG-13) 2hrs 6min
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

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

Treat yourself, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You feel renewed. Though an associate or friend could have a case of the bah-humbugs, you cruise right through. Know what you want and why. You could be difficult to stop, as you seem to be empowered. Tonight: The world is your oyster. Have that special talk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Much could go on behind the scenes. How you handle it could determine the end results. Certainly, you don't have all the right answers, but you are open to finding them. A surprise revelation could put you on a different course. Tonight: Do what you need to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Look at what is motivating you and others to unprecedented levels. You might understand a lot more about a situation than you realize. Focus on getting a project off the ground. Others cannot help but respond. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take a leadership role if you want to get a project off the ground. You might not like not having a choice, but that is the lay of the land. Understand what is needed from you. Tonight: In the thick of things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone near and dear. Your ability to move through a problem emerges. Detach once more and seek out facts. Nevertheless, someone could really surprise you. Listen more. Share more. You have what it takes. Tonight: Surf the Net, or relax to a movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Sometimes it is difficult to understand what motivates others. If you pull yourself out of the situation, you'll have the opportunity to see a matter differently. Your finances are out of whack. You are far more easygoing and together than in the past. Tonight: Listen to a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You understand what is happening on a deep level. The unexpected occurs at work and in your daily life. Defer to those around you. Look at what is happening between you and a key person. Tonight: Defer, defer, defer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ A relaxed and easy pace works. Pressure builds around a personal matter. Your even behavior might be unusual, and you could be questioning what is going on. A mild sense of negativity could be descending on you. Tonight: Put your feet up. You need a break.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Don't allow a friend to push you too hard. Use your ingenuity to make yourself and others happy. Your finances remain a key issue. Don't spend what you don't have. Enjoy what is happening with a child or loved one. Tonight: Forget the day of the week; respond to the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Knowing your priorities might be important. You could be juggling two different concerns. If you work from home, you might want to focus on work and then take a break. A personal matter could knock on your door. Tonight: Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might want to re-evaluate an offer that involves finances. Communication keeps you busy. Realize what is happening financially. You might not be able to see the big picture. Your caring comes out. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

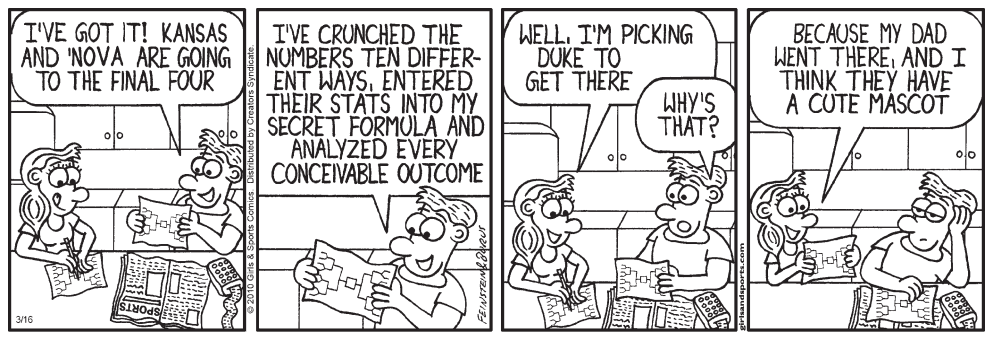
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your surprising actions could provoke some very strong reactions. Understanding could help soothe some of the ruffled feathers. Be careful how you deal with someone you care about. Tonight: Treat yourself.

Happy birthday

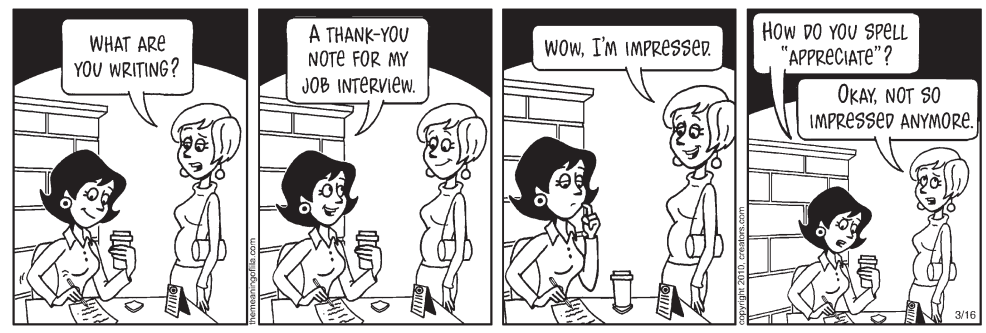
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, the unexpected runs riot. Actually, you are the common denominator in all this activity; therefore, to make the assumption that you are the source is not far-fetched. Somehow you use Lady Luck well and always land on your feet. Your assets, both financially and emotionally, could come into play. If you are single, check out each suitor carefully. Someone might not be all he or she seems. If you are attached, this year begins a new cycle in your relationship. Use it to make your life together better. ARIES is great at spending your money.

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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 ★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Outcropping
5 Just — in the bucket
10 Cruise vessel
12 Wading bird
13 Perfectly restored
15 Glimpse
16 Nap site
17 Use the couch
18 Arrive
20 Method
21 House coat?
22 Poet Khayyám
23 Thai or Korean
25 Miles off
28 Derisive look
31 Mint containers
32 Best-seller list makeup
34 Was ahead
35 Elbow setting
36 Toward the stern
37 Simple
40 Unadorned
41 Cotton thread
42 Army vehicles
43 Dickens girl

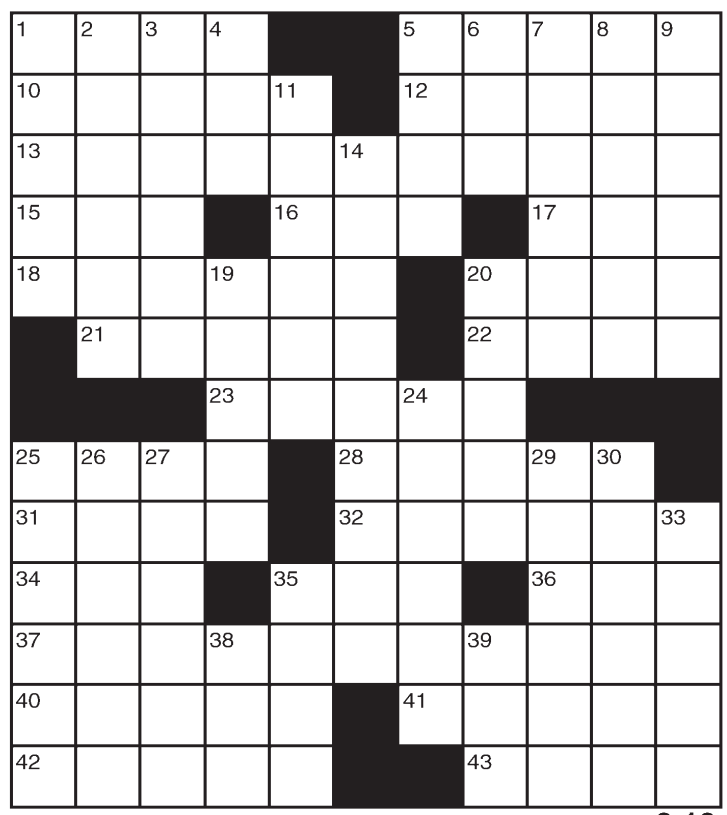
DOWN

1 Brooch part
2 Revolt
3 Frank McCourt's mother
4 Earth: Prefix
5 Mil. sch.
6 Hosp. workers
7 Kidnap demand
8 New York lake
9 Plate metal
11 Spring birds
14 Field dealing with bridges
19 Deceitful bunch
20 "Water Lilies" painter
24 Zoo inhabitant
25 Finally
26 Cinco de Mayo event
27 Like llamas
29 Go by
30 Second drink
33 Girder material
35 Inquires
38 Noah's boat
39 Confessional topic

F	L	A	T	■	S	C	A	L	P	■
R	U	D	E	■	H	O	V	E	R	S
O	P	E	N	■	A	R	A	B	I	A
Z	I	P	C	O	D	E	■	A	M	P
E	N	T	E	R	E	D	■	N	A	P
■	■	■	N	E	D	■	M	O	T	E
S	P	A	T	S	■	B	O	N	E	D
T	O	M	S	■	P	E	N	■	■	■
R	O	N	■	A	R	E	A	M	A	P
A	P	E	■	Z	I	P	L	I	N	E
P	O	S	S	U	M	■	I	N	K	S
S	U	T	U	R	E	■	S	O	L	O
■	T	Y	P	E	D	■	A	R	E	S

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Elderly drivers' recent lapses of concentration, accidentally confusing the brake pedal with the gas: An 89-year-old man crashed through the front of Sussex Eyecare opticians in Seaford, England (June). A driver "in her late 80s" crashed into the Buttonwood Bakery in Hanover Township, Pa. (September). An 86-year-old man crashed into the Country Boy Family Restaurant in Dunedin, Fla. (October). An 82-year-old man crashed into the Egypt Star Bakery in Whitehall Township, Pa. (November). A 78-year-old woman drove off of a 30-foot cliff (but the car's plunge was halted when it lodged against a tree) near Hannibal, Mo. (August). A 92-year-old man crashed into the Biscuits 'N' Gravy and More restaurant in Port Orange, Fla. (January) (but was not deterred amidst the rubble he created, as he calmly went inside, sat down and ordered breakfast).

■ In August 1994, Sanford, Fla., judge Newman Brock picked up hair clippers and went to the local Seminole County Jail for his regular biweekly haircut from his longtime hairstylist, Rick Thrower, who was serving 45 days for DUI violations. Said Thrower, "(The judge is) a very loyal customer."

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1322 The Battle of Boroughbridge takes place in the First War of Scottish Independence.

1521 Ferdinand Magellan reaches the Philippines.

1621 Samoset, a Mohegan, visits the settlers of Plymouth Colony and greets them, "Welcome, Englishmen! My name is Samoset."

1660 The Long Parliament disbands.

1689 The 23rd Regiment of Foot or Royal Welch Fusiliers is founded.

1792 King Gustav III of Sweden is shot; he dies on March 29.

1802 The Army Corps of Engineers is established to found and operate the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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